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## Legislation Text

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### **RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING BETTYLU SALTZMAN**

#### **ON THE OCCASION OF HER 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY**

WHEREAS, Bettylu Saltzman was born on March 10, 1932, and celebrated her 90th birthday during the month of March 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, has been informed of this milestone event by the Honorable Brian Hopkins, Alderman of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward; and

WHEREAS, Bettylu was born in Nebraska and came to Chicago when she was in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. She started her long career as a devout volunteer in Democratic politics when, after graduating from Rockwell College in 1955, she worked on Adlai Stevenson's second presidential bid against Dwight D. Eisenhower; and

WHEREAS, Bettylu's interest in politics and penchant for service and philanthropy ran in the family. Her father, Philip Klutznick, served as President of the World Jewish Congress, Secretary of Commerce under President Jimmy Carter, and President of the Chicago Bulls franchise; and

WHEREAS, Bettylu developed her own irrefutable reputation during her more than 50 years working in American politics; and

WHEREAS, she was described in a Chicago Jewish News profile as being "a mover and shaker with a modest demeanor who seldom makes headlines but whose actions have consequences far beyond Chicago"; and

WHEREAS, Bettylu's actions had the greatest impact when she met Barack Obama in the early 1990s. Years later, Barack Obama was quoted as saying "I can honestly say I probably would not be president of the United States were it not for BettyLu Saltzman."; and

WHEREAS, despite her efforts on countless political campaigns, Saltzman is not merely a political operative, but rather a champion of progress and a broker of resources when it comes to causes and individuals she believes in. Her charitable and philanthropic endeavors touched the lives of countless Chicagoans and people beyond the city limits; and, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this 27th day of April 2022, do hereby extend our most sincere congratulations to Bettylu Saltzman as we join her family and many friends in wishing her a Happy Birthday; and

ALDERMAN BRIAN HOPKINS 2nd WARD, CHICAGO

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this resolution be presented to Bettylu Saltzman as a token of our esteem and good wishes.