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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Polish Highlanders' Alliance of America was founded in Chicago in 1929 to organize Polish highlanders spread throughout the United States and Canada, into a single, cohesive highlander family, while promoting their love for the Highlander dialect, literature, and Podhalan art; and

WHEREAS, the Polish Highlanders Alliance focuses on uniting persons connected with Southern Poland, including Podhale, Orawa, Pieniny and Spisz; and

WHEREAS, the Polish Highlanders Alliance was founded by Karol Stach, Antoni Zygmuntowicz, Franciszek Cyrwus, Stanislaw Tatar, Stanislaw Bachleda, Anna Topor, and Henryk Lokanski; and

WHEREAS, the first members of the Polish Highlanders Alliance were social activists and artists who loved the beautiful highlander world, and who also knew how to translate the beauty of nature into words, dance, music, and song; and

WHEREAS, the Polish Highlanders Alliance has helped Poland, churches, schools, charity organizations, and young people by sharing love to their homeland, a tradition which its members learned as children; and

WHEREAS, the Polish Highlanders' headquarters, known as the "Highlander Home," is located in the 14th Ward along Archer Avenue on the Southwest Side, where most of the City's Polish community is concentrated; and

WHEREAS, the Polish Highlanders Alliance has lasted continuously for 87 years and consists of 86 chapters, including more than 3,000 members; and

WHEREAS, the Polish Highlanders Alliance has its own radio station, WPNA 1490, and publishes quarterly periodicals to inform the public about current organizational issues; and

WHEREAS, the Polish Highlanders Alliance has perpetuated its love for the homeland by designating a part of Archer Avenue with the honorary name "G6rale 'Ppdhalanscy"; and

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this twenty-eighth day of March, 2018, do hereby support the designation of Archer Avenue, where the Polish Highlanders Alliance headquarters is located at 4808 S. Archer, to celebrate and honor the proud tradition and continuous work of the Polish Highlanders Alliance in Chicago.