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## **SALUTE TO STELLA FOSTER**

WHEREAS, At a gala luncheon to be held on May 17, 2012 at Galleria Marchetti on West Erie Street, Stella Foster, a noteworthy citizen and an outstanding member of this city's community of journalists, will be the recipient of this year's Dante Award bestowed by the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans; and

WHEREAS, Born in Chicago and raised in the Englewood community, Stella Foster writes one of the Chicago Sun-Times most popular columns spanning the topics of sports, entertainment, politics and the arts served up along with a healthy dose of juicy gossip and information about a multitude of this city's charitable events; and

WHEREAS, Stella Foster is not new to the media scene. She started writing in the mid 1980s for "Sister 2 Sister", a national entertainment magazine. Her down-to-earth style enchanted the readers and caught the attention of the legendary nationally-syndicated columnist Irv Kupcinet; and

WHEREAS, For more than three decades, Stella Foster was Kupcinet's assistant, confidante and organizer. Her high-profile role, allowed her to interface with luminaries from all walks of life. As the iconic "Kup" began to age, she began assuming the bulk of the writing duties. The Sun Times recognized her contribution by giving her a byline at the end of the column and eventually gave her co-writing credits; and

WHEREAS, When Kup passed away on November 10, 2003, Stella was widely recognized as one of the women behind his success. "Stella's Column" debuted in the Chicago Sun-Times on December 2 that same year; and

WHEREAS, In the ensuing years, Stella Foster has garnered honors and awards far too numerous to mention. She has appeared on WVON, has been a guest on numerous other media outlets, and, for a time, appeared on a weekly segment titled, "Stella Sez" for FOX-TV; and

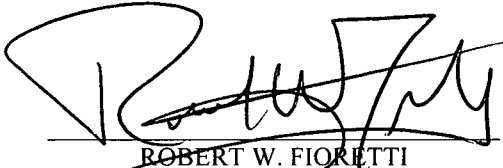
WHEREAS, Each year the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans presents the coveted Dante Award to a member of the local news media who has answered Dante Alighieri's call to be "no timid friend to truth". Past recipients have included Stella Foster's mentor and predecessor Irv Kupcinet as well as John Madigan, Hugh Hill, Dick Kay, Joan Esposito, Walter Jacobson, Mark Giangreco, Emily Barr, Larry Wert, Allison Rosati, Joe Ahern, Merri Dee, Dominic Mancuso, Frank Mathie, Vince Gerasole, Ron Magers, Janet Davies and Greg Caputo; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1952, the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans serves as a congress for more than 65 Italian American organizations, as well as a clearinghouse for information about the Chicago area Italian American community; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Robert W. Fioretti, Alderman of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward, has apprised this august body of the significant honor being granted to this remarkable and much beloved columnist; and

BE IT RESOLVED That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council gathered together this 9<sup>th</sup> Day of May, 2012 AD, do hereby salute Stella Foster for her exceptional civic and cultural contributions, commend her for being the recipient of the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans Dante Award and hereby declare May 17, 2012 to be "Stella Foster Day" throughout Chicago.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That suitable copies of this resolution be prepared and presented to Stella Foster and the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans.



ROBERT W. FIORETTI  
Alderman - 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward