WHERAS, The 5900 block of West 63rd Place of the 13th Ward is honored as Jeannine Janulis Way; and

WHERAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this special occasion by Alderman Marty Quinn; and

WHERAS, Jeannine Janulis lived on the 5900 block of West 63th Place and served this community for 65 years. She and her husband, Len Janulis, were among the first families to build homes on this block. Jeannine also was involved in the effort to have trees planted in the 63rd place parkway, and she volunteered in the neighborhood as part of the Clearing Civic League; and

WHERAS, Jeannine was one of the first airline stewardesses stationed at Midway Airport. She served on flights that included Howard Hughes, actor Van Johnson, and New York Yankees great Joe DiMaggio. Championship boxer Rocky Marciano once helped her serve meals on a flight. In 1951, Jeannine flew President Dwight D. Eisenhower's campaign charter flights with senators from across the country. On a trip to Washington DC, she and her crew encountered the king and queen of England in between flights. In 1953, a photograph of her changing a State Street department store clock for daylight savings time was featured in the April 23, 1953 edition of the Chicago Sun-Times. She also flew the inaugural flights to O'Hare International Airport in 1954; and

WHERAS, Jeannine left her airline stewardess job when she and Len married in August of 1955, since the rules at the time did not allow stewardesses to marry. She then began working as an accounts payable clerk for the Continental Can Company at 65th and Central. While raising four children, Jeannine participated in the parent teacher association and an active volunteer at Hale School and Kennedy High School. She also worked as a receptionist at the Chicago Public Schools Student Service Center and later was promoted to administrative assistant with the Board of Examiner's Office. In total, she worked more than eighteen years with the Chicago Public Schools before retiring in 1993; and

WHERAS, After retiring, Jeannine continued volunteering at church and in the neighborhood. She participated in the Midway Community Choir and their seasonal concerts served as fundraisers for neighborhood and charitable causes. She also volunteered at the Southwest Chicago Pads shelter, cooking and serving food to the homeless. In 1997, Jeannine compiled the recipes she had collected throughout her life, including all of her mother's homemade cooking, into a cookbook entitled, Forty Years of Recipes; and

WHERAS, Jeannine always helped friends and neighbors. In 2005, she received the Senior of the Year Award from the Chicago Park District and the Clearing Civic League. In May of 2012, she was presented with the Golden Spirit Award in appreciation for her dedication, service, and commitment to maintaining the quality of life in the southwest side of Chicago by 13th Ward Alderman Marty Quinn. Well into her 90th year, Jeannine remained active in her church and community. She also was a lifelong sports fan, and she loved the Cubs, White Sox, Bears, Blackhawks, and Bulls; and

WHERAS, Jeannine Janulis was a wonderful wife, mother, neighbor and friend. Her legacy embodies public service and family values. She remains an inspiring example of the neighbor and friend we should all strive to be; and

WHERAS, The 5900 block of West 63rd Place in the 13th Ward is honored as Jeannine Janulis Way because she was a wonderful wife, mother, neighbor and friend. Her legacy embodies public service and family values. She remains an inspiring example of the neighbor and friend we should all strive to be; now, therefore

Be It Resolved, That we, the Mayor and members of the Chicago City Council assembled here this nineteenth day of July, 2023 do hereby recognize the 5900 block of West 63rd Place in the 13th Ward as Jeannine Janulis Way; and

Be It Further Resolved, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Jeannine Janulis.

Marty Quinn

Alderman, 13th Ward