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Fioretti (2) Resolution

Congratulations extended to American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association on 92nd anniversary

Committee(s) Assignment:

<u>RESOLUTION COMEMMORATING THE 92nd ANNIVERSARY OF</u> <u>THE AMERICAN HELLENIC EDUCATIONAL PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION</u>

WHEREAS, The American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA) was formed on July 26th, 1922; and

WHEREAS, To protect the interests of Greek American immigrants and their businesses, the AHEPA was formed as a fraternal organization to help Greek immigrants adjust to life in America while also combating prejudice through education. AHEPA has evolved into an international order with 27 district lodges covering the 48 contiguous states, Canada and Cyprus; and

WHEREAS, AHEPA's philanthropy contributed to the restoration of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, the support of St. Basil Academy, a childcare facility in Garrison, N.Y. and the building of healthcare facilities throughout Greece. AHEPA is an active presence in global philanthropic work such as the donation of \$801 million towards charities such as the 9/11 Relief and Anniversary funds, Operation USO Care, senior housing and \$4 million towards educational scholarships; and

WHEREAS, AHEPA's mission involves philanthropy, education, and promoting and preserving the Hellenic identity of the Greek Americans and the ethnic Greeks of other countries where the organization maintains a presence, such as Australia, Canada, the Bahamas as well as Greece and Cyprus; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Robert W. Fioretti, Alderman of the 2nd Ward, has apprised this august body of the significant milestone achieved as well as praiseworthy mission of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED That we, the Mayor and members of the City of Chicago City Council, gathered together on this 30th Day of April, 2014 AD, do hereby congratulate the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association on its more than nine decades of remarkable and noteworthy contributions thereby adding to the stature of Hellenic Americans throughout the world and extend our very best wishes for continued success in achieving its noble undertaking.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association.

ROBER Alderman – 2nd