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Committee(s) Assignment:	

CONGRATULATIONS EXTENDED TO ARUN SAMPANTHAVIVAT AND
ARUN'S RESTAURANT

WHEREAS, Department of International Trade Promotion, Ministry of Commerce, the Royal Thai Government, has launched the "Thai SELECT" program to certify and promote authentic Thai cuisine around the world; and

WHEREAS, Arun's Thai Restaurant, located in the heart of Chicago's Irving Park community, has proudly displayed the Thai Select Premium status since December 2012, indicates a degree of excellence of 5-star or higher. The label is granted to restaurants that offer authentic Thai food of premium quality with luxury decorations and outstanding services; and

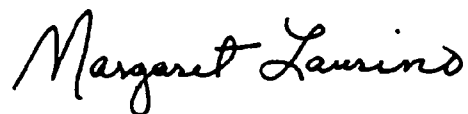
WHEREAS, Arun's outstanding and authentic food and hospitality has earned it every conceivable honor, including the James Beard's Foundation's Best Chef in the Midwest, the AAA Motor Club's highest five star rating, the "Check, Please" award, the Award of Excellence from Wine Spectator, the Award for Outstanding Achievement in Service Elegance and Quality, and many more; and

WHEREAS, Arun Sampanthavivat, the Executive Chef and owner of Arun's, is the true definition of a renaissance man. After being born and raised in Thailand, Arun studied in Germany and Japan before coming to Hyde Park, where he earned a Master's Degree in Political Science from the University of Chicago. Arun started the restaurant while still a student, and went on to become a world-renowned self-taught chef, poet and composer; and

WHEREAS, Not content with his many accomplishments, Arun and his collaborators are bringing the Thai Town Center to Albany Park, to serve as a beacon of Thai culture and cuisine for the whole community to enjoy; now therefore,

Be It Resolved, that we, the Mayor and City Council of Chicago, gathered this twenty-fifth of June 2014 congratulate Arun Sampanthavivat on his many accomplishments, and thank him for adding to the renown of both Thailand and Chicago; and

Be It Further Resolved, that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Arun Sampanthavivat.



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Alderman, 39th Ward

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