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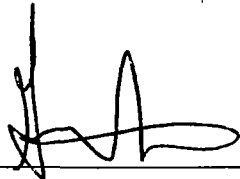
Meeting Date:	6/28/2017
Sponsor(s):	Villegas (36)
Type:	Ordinance
Title:	Honorary street designation as "Ziemia Podhalanska Way"
Committee(s) Assignment:	Committee on Transportation and Public Way

SUBSTITUTE
ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to an ordinance heretofore passed by the City Council which allows erection of honorary street-name signs, the Commissioner of Transportation shall take the necessary action for the standardization of West Belmont Avenue from North New England Avenue to North Sayre Avenue as the "Ziemia Podhalanska Way."

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication.



Gilbert Villegas

Alderman, 36th Ward

Biography

"Gorale Podhalanscy"

The Polish Highlanders Alliance focuses on people connected with Southern Poland: Podhale, Orawa, Pieniny and Spisz.

In November 1928, the decision was made to create the Polish Highlander Alliance of America. The founders were Karol Stach, Antoni Zygmuntowicz, Franciszek Cyrwus, Stanislaw Tatar, Stanislaw Bachleda, Anna Topor, and Henryk Lokanski.

The first president was Henryk Lokanski, his goals have reminded with the organization, that the Alliance should unite all the Highlanders that live all over the United States of America and form one Highlander family in America to preserve their beautiful traditions, while promoting their love for the Highlander dialect, literature, and Podhalan art.

The Highlanders Alliance has lasted continuously for 87 years and counts 86 small organizations from different regions.

This organization has helped Poland, churches, schools, charity organizations, and young people by sharing their love for their homeland. Highlanders have so much pride in the land of their grandfathers and great grandfathers, even now, culture unites them.

The Highlander Alliance is an Organization that will always live on and all the members will continue to work and live for their ideal, as well as honestly and truthfully fulfill their duties. This organization will continue to live on for many years and will continue to serve its community.

The Alliance perpetuated this by giving a part of Archer Street the honorary name "Gorale Podhalanscy", where the headquarters of the Highlander Alliance-Highlander House can be found.

Reason for honoring

Importance to Chicago

The importance of the Polish Community in Chicago cannot be overstated. While this influence spreads to every corner of Chicago, this specific group of Poles from the "Highlands" has clustered on the Northwest Side and the 36th Ward specifically. We are naming this stretch of W. Belmont Ave. "Ziemia Podhalańska Way" to honor the influence of Polish Highlanders on the Northwest side and all of Chicago.



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To Whom It May Concern:

I, Gilbert Villegas, Alderman of the 36th Ward, hereby authorize the Office of Budget Management to withdraw the funds associated with the cost of installation for this honorary street designation for "Ziemia Podhalanska Way" from my:

- Ward's annual menu program budget
- Ward's Aldermanic expense allowance

upon passage of this honorary street designation ordinance, pursuant to Section 2-8-040 of the Chicago Municipal Code.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Justin Heath on my staff at 773.745.4636 or justin.heath@cityofchicago.org.

Sincerely,

Gilbert Villegas
Alderman – 36th Ward