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RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING JESSICA MARQUEZ ON HER POEM WINNING THE SOUTH SIDE WEEKLY STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST

WHEREAS, Jessica Marquez's poem, Anita Jumps the Red Lines, won first place in the South Side Weekly Student Essay Contest for middle school students; and

WHEREAS, The City Council has been informed of this joyous occasion by the Honorable Michael D. Rodriguez, Alderman of the 22nd Ward; and

WHEREAS, Jessica is an eighth grader at Gary Elementary, and will be attending Jones College Prep this upcoming school year; and

WHEREAS, Jessica lives in the Little Village neighborhood where her family has resided for the past 27 years; and

WHEREAS, As Jessica's poem alternates between Spanish and English, it bounces between themes of racism, redlining, community, the tension between hope and despair, and fighting for progress; and

WHEREAS, The 22nd Ward community is proud of Jessica's hard work and creativity that shines a light on important issues in our City; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this twenty-second day of June, 2022, do hereby express pride in celebration of Jessica Marquez and extend a congratulations to her for her success; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Jessica Marquez.

MICHAEL D. RODRIGUEZ Alderman, 22nd Ward