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Title:	Recognition extended to Ashod "Mr. Ash" Baboorian for contributions to community
Committee(s) Assignment:	

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Ashod Baboorian, known affectionately to everyone as Mr. Ash, moved into the 40th ward in 1969 and in 1985 opened Ash's Magic Shop in Lincoln Square; and

WHEREAS, Around 1970, Mr. Ash became intrigued with the idea of magic and began attending meetings of various amateur magic clubs and found that magic suited his comedic talents and desire to entertain people; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, Mr. Ash appeared on many television stations including performing on Bozo's Circus in eleven appearances wearing a robe and a gold turban, every year on Channel Seven's cerebral palsy telethon, on every major television channel in Chicago, and once a month for a year on Channel 26 Spanish language entertainment programming; and

WHEREAS, Articles about Mr. Ash and his magic show have appeared in many publications including a front page in The Reader in 2000 where he was referred to as The Amazing Mr. Ash, The Chicago Tribune's Tempo Section in 2008 which was the last Tempo Section ever printed, the Medill Paper in 2002, and Chicago Magazine called Mr. Ash a "Living Legend in the World of Magic"; and

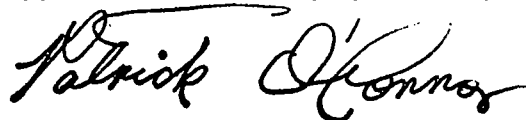
WHEREAS, Mr. Ash performed his magic show for every governor since Governor Ogilvie, except Governor Blagojevich and during Congressman Rostenkowski's tenure in office performed at his Christmas parties every year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ash is also very civic minded and involved with the Republican party and is proud of the fact that he served one-term as Republican Committeeman of the 40th Ward after winning the election in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Whether Mr. Ash is performing his magic at his first of six to eight parties scheduled in a day for anything from children's birthday parties, bar mitzvahs, surprise 65th birthday parties, or Christmas parties for offices and elected officials, Mr. Ash's objective is to entertain the crowd and anyone who's ever seen one of Mr. Ash's magic shows knows that's exactly what he does and consider him to be Chicago's Finest Magician; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor of the City of Chicago and members of the City Council, gathered this 21st day of January, 2015, take this opportunity to recognize the years of laughter and awe Mr. Ash has provided to young and old alike; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Mr. Ash.



Patrick J. O'Connor
Alderman – 40th Ward