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Resolution

WHEREAS, Jack “Rosey” Rosenberg, spent a career in journalism and media beginning at the age of 16 at the *Pekin Daily Times*, followed by a stint in Peoria, before finally arriving in Chicago at WGN; and

WHEREAS, Rosenberg began working in Chicago at WGN Radio and Television in January 1954, and until 1999, was a significant member of the WGN sports department, where he was a producer, news writer, and sports editor; and

WHEREAS, Rosenberg was a pioneer in modern sports production and broadcast, and is credited with its development; and

WHEREAS, Legendary sports voices, including Jack Brickhouse, Vince Lloyd, Lou Boudreau, Jack Quinlan, Irv Kupcinet, and Harry Caray were amongst the colleagues with whom Rosenberg worked side-by-side; and

WHEREAS, Rosenberg’s career was most closely connected with that of Jack Brickhouse – it was the power of Rosenberg’s pen that crafted the broadcaster’s storylines and newscasts, including Jack Brickhouse’s Cooperstown Baseball Hall of Fame induction speech in 1983; and

WHEREAS, Rosenberg arranged interviews with Presidents John F. Kennedy and Ronald Reagan; Vince Lloyd’s interview of President Kennedy, set up by Rosenberg, was the first time a sitting president had ever been interviewed live at a Major League Baseball game; and

WHEREAS, In 1962, Rosenberg was part of the first trans-Atlantic telecast when a ballgame between the Chicago Cubs and Philadelphia Phillies at Wrigley Field was broadcast in Europe; and

WHEREAS, While Rosenberg himself was rarely heard on-air, the click-clack of Rosey’s portable typewriter in the background during Cubs broadcasts on WGN was the soundtrack of the summer; and

WHEREAS, Rosey’s long career encompassed a “who’s who” of sports and national figures, and he was a walking encyclopedia of Chicago’s sports teams and how WGN covered them; and

WHEREAS, Rosey was honored with multiple awards, including honors by the Chicago/Midwest chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences and the Illinois Broadcasters Association, and was recognized for his philanthropy by Swedish Covenant Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Jack Rosenberg died on December 26, 2020, at the age of 94; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this twenty-third day of June, 2021, do hereby wish to honor the life of Jack “Rosey” Rosenberg, and extend our most heartfelt condolences to Rosey’s family and friends; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Jack "Rosey" Rosenberg as a sign of our honor and respect.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brendan Reilly", written in a cursive style.

BRENDAN REILLY
Alderman, 42nd Ward