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ALDERMAN HARRY OSTERMAN
48TH WARD

Resolution

Whereas, Jan Baxter has been a resident of Andersonville for 49 years and a longtime local business owner; and

Whereas, The City Council has been notified of her upcoming retirement by The Honorable Harry Osterman, Alderman of the 48th Ward; and

Whereas, in the mid-1980s, the commercial district in Andersonville was experiencing a period of decline, with empty and underused storefronts; and

Whereas, in 1987, Jan Baxter opened The Landmark of Andersonville at 5301 N. Clark Street; and

Whereas, Jan operated the Landmark of Andersonville as a cooperative, so that individual entrepreneurs could share space and expenses; and

Whereas, the cooperative acted as a tremendously effective small business incubator, spinning off multiple businesses that eventually set up shop in their own storefronts, including Toys Et Cetera at 5311 N. Clark, Chicago Dance Supply at 5301 N. Clark, Painted Light Photos and Framing at 1742 W. Balmoral, and others; and

Whereas, with the Landmark as the anchor of the retail district, and with it spinning off other successful independent storefront businesses, other businesses were drawn to open in Andersonville in the years that followed; and

Whereas, today, with the help of Jan's contributions, Andersonville's business district has gained international renown for its vibrancy and dedication to locally owned, independent businesses; and

Whereas, in 2004, Jan moved the Landmark of Andersonville to a new home at 5245 N. Clark, where she continued to serve the Andersonville community as both a business owner and landlord; and

Whereas, The Landmark of Andersonville served in its new location as a women's clothing store, salon, gift and antique shop that supports local artists; and

Whereas, throughout her years in Andersonville, Jan has acted as a mentor to other business owners, providing counsel and sending them customers; and

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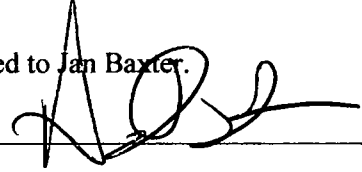
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Whereas, Jan served on the Andersonville Chamber of Commerce board for over twenty-five years, creating numerous iconic Andersonville events and promotions. Now, therefore,


Be it resolved, that we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this day of September 10, 2014, do hereby express our gratitude for Jan Baxter's commitment to encouraging Andersonville small businesses; and

Be it further resolved, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Jan Baxter.

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Harry Osterman
Alderman, 48th Ward

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