

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, I, Alderwoman Nicole T. Lee, on behalf of 11th Ward community, informs this august body with a heavy heart of the death of Wally “WZG” Gusich, Senior Citizen Coordinator for the 11th Ward Aldermanic Office; and

WHEREAS, Wally Gusich passed away peacefully on September 17, 2023 at the age of 94 leaving behind an unmatched legacy of service deserving of commemoration and remembrance; and

WHEREAS, Walter Zvonimir Gusich was born on October 1, 1928 at 3509 S Wells St, as one of six children to Andrew and Stephania Gusich, and throughout his life exemplified the utmost dedication to the betterment of Bridgeport, the City of Chicago, and our country; and

WHEREAS, Wally Gusich was a devoted Catholic who unfailingly attended mass at St. Jerome’s Parish every morning, and will always be remembered for ensuring the nave was left as pristine as it was found before leaving; and

WHEREAS, Wally Gusich enjoyed a colorful career, serving the City of Chicago and the country in multiple roles including as a vendor at a Comiskey Park Hot Dog Stand, a Personnel Clerk for the U.S. Army and Clerk of the Circuit Court; and

WHEREAS, Wally Gusich spent the majority of his career, and his life, serving the 11th Ward Aldermanic Office and its constituents with exemplary piety and always with a smile; and

WHEREAS, Wally Gusich began his tenure at the ward office as a secretary at the front desk and, in his last official act of service as Senior City Coordinator, took residence for over 30 years in the backmost corner of the office where he set the benchmark for providing service to seniors, earning their respect and adoration in kind; and

WHEREAS, Wally Gusich was celebrated with numerous awards: the induction into Mayor Richard M. Daley’s Senior Citizen Hall of Fame; two-time winner of the Senior Citizen of the Year Award; and a five-time champion at the Annual Bridgeport Trivia Night as a member of “Team Biscotti”; a resolution passed by this very body in commemoration of his 90th birthday; and

WHEREAS, During his career, Wally Gusich married the love of his life, the late Grace nee Jauregui on May 19, 1953, and the couple were blessed with three children, Mark, Greg and the late Cindy, and later became the cherished grandfather of Theresa, Dana, Juliann, Gino, Mark and Taylor and the adored great-grandfather of Giovanni, Lorenzo, Nica, and Giada; and

WHEREAS, Those among us who came to know and love Wally Gusich will miss his presence yet take peace that he joins Grace and Cindy in eternal rest, and aspire to enact the same dedication to constituents that Wally exemplified; and now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, do hereby commemorate and celebrate the life and legacy of Wally “WZG” Gusich; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to The Gusich family as a gesture of our heartfelt appreciation for a true Chicago treasure.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicole T. Lee", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

NICOLE T. LEE
11th Ward Alderperson