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### OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF CHICAGO

RICHARD M. DALEY

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TO THE HONORABLE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF CHICAGO

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith a congratulatory resolution concerning Erickson's Delicatessen on the occasion of their 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Members of this Chamber are pleased to recognize Erickson's Delicatessen on its 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary in business as well as its proprietor, Ann-Mari Nilsson who turned 89 this year; and

WHEREAS, Located at 5250 North Clark Street in the Andersonville neighborhood, Erickson's Delicatessen has been serving Scandinavian cuisine since it opened its doors on May 15, 1925; and

WHEREAS, The proprietor of Erickson's, Ann-Mari Nilsson, turned 89 on October 24 of this year; and

WHEREAS, When Erickson's Delicatessen opened in 1925, the Andersonville neighborhood was mostly comprised of Swedish-Americans who welcomed an establishment which catered to their homeland tastes; and

WHEREAS, Ann-Mari Nilsson immigrated to the United States with her husband and children from Stockholm, Sweden on May 7, 1958. Her husband later became a master tailor at Marshall Field's; and

WHEREAS, In 1966, Ann-Mari Nilsson began working at Erickson's Delicatessen. Through her hard work and long hours she was able to save enough money to buy the delicatessen in 1978. It has been a family business ever since; and

WHEREAS, Ann-Mari Nilsson and her daughter Ann-Britt Nilsson have worked tirelessly to provide the people of Chicago with a Swedish deli that captures Scandinavian cuisine perfectly. Although Ann-Mari Nilsson has retired, it was not unusual to find her at the deli working 14 hours a day, and during the Christmas season working 17 hours a day. Her motto is "a job worth doing is a job worth doing well"; and

WHEREAS, Ann-Mari Nilsson, a woman strong in tradition, has been involved with the Swedish-American Museum; the Swedish Institute and Norwegian Club; The Sons of Norway; the Good Templar Association; the Swedish Cultural Society as well as a member of several chambers of commerce. Mrs. Nilsson has also worked on behalf of the homeless, the mentally ill, Native-American rights, Special Olympics and the Human Rights Campaign; and

WHEREAS, One of Chicago's many strengths as a city is its variety of cultures. Erickson's Delicatessen is one example of the richness of Chicago's multi-cultural heritage which makes living in Chicago so enjoyable; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this third day of November, 2010, do hereby congratulate Ann-Mari Nilsson, proprietor of Erickson's Delicatessen, on its 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Chicago; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Ann-Mari Nilsson, the owner of Erickson's Delicatessen, as a sign of our congratulations and good wishes.