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SALUTE TO LAUREL WITZ BLAU

WHEREAS, On December 28, 2011, Laurel Witz Blau, an outstanding citizen and member of her community, joins the burgeoning number of this city's octogenarians; and

WHEREAS, Laurel Blau was born and raised on North Side. She was married to the late Sam Blau, a noted Board of Trade member who passed away in 1996. Their union was blessed with three sons, Gary who followed in his father's footsteps and is now retired from the Chicago Board Of Trade, Joel who is the CEO of a financial services company and Neal, a retired auto parts executive; and


WHEREAS, Laurel Blau has the considerable distinction of having a phaleanopsis orchid named in her honor by her dear friend, the eminent horticulturalist Edwin Hausermann, who has been developing orchid varieties since 1935. The Laurel Blau "Hugs & Kisses" orchid has a dark burgundy-red flower with just a hint of striping and is very popular with orchid enthusiasts; and

WHEREAS, Laurel Blau celebrated entering her eighth decade with her family at Gibson's on Rush Street. An East Bellevue Place resident, she continues to be active in a variety of social and philanthropic endeavors. She also enjoys spending time with her four grandchildren: Jason, Jaime, David and Ally; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Brendan Reilly, Alderman of the 42nd Ward, has apprised this august body of Laurel Blau's significant milestone; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the city of Chicago City Council, assembled here this 18th day of January, 2012 A.D., do hereby extend our heartiest congratulations to Laurel Witz Blau on the occasion of her 80th birthday and express our very best wishes for health, happiness and success in all endeavors she may undertake in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Laurel Witz Blau.


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BRENDAN REILLY
Alderman – 42nd Ward