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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Jeannine Janulis celebrates her 90th birthday on December 24, 2019, and

WHEREAS, The City Council has been informed of this prestigious occasion by the Honorable Marty Quinn, Alderman of the 13th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Jeannine Janulis, was born as Jeannine Marilyn Stewart, in Ste. Genevieve, Missouri on Christmas Eve, December 24, 1929. She is the daughter and middle child of the five children of Irma Rehm Stewart and Raymond Stewart. Her siblings were older brother Raymond, Jr., older sister Betty, younger sister Shirley, and baby brother Don. Their family home was located at 454 Roberts Street; and

WHEREAS, Jeannine attended the Ste. Genevieve grade school and Ste. Genevieve high school in Missouri, where she graduated in May, 1947. The class' senior high school trip was to New Orleans. Schoolmates who are still living include Marzenie Bader, resides in Ste. Genevieve, and Charlie Hawk, who now lives in Florissant, Missouri. All three regularly keep in touch and together attended their annual high school reunions well into the 2010's; and

WHEREAS, Jeannine first started playing the drums in 6th grade and played in the high school marching band. At 14, she started working in the Dorlu Dress and Gift Shop, where she learned to wrap gift packages. Shortly after she graduated from high school, she was asked to represent the KSGM radio station as part of Radio Appreciation Day. There, she met then St. Louis Cardinals (and later Chicago White Sox and Chicago Cubs) baseball announcer Harry Carey, who presented her with a souvenir engraved watch; and

WHEREAS, At 21, she told a family friend she was interested in becoming an airline stewardess and the friend arranged an interview for her with Trans World Airlines (TWA). Before she left for her training in Kansas City, Missouri, she had to cut her long blonde hair to the required short length. Knowing she was going to be leaving her family and her hometown, she could not stop crying, but her mother kept a brave face so her daughter would have the courage to make the trip; and

WHEREAS, When she finished stewardess training and was being assigned to a new city location, Jeannine and the friends she had made during training were separated and she had to make a 3:00 AM solo flight to Chicago, her new home. As she began her career, she served on flights that included many celebrities, such as TWA owner Howard Hughes and baseball player and New York Yankees great Joe DiMaggio. One time, boxer Rocky Marciano helped her serve the meals on a flight. On another trip to Washington DC, she and her crew encountered the Queen of England in between flights; and

WHEREAS, In 1951, in the early days of television, the Indiana-based Bendix Washer and Dryer company president asked Jeannine to accompany Bendix representatives and a family of nine to New York City to appear on a television program with TV host John Reid King. The visit was chronicled in the January 1952 issue of McCall's magazine. Also in 1951, she flew President Dwight D. Eisenhower's campaign charter flights with senators from across the country. In 1953, TWA asked her to go to the Fair Store on State Street in downtown Chicago to be photographed changing the clocks for the first daylight savings time. The photograph appeared in the April 23, 1953 edition of the Chicago Sun-Times. She also flew the inaugural flights to O'Hare International Airport in 1954; and

WHEREAS, Jeannine met her future husband Len Janulis on a blind date in Chicago in 1951. She left her airline stewardess job in 1955, since the rules at the time did not allow stewardesses to marry. She and Len got married in August, 1955. Shortly after marrying, she began working as an

accounts payable clerk for the Continental Can Company where her husband worked. In 1958, when she was expecting her first child, Christopher, the employment rules at the time required that she stop working three months before Chris was born in February, 1958. She then had her second son Stephen in February, 1959 and her daughter Lynn was born in December, 1960. Her fourth child, Jeff, was born in March, 1963; and

WHEREAS, Jeannine was then a stay-at-home mom for fourteen years, raising her children and remaining active in her community before she later returned to formal employment. Then, after working at the local Yankee Doodle Dandy, a neighborhood fast food restaurant as a cashier, participating in her children's Parent Teacher Association (PTA), and regularly volunteering at their elementary school, Jeannine was offered a position as a receptionist at the Pupil Service Center with the Chicago Public Schools, starting in 1975. She later was promoted to an administrative assistant position with the Board of Examiner's Office with the Chicago Public Schools. In total, she worked more than eighteen years with the Chicago Public Schools before retiring in 1993; and

WHEREAS, After retiring, she continued volunteering at her church and actively served in the Clearing Neighborhood Civic League. She joined the neighborhood choir near Midway Airport and the choir's seasonal concerts four times per year served as fundraisers for neighborhood and other charitable causes. She also began volunteering on a monthly basis at Chicago Pads, a local shelter, cooking and serving food to the homeless. In 1997, she compiled the recipes she had collected throughout her life, including all of her mother's dishes, into her cookbook entitled, "Forty Years of Recipes" that was printed in 1997. A signed copy of her cookbook has been dedicated and placed in her hometown Ste. Genevieve, Missouri library; and

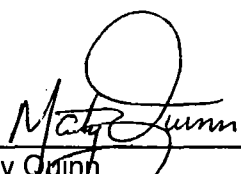
WHEREAS, In 2005, Jeannine was presented with the Senior of the Year Award from the Chicago Park District and the Clearing Neighborhood Civic League. At the ceremony, she met then Mayor Richard M. Daley and he invited her to visit his personal office at Chicago's City Hall. When she visited, she baked a batch of English Toffee cookies and brought Mayor Daley a tin for his staff and family. On May 11, 2012, she was presented with the Golden Spirit Award in appreciation for her dedication, service, and commitment to maintaining the quality of life in the southwest side of Chicago by 13th Ward Alderman Marty Quinn; and

WHEREAS, Approaching her 90th year, Jeannine remains active in her church and community. She is also the proud grandmother of both Joel and Kyle. Over the years, she has remained in active contact with her roots and her friends in her hometown, visiting for high school class reunions and speaking with some remaining classmates on the telephone every couple of weeks. She loves to visit with her friends and she is very proud of her hometown and of her Chicago history. She is also an avid Chicago sports fan and a dedicated follower of the Chicago Cubs, White Sox, Bulls, Bears, and Blackhawks; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago gathered here this eighteenth day of September 2019, do hereby extend the happiest of birthday wishes to Jeannie Janulis; and

Be It Further Resolved, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Jeannie Janulis.

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