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RESOLUTION HONORING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF PALERMO'S OF 63RD STREET

WHEREAS, Palermo's of 63rd Street, an Italian restaurant and pizzeria serving generations of Chicagoans from its longtime home in the West Lawn neighborhood, is celebrating its 60th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this milestone by the Honorable Silvana Tabares, Alderman of the 23rd Ward; and

WHEREAS, In 1961, Antonino and Carmela Caldarone and their children Benedetto, Giuseppe, Ignazio, and Maria opened Palermo's at 63rd and Maplewood shortly after emigrating from Italy, bringing ancient recipes passed down through generations of the Tirrito family, including the acclaimed 18th century painter-poet Fr. Fedele Tirrito-Palermo; and

WHEREAS, Using these treasured, authentic recipes, the Calderone family was able to attract such renown to their humble take-out restaurant, that in 1975 they expanded to a full service Italian eatery at 63rd and Hamilton, where they remain to this day; and

WHEREAS, The treasured family recipes Palermo's has maintained throughout the decades have not only attracted a loyal following of hungry Chicagoans, but also numerous culinary awards and recognition; it has been called the "Miracle on 63rd Street" (Restaurant Hospitality Magazine), and has been included in numerous dining guides, including Chicago Favorite Foods: A Guide to 450 Favorite Eating Spots and A Globetrotter's Guide to Great Pizzerias: Want Some Great Spots to Eat Pizza from Chicago to Rome; and

WHEREAS, Patrons from across the Chicagoland area have enjoyed Palermo's of 63rd for generations, and look forward to sating their hunger for that signature sweet sauce for generations to come; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this fourteenth day of September, 2021, do hereby congratulate Palermo's of 63rd Street on its 60th anniversary and extend our best wishes for their continued success; and

SILVANA TABARES Alderman, 23rd Ward

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Palermo's of 63rd Street.