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Title: Congratulations extended to Bob Newhart
Committee(s) Assignment:

RESOLUTION HONORING COMEDIAN BOB NEWHART

WHEREAS, George Robert Newhart, the author and comedian known worldwide as Bob Newhart, was born September 5, 1929, in Oak Park and was raised on Chicago's West Side, and

WHEREAS, Bob Newhart has been a star of the stage, screen, television, audio recordings and live performances for decades based solely on his slow wit, dry delivery, deadpan presence and solo straight-man persona, and

WHEREAS, His 1960 comedy album, "The Button-Down Mind of Bob Newhart," went straight to number one on the charts, beating Elvis Presley and the cast album of The Sound of Music. It was the first comedy album to make No. 1 on the Billboard charts. "Button Down Mind" also received the 1961 Grammy Award for album of the year, and

WHEREAS, Bob Newhart's success in stand-up comedy led to his own NBC variety show in 1961, "The Bob Newhart Show." The show lasted only a single season but earned him an Emmy Award nomination and a Peabody Award. In 1972, he began a sitcom with the creative title "The Bob Newhart Show," which ran for six seasons – a total of 142 episodes; and

WHEREAS, In his 2006 book "I Shouldn't Even Be Doing This," Bob Newhart recalled how producers once pulled him aside and asked if he could cut down the time of his lines by reducing his stammering. "No, that stammer bought me a house in Beverly Hills", and

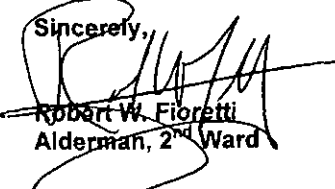
WHEREAS, Bob Newhart will celebrate his 50th year working in show business with a special hometown performance on October 22, 2011, at the historic Chicago Theatre, and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Theatre on North State Street, first opened its doors 90 years ago on October 26, 1921, will celebrate its important anniversary at the same time as this favorite son performs his unique style of comedy before thousands of adoring fans – and a few cranky, disinterested ones, and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Robert W. Fioretti, Alderman of the 2nd Ward, has apprised this august body of the accomplishments of Bob Newhart and his endearing and enduring qualities, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 5th Day of October, 2011 A.D., salute Bob Newhart and wish him continued good health, comic inspiration, and inspired happiness; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to Bob Newhart and the Chicago Theatre

Sincerely,

Robert W. Fioretti
Alderman, 2nd Ward