



Office of the Chicago City
Clerk



R2011-1318

Office of the City Clerk

City Council Document Tracking Sheet

Meeting Date:	11/2/2011
Sponsor(s):	O'Connor, Patrick J. (40)
Type:	Resolution
Title:	Congratulations extended to Freda "Fritz" Plotnick Baron
Committee(s) Assignment:	

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Freda “Fritz” Plotnick Baron was born on November 25, 1911, the first of three daughters to Sam and Bella Plotnick; and

WHEREAS, Fritz, her sisters Irene and Judy, and their parents lived in Atlantic City, where her father worked as a jitney driver and her mother ran a boarding house for tourists visiting Atlantic City; and

WHEREAS, In the 1930s, Fritz and her sister Irene made the difficult decision to leave their parents and younger sister and moved to Chicago to look for work; and

WHEREAS, Fritz worked in a fur company and had other office jobs after arriving in Chicago and it was in Chicago where Fritz met the person who would become her husband, Simon “Si” Baron; and

WHEREAS, Si had a novelty store downtown and Fritz would help him in the store after she finished working at her job, a testament to the loving marriage and true partnership they had; and

WHEREAS, Fritz and Si were blessed with one son, Max, who lives with Fritz and he’s very involved on the co-op board where they live; and

WHEREAS, Fritz has lived in the 40th Ward in Chicago in a co-op on West Hood for over 50 years and when her husband passed away, she welcomed into her home his sister Rose, who lived with Fritz until Rose’s death; and

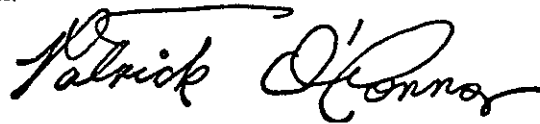
WHEREAS, Fritz, a diehard Chicagoan and avid Cubs fan whose family had season tickets for over 50 years, believes keeping active is the secret to a long life and still enjoys swimming two to three times a week, loves going to new restaurants with her son Max, always loved to travel and enjoyed a good game of bridge, and is a beautiful knitter and enjoys making sweaters, hats, etc., that she generously donates to the Fourth Presbyterian Church on Michigan Avenue who, in turn, gives them to those in need; and

WHEREAS, In her 100 years of life, Fritz has seen everything from A to Z and her family members have said she is the most amazing, loving person they know, accepting everyone as they are, flaws and all; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor of the City of Chicago and members of the City Council, gathered in a meeting this 2nd day of November, 2011, A.D., do hereby

offer our sincere best wishes and congratulations to Fritz and her family as they celebrate her 100th birthday with a party at North Pond Restaurant in Lincoln Park on November 5, 2011; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Freda "Fritz" Baron.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Patrick O'Connor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "P" and a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Patrick J. O'Connor – Alderman, 40th Ward