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MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that members of this Chamber learned of the death of Agnes A. Friend on January 18, 2017 at the age of ninety-seven; and

WHEREAS, The City Council has been informed of her passing by the Honorable Margaret Laurino, Alderman of the 39th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Born on January 22, 1919 in Montreal, Wisconsin, Agnes was the beloved daughter of Anton and Antoinette (Dobrowksi) Dedo and eldest sister of Irene Guznik and Sigismund Dedo. She married the love of her life, Donald, her husband of 70 wonderful years, and they were blessed with two daughters, Donna Wolff and Marian. Cherished and doting grandmother of Heather (Bill) Griffin and Chris Wolff; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews; and treasured friend to all who had the pleasure of knowing her, Agnes leaves a legacy of faith, dignity and love; and

WHEREAS, Agnes had a zest for life and passion for Polka music which she shared with her many friends who love to dance. She became a devoted member of the Polka Club as well as the Forest Glen Young at Heart Club. Agnes had a welcoming smile and a sense of humor that allowed her to easily engage in conversations with both total strangers and old friends alike; and

WHEREAS, Agnes started her career working for Zenith Radio. She found her most fulfilling work in the area of hospitality and was employed for many years at the Canteen Corporation serving at WGN radio and WGN-TV in Chicago. Although the work was demanding she was thrilled to meet a wide variety of TV, movie and radio celebrities including Lawrence Welk, Myron Floren, Burt Reynolds, Robert Redford, Phil Donahue, Wally Phillips, Bob Collins, Roy Leonard, and Orion Samuelson to name a few. Agnes loved planning events for the Chicago Cubs as well as hosting dinners for the team players; and

WHEREAS, Agnes was a vital member of her community who touched the lives of all who knew her through her kindness, generosity and spirit. She will be deeply missed, but the memory of her character, intelligence and compassion will live on in those who knew and loved her; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago gathered here this twenty-second day of February, 2017, do hereby express our sorrow on the death of Agnes A. Friend and express to her family and friends our deepest sympathy; and

Be It Further Resolved, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Agnes A. Friend as a token of our honor, gratitude, and respect.

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