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Title:	Congratulations extended to Chicago Journal on 12th Anniversary.
Committee(s) Assignment:	

SALUTE TO TWELVE YEARS OF THE CHICAGO JOURNAL

WHEREAS, The current iteration of the Chicago Journal, that first appeared in the burgeoning South Loop neighborhood on Oct. 19, 2000, has published its final edition on the auspicious date of 12-12-12; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Journal's first issue was an ambitious undertaking consisting of a 16-page broadsheet with seven pages of news, a political column by the ubiquitous University of Illinois political science professor Dick Simpson, a five-page arts and entertainment section and a two-pages of real estate information. However, it was its peach-colored paper that, for a time, made the Chicago Journal unique among its genre; and

WHEREAS, With the promise from publisher Dan Haley of "the latest, the most local, the most relevant stories about living (in the South Loop)", the Chicago Journal was buoyed by both the building boom that was taking place in that community and writers like a long-time South Loop resident Bonnie McGrath the Journal's longest-running contributor; and

WHEREAS, Unlike other Chicago weekly newspapers, the Chicago Journal stayed focused on covering news that either occurred within the geography it served or had a direct impact upon it. When the 2008 real estate meltdown severely curtailed the booming South Loop activity, editor Ben Meyerson was forced to make some tough choices; giving up its peach-colored broadsheet for a more economical uncolored tabloid size as well as shrinking the number of pages devoted to each section; and

WHEREAS, By sheer force of strong and relevant editorial content, the Chicago Journal has lasted another four years. However, the economic tsunami created by the convergence of the general economy and the disruptive technological changes taking place in how news is being conveyed has taken its toll; and

WHEREAS, From 1844 until 1929, the first Chicago Journal weathered the stiff competition until they began consolidation during the Great Depression. The banner name reappeared briefly from 1977 to 1984 as a Hyde-Park/South Shore weekly, eventually expanding its coverage to include the whole of the South Side below 26th Street; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Robert W. Fioretti, Alderman of the 2nd Ward, has informed this august body of the passing of yet another icon of Chicago journalism; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council, gathered together this 13th Day of February, 2013 AD, do hereby salute publisher Dan Haley and editor Ben Meyerson as well as the writers and staff of the Chicago Journal and express our very best wishes for success in any enterprise they may endeavor to undertake in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That suitable copies of this resolution be prepared and presented to Dan Haley and Ben Meyerson of the Chicago Journal.

Sincerely,


Robert W. Fioretti
Alderman, 2nd Ward

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