

## RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF ANTHONY DURPETTI

**WHEREAS**, Anthony "Tony" A. Durpetti, beloved patriarch, visionary businessman, and the heart and soul of Gene & Georgetti Steakhouse, passed away in September 2024 at the age of 80 surrounded by his loving family; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Chicago has been notified of Tony's passing by the Honorable Brendan Reilly, Alderman of the 42nd Ward; and

**WHEREAS**, Tony was born on February 1, 1944 to Aldo and Mary Durpetti in Chicago's River North neighborhood, where his upbringing was steeped in the values of charity, community, and service, which his mother instilled in him from a young age; and

**WHEREAS**, After proudly serving his country in the U.S. Army as a Sergeant E-5, Tony returned home and excelled in the radio advertising industry, ultimately founding Durpetti & Associates, a successful advertising firm with offices nationwide; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1989, Tony and his wife, Marion, took over the historic Gene & Georgetti Steakhouse following the passing of his father-in-law, Gene Michelotti, and under his leadership Gene & Georgetti continued to thrive as Chicago's oldest steakhouse and became a symbol of hospitality for the city, welcoming celebrities, locals, and tourists alike; and

**WHEREAS**, Tony's vision for Gene & Georgetti led to the restaurant's first-ever expansion in 1996, doubling its capacity, and the opening of a second location in Rosemont in 2015 showing his ability to balance tradition with innovation helping sustain the restaurant's legacy for future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, Tony was known to treat everyone like a long-lost relative with a firm handshake, a double kiss, or a friendly joke; and

**WHEREAS**, As a devoted husband to Marion, a proud father to Michelle, and an adoring grandfather, Tony made sure to cherish family gatherings finding joy in spending time with loved ones, whether at the restaurant or on his boat; and

**WHEREAS**, Tony was immensely proud of his Italian heritage, serving as Chairman of the 2013 Columbus Day Parade in Chicago, and his deep commitment to his roots extended to his philanthropic efforts, supporting organizations such as Catholic Charities, Chicago Gateway Green, and the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation; and

**WHEREAS**, Throughout his life, Tony's generosity, humor, and indomitable spirit touched countless lives, and his dedication to his community, family, and business has left a lasting impact on the City; and

**WHEREAS**, Tony is survived by his loving wife, Marion; his daughter, Michelle, and her husband, Collin; his extended family, and many friends, including the dedicated team at Gene & Georgetti, who were like family to him; and

**WHEREAS**, Anthony A. Durpetti, a man whose life was a testament to love, dedication, and the true spirit of hospitality, leaves a legacy that will continue to thrive through his family, the success of Gene & Georgetti, and the countless individuals whose lives he touched; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, do hereby honor and celebrate the life of Anthony A. Durpetti; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Durpetti family as a token of our deepest condolences to his family and friends, and gratitude for his many contributions to the City of Chicago.



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BRENDAN REILLY  
Alderman, 42nd Ward