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Committee(s) Assignment:	

Congratulatory Resolution

Whereas, The Chicago City Council congratulates Ron and Paul Kozy of Kozy's Cyclery as the recipient of the Illinois Retail Merchants Association 2014 Illinois Retailer of the Year Award; and

Whereas, The Honorable Robert W. Fioretti, Alderman of the 2nd Ward, has apprised this august body of Kozy's Cyclery's great honor; and

Whereas, Bicycles have taken Ron and Paul Kozy across Chicago and around the world. For this father and son team, the journey of running a family business has been a dream; and

Whereas, Ron Kozy has run his father Stanley's 70-year old bicycle company since 1959. In little more than a half-century, Ron worked hard to turn his father's small bike shop into a four-store chain offering a world class selection of cycling equipment for riders throughout Chicago and across the globe; and

Whereas, Ron Kozy's work ethic of promoting his business often and taking good care of customers has made him a leader in the industry; and,

Whereas, Just as Ron learned the business from his father, Paul took lessons by watching his dad work. By the time he was 7, Paul was stamping the Kozy name on the back of mailing materials. Over the years Paul has proven to be a smart, hard-working retailer much like his father; and

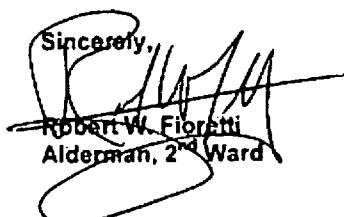
Whereas, The Kozy's are involved in retail trade groups in the community as well – both Stanley and Ron have served as president of the National Bicycle Dealers Association (NBDA). And while Ron joined the Illinois Retail Merchants Association in 1976, it was Paul who re-discovered IRMA as a resource when he was looking for fresh ideas for the family business; and

Whereas, This third-generation family retail business is known as one of the top bicycle companies in the nation. They have four locations in Chicago – in the central loop, south loop, north side and northwest side. Kozy's caters to commuters, bike messengers, casual cyclists, competitive racers and even international customers; and

Whereas, For their involvement in the industry, their generosity to their communities, and their dedication to both their employees and customers, the Illinois Retail Merchants Association has named Ron and Paul Kozy its 2014 Illinois Retailers of the Year; now, therefore

Be it Resolved, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago gathered here this fifth day of November 2014, do hereby salute Ron and Paul Kozy for the 2014 Illinois Retailer of the Year Award and express our heartfelt wish for their continued success; and

Be it Further Resolved, that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Ron and Paul Kozy.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Fioretti
Alderman, 2nd Ward