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RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF NICHOLAS T. VALKAN

WHEREAS, In His Infinite Wisdom, Almighty God granted Nicholas T. Valkan eternal rest and peace on March 23, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Nicholas Valkan was born and raised as a lifelong resident of Chicago's Southeast Side. He was the beloved husband of Patricia, loving father of two children, Debra Gawrys and Constance Valkan, cherished grandfather of two grandchildren, Nicholas and Kristen Gawrys, and dear brother of the late Constance Valkan. He was also a talented pop and country singer, earning commercial success under the name Nick Noble, recording 109 singles and 4 albums during his music career; and

WHEREAS, Nicholas Valkan attended Hirsch Metropolitan High School, served in the Navy at the end of World War II, and earned a business-marketing degree at Loyola University, after which the natural showman innately appeared and took to the stage to perform; and

WHEREAS, Nicholas Valkan, as Nick Noble, achieved several hits on the newly-created *Billboard* pop charts in the mid-1950's, such as, "To You, My Love," "A Fallen Star," "Moonlight Swim," and his biggest hit, "The Bible Tells Me So," which was awarded a gold record. These hits remained popular on Chicago's airwaves and nationwide into the 1960's. In the 1970's, he achieved several more hits on the country charts with such songs as, "Stay with Me," "I Wanna Go Back," "The Girl on the Other Side," and "Big Man's Café." During his singing career, he appeared on *The Ed Sullivan Show* and *The Tennessee Ernie Ford Show* and, locally, was a frequent guest on *The Howard Miller Show* and a very popular radio show of the time called *The Breakfast Club*; and

WHEREAS, Following his noteworthy music career that spanned over 3 decades, Nicholas Valkan entered the family business, working alongside his uncle at the renowned and popular Chicago diner, Lou Mitchell's. Many lasting and loving memories were made here amongst the Valkan family and friends throughout the 1980's, and it was not uncommon for the enthusiastic crowd to be treated to a song or two by none other than Nick Noble himself; and

WHEREAS, Nicholas Valkan received a Letter of Commendation from the Veteran's Administration for entertaining injured troops on several occasions, and donated his time and talent to MC and perform for the Campbell Lodge Boys Home's fundraisers held in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Nicholas Valkan had strong ties to the Greek community in Chicago and was a member of the St. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church his entire life; and

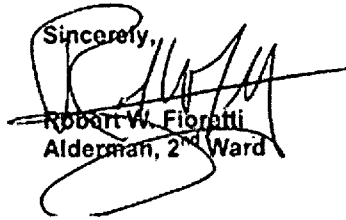
WHEREAS, Nicholas Valkan lived the remainder of his long and happy life close to his loving family and friends, and his cherished memory lives on in those he moved, both personally, and in song.

WHEREAS, The Honorable Robert W. Fioretti, Alderman of the 2nd Ward, has informed this august body of the passing of this adored and charming entertainer, family man, and friend; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City of Chicago City Council, assembled this 18th Day of April, 2012, do hereby express our sincere sorrow at the passing of Nicholas T. Valkan and extend our deepest condolences to his family and all those whose lives he touched; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Nicholas T. Valkan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Fioretti', is written over the printed name. The signature is stylized with a large initial 'R' and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Robert W. Fioretti
Alderman, 2nd Ward