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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Miguel Sosa Betancourt, son of Miguel Sosa Reyes and Felicita Betancourt, was born on September 28, 1916, he is one of twelve siblings; and,

WHEREAS, Having just completed eight years of elementary school, his parents put him to work in order to supplement the family income. Miguel sold vegetables grown on the family farm; and,

WHEREAS, At the age of 15, Miguel Sosa started working at a furniture shop running errands. After a year, he entered a trainee program where he learned to make furniture. Miguel worked there for 7 years; and,

WHEREAS, Afterwards, Miguel Sosa was given the opportunity to work for the Puerto Rico Development Company where he further improved his furniture making skills. He worked for 4 years for them until the program's contract with the Puerto Rican government ended; and,

WHEREAS, Miguel Sosa met his future wife, Modesta, in 1938, and four years later married her. During the years of 1943 and 1944 they welcomed their sons, Benjamin and Miguel; and,

WHEREAS, Always looking for ways to improve his the life of his family, Miguel journeyed to New York City in 1947, where he resided for three years. In 1950, Miguel and his family moved to Chicago, Illinois, where he sought stable and better employment opportunities, he was able to purchased his first home on Polk Avenue and Kedzie Ave, while raising his family; and,

WHEREAS, In 1976, after having retired, Miguel and his wife returned to Puerto Rico, not knowing that 30 years later, in 2006, they would once again return to Chicago and live with their daughter-in-law, Anna; and,

WHEREAS, In honor of his life, history, experience, and wisdom acquired during his ten decades of living, a grand celebration is planned for Miguel "Papa" Sosa by his family and friends; and now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 14th day of September 2016 A.D., do hereby offer our heartiest congratulations and best wishes to Miguel Sosa; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Miguel Sosa Betancourt.

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

Ariel E. Reboyras
Alderman, 30th Ward