

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING WOLNIAK FUNERAL HOME

WHEREAS, For over a century Wolniak Funeral Home has called Chicago home, beginning in the Back of the Yards neighborhood in 1922 and in the West Lawn neighborhood since 1957; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Marty Quinn, Alderman of the 13th Ward, has apprised the members of the chamber of this remarkable milestone; and

WHEREAS, In 1922, when funeral services were held in the homes of the deceased, Leonard Wolniak Sr. and his wife, Anna, built the original chapel at 4604 South Wolcott in Chicago. Together they served the Back of the Yards area of the city until Leonard Sr. died in 1953 just after they broke ground on the current chapel at 5700 South Pulaski Road, near Midway Airport. His wife, Anna, and son Leonard Jr. chose to carry on the family business. After completing the plans for construction of the new facility, they also continued to serve the families at the original location until 1992 when Sacred Heart Church closed. Anna Wolniak continued to work as a licensed funeral director for 25 years until her death in 1978; and

WHEREAS, Leonard Jr. and his wife Helen succeeded Anna after her death. While raising a large family, Helen played an integral part in running the funeral home with her husband until her passing in 2015. Leonard Wolniak Jr., a licensed funeral director for over 60 years, operated the funeral home until he turned over the business to his oldest daughter Nancy Wolniak - Cook in 1993. Leonard A. Wolniak Jr. passed away in 2018. In late December of 2021 we embarked on the next path of our Journey with the same level of compassionate care and commitment that the community has come to know under the new ownership of CB Funeral Service, a locally owned and operated funeral service; and

WHEREAS, Wolniak Funeral Home staff are dedicated, qualified and caring individuals. They continue to be proud stewards of the funeral home and its mission of providing services to families in their time of need. They take great pride in helping families with all aspects of funeral arranging for their loved ones. They provide professional services with genuine sincerity and concern for each family that calls on them in their time of need; and

WHEREAS, The Wolniak family's presence in the community goes far beyond the funeral home itself. They maintain a sincere appreciation and commitment to the community, making many wonderful relationships over the years and supporting the local churches, civic groups, schools, and numerous organizations has truly been an honor. As an anchor at the corner of 57th and Pulaski Rd., they take tremendous pride in maintaining the appearance of the facility and the property around the building not only for the people they are called to serve yet for the entire community they are privileged to serve and call home; now, therefore,

By having an Honorary Street sign "Wolniak Funeral Home Way" erected at 57th and Pulaski Rd. outside of the funeral home would be such a nice way of honoring our founders, A Century of Service and our ongoing unwavering commitment to the community.

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City of Chicago City Council, gathered together this nineteenth day of April, 2023, do hereby congratulate Wolniak Funeral Home on a century of service to the community and wish them many more years of continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the Wolniak Family.

MARTY QUINN
Alderman, 13th Ward