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ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, The City of Chicago is famous for welcoming tens of thousands of Polish immigrants since the 19th century; and,

WHEREAS, At one time, the Chicago metropolitan area was considered the largest Polish metropolitan area outside of Poland and today, still holds strong ties with Poland with Warsaw as a sister city; and

WHEREAS, Jadwiga Kaczynska was born on December 31, 1926, in Starachowice, Poland. She was a polish scholar, teacher, and the mother of Jaroslaw and Lech Kaczynski; and,

WHEREAS, After graduating from college at the Faculty of Philology at the University of Warsaw, Jadwiga Kaczynska worked at the Institute of Literary Research of the Polish Academy of Sciences as a teacher of the Polish language from 1953-1980; and,

WHEREAS, Jadwiga Kaczynska was the co-author of the dictionary of pseudonyms of Polish writers of the fifteenth century to 1970, author of the preface for the publications of "Germans" by Keon Kruczkowski, collaborated with Jan Jozef Lipski, and after his death, in 2001, she prepared a bibliography of all his publications; and,

WHEREAS, In 2011, Jadwiga Kaczynska appeared in the documentary film 10.04.10 by Anita Gargas, regarding the Smolensk catastrophe, in which her son and Polish President, Lech Kaczynski was killed; and,

WHEREAS, Jadwiga Kaczynska died after a serious illness on January 17, 2013 in Warsaw, at the Military Medical Institute. On January 23, 2013, after the funeral mass at the Holy Cross Basilica in Warsaw, she was buried in the family tomb at the Powazkowski Cemetery; and now therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

Section 1. Pursuant to Section 2-8-040 of the Municipal Code of Chicago, which allows erection of honorary street name designations, the Commissioner of Transportation shall take the necessary action for standardization of West Belmont Avenue, from North Milwaukee Avenue to North Pulaski Road as "Jadwiga Kaczynska Way."

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication.

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