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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Leokadia Pallwoda celebrated her 100th Birthday on August 22, 2022, and

WHEREAS, The City Council has been informed of this prestigious occasion by the Honorable Marty Quinn, Alderman of the 13th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Leokadia was born on August 22, 1922 in the small village of Slomianka in the Northeast side of Poland. She was the fifth child of seven born to Adolf and Rozalia Rysiejko. When Leokadia was eight years old, her mother passed away and five years later her father passed leaving all seven children orphans. They went to live with their Aunt Emilia. Despite all the hardships, she managed to attend school to fifth grade; and

WHEREAS, On September 1, 1939, under the command of Adolf Hitler, Germany invaded Poland. Leokadia was seventeen years old. During the war, Leokadia and her sisters hid in the tall, thick grass of the forests near the creek. They managed to avoid the SS German Gestapo and the Soviet Army. While in hiding, they provided comfort to wounded soldiers by dressing wounds and providing nourishment; and

WHEREAS, In January of 1947 Leokadia married Jan Paliwoda. Together they had four children: Stanley, Zygmunt, Celestyna and Renata. Leokadia and Jan's priority was their children's education; and

WHEREAS, In 1978, Jan passed away. Shortly after, Leokadia fled Communism, moved to the United States, and lived with her sister at 4032 S Maplewood in Chicago. She worked at Morgan Steel until 1987; and

WHEREAS, Leokadia enjoyed doing crossword puzzles and was an avid reader. Although many books were banned in Communist Poland, she continued to read and educate herself; and

WHEREAS, These days Leokadia enjoys seeing her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren enjoy the education and freedoms of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Cognizant of the history to which Leokadia Paliwoda has both witnessed and contributed, the Chicago City Council believes that Leokadia is deserving of the adulation and good wishes she is offered as she celebrates her one hundredth year; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago gathered here this twenty-first day of September 2022, do hereby extend the happiest of birthday wishes to Leokadia Paliwoda; and

Be It Further Resolved, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Leokadia Paliwoda.

Marty (ainrv Alderman, 13th Ward