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## MEMORIAL RESOLUTION HONORING MARIO AVIGNONE

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to honor those distinguished individuals whose lifework and civic endeavor served to enhance the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Mario Avignone was a native of this city who was born on September 9, 1918 in a section of the Pullman community that is known to its residents as Roseland, has lived his entire life there and wrote a column, *Petals from Roseland*, for Italian American newspaper, *Fra Noi*, for over 40 years until 2007; and

WHEREAS, During the Great Depression, Mario Avignone joined the Civilian Conservation Corps, where he wrote a column about the CCC informing the public of current projects and activities; and

WHEREAS, After the bombing of Pearl Harbor in 1941, Mario Avignone volunteered to enlist in the army and served until 1945, spending two years of his service in Italy where he had the pleasure of meeting the late Padre Pio, who was declared a saint by Pope John Paul II in 2002; and

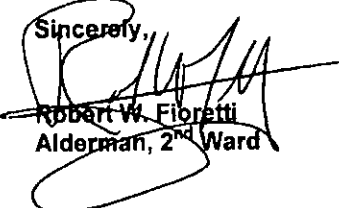
WHEREAS, Upon returning from war, Mario Avignone has been a voice for Italian Americans, taking an active role in securing landmark status for the Pullman District so that longtime residents would stay in the neighborhood rather than move to the suburbs; and

WHEREAS, Mario Avignone, was an active, venerable and highly respected journalist and a member of the Italian American community; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Robert W Fioretti, Alderman of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward, has apprised this august body of Mario Avignone, his lifework and commitments; and

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor, and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 15<sup>th</sup> Day of February in 2012 AD, do hereby pay tribute to the memory of Mario Avignone as well as express our sincere sympathy and condolences to the family of Mario Avignone.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Larry Avignone.

Sincerely,  
  
Robert W. Fioretti  
Alderman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward