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### RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS, Clementine (Fron) Twardosz celebrates her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday on June 7, 2022, and**

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

**WHEREAS, Clementine was born in Chicago on June 7, 1922 to Anna and Joseph Fron. She grew up on Gross Avenue (now called McDowell Street). Her parents immigrated to the United States from Poland in 1903 and 1913 respectively. They were a part of one of the largest waves of Polish immigrants coming to the United States from 1850 to 1920, known as the peasant migration. Clementine grew up with both of her parents working trying to create a better life for their children. Her family spoke Polish at home but she quickly learned English at school. Clementine attended school at St. John of God Church near 51<sup>st</sup> and Throop Streets. She then attended St. Joseph School on Hermitage Avenue. Clementine very much enjoyed her household arts class because they learned sewing. She dreamed of going to a school to study sewing and dress making but that was not in the cards. Her family needed additional income so like many young people of her generation, Clementine left high school and started working to help her family; and**

**WHEREAS, Her first job was at Zenith Radio as a coil winder. She worked in many different manufacturing plants and was one of the many workers to help manufacture goods through the war. She worked at Western Electric during the war as a coil winder; and**

**WHEREAS, Growing up in the 'Back of the Yards' in the shadow of the Union Stockyards during the Great Depression was not easy. However, Clementine was very lucky to live across the street from the University of Chicago Settlement House ran by Ms. Mary McDowell. Clementine has many happy memories of her childhood playing baseball, ping-pong, piano and learning to dance. This is when Clementine fell in love with dancing; and**

**WHEREAS**, When Clementine finished high school, she would work during the day and go dancing at night; she knew all the dance halls in town. She often reflects on the many fond memories she has from this time. Her love of dance led her to meet her future husband. Clementine From met Steve Twardosz at a dance at St. Rose of Lima after the war. Steve was a good dancer, which was a requirement for Clementine. Their shared love of dancing brought them much joy and happiness throughout their life together. They started dancing at St. Rose of Lima and continued later in life dancing at the Moose Lodge every Saturday night; and

**WHEREAS**, Clementine married Steve Twardosz in 1947 and two children followed: Russell Twardosz in 1948 and Jeffery Twardosz in 1953. Both children attended St. Turibius School. Clementine was an usher at the church for many years and still attends regularly. Clementine and Steve bought their house in the 13<sup>th</sup> Ward in 1956 and it has been her home ever since. Sadly Steve passed away in 2007 but Clementine keeps busy with her many clubs, church and family; and

**WHEREAS**, These days Clementine enjoys keeping up with her two sons, three granddaughters and her seven great-grandchildren. She uses her iPhone every morning to text her grand-daughters and the family has a shared album on the iPhone so Clementine can see pictures and watch videos of her great-grandchildren who live in Illinois, Arizona and California. Clementine loves living in Chicago and would not want to live anywhere else; and

**WHEREAS**, Clementine celebrates her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday on June 18, 2022 with a mass in her honor at St Turibius and a party at the Oak Lawn VFW Hall. Her children, grand-daughters and great grandchildren are celebrating 100 marvelous years to honor the women who started it all; and

**WHEREAS**, Cognizant of the history to which Clementine Twardosz has both witnessed and contributed, the Chicago City Council believes that Clementine is deserving of the adulation and good wishes she is offered as she celebrates her one hundredth year; 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 May 2022, do hereby extend the happiest of birthday wishes to Clementine Twardosz; and

**Be It Further Resolved**, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Clementine Twardosz.

**Marty QuinfnQJ / Alderman, 13<sup>th</sup> Ward**