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Title:	Tribute to late Jadwiga Kaczynska
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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Jadwiga Kaczynska was born on December 31, 1926, in Starachowice, Poland. She was a Polish scholar, teacher, and the mother of Jaroslaw and Lech Kaczynski; and,

WHEREAS, During the German occupation, Jadwiga Kaczynska was a nurse and a scoutmaster of the Gray Ranks in Starachowice in the Kielce region. She wore the pseudonym "Bratek" under the "Ziolo" multitude in Emilii Plater team. From 1944, she worked in the surgery department of the Starachowice hospital; and,

WHEREAS, In 1948, Jadwiga married Rajmund Kaczynski, a lieutenant of the National Army, a participant in the Warsaw Uprising, whom she met at one of the carnival balls at the Warsaw Polytechnic; and,

WHEREAS, In 1949, Jadwiga gave birth to twins, Jaroslaw and Lech. The boys' godparents were the twin sisters, Ludwika (Jaroslaw) and Zofia Woznicki (Lech), survivors from the Warsaw ghetto; and,

WHEREAS, After graduating from college at the Faculty of Philology at the University of Warsaw, Jadwiga Kaczynska worked at the Institute of Literary Research of the Polish Academy of Sciences as a teacher of the Polish language from 1953-1980; and,

WHEREAS, In IBL, Jadwiga Kaczynska collaborated with Jan Jozef Lipski, and after his death, in 2001, she prepared a bibliography of all his publications; and,

WHEREAS, In 1992 Jadwiga Kaczynska published the bibliography of Leon Kruczkowski; and,

WHEREAS, In 2004, Jadwiga Kaczynska published "My Real Story," Fakt series, which was co-written with Wojciech Fibak's memories; and,

WHEREAS, Jadwiga Kaczynska was the co-author of the dictionary of pseudonyms of Polish writers of the fifteenth century to 1970, and also the author of the preface for the publications of "Germans" by Leon Kruczkowski in 1983; and,

WHEREAS, In 2011, Jadwiga Kaczynska appeared in the documentary film 10.04.10 by Anita Gargas, regarding the Smolensk catastrophe, in which her son, and Polish President, Lech Kaczynski was killed; and,

WHEREAS, Jadwiga Kaczynska died after a serious illness on January 17, 2013 in Warsaw, at the Military Medical Institute. On January 23, 2013, after the funeral mass at the Holy Cross Basilica in Warsaw, she was buried in the family tomb at the Powazkowski Cemetery; and,

WHEREAS, Jadwiga Kaczynska was presented with several awards, distinctions and commemorations. In 2005, she was honored with the title of "Person of the Year of Life in Warsaw" for creating a home in which the world of values changing Poland was born. In January 2013, the city council of Starachowice awarded her posthumously with honorary citizenship; and,

WHEREAS, On January 16, 2014, on the eve of the first anniversary of Jadwiga Kaczynska's death, in the Remembrance of the Polish Nation Pantheon on the square in front of All Saints'

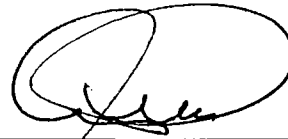
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Church in Starachowice a plaque was unveiled, dedicated to her with the inscription: "Jadwiga Kaczynska, grateful for the gift of life of the President and the Prime Minister of Poland;" and,

WHEREAS, On October 28, 2016, one of the streets in Starachowice was named after Jadwiga Kaczynska; and now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this twenty-eighth day of January 2018 A.D., do hereby commemorate Jadwiga Kaczynska on her grace-filled life and do hereby express our condolences to her family; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family members of Jadwiga Kaczynska.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ariel E. Reboyras', is written over a horizontal line.

Ariel E. Reboyras
Alderman, 30th Ward