## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Hillard Dominowski Sr. has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Hillard passed away at the age of 102. He was the beloved husband of the late Eleanor (Jendras). Together they raised four children, Joan, Michael, Jane, and Hillard Jr., in Jefferson Park; and

WHEREAS, Hillard was born in Chicago on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 1921 to Ignace and Frances Dominowski. He was one of twelve siblings and graduated from Burr Elementary in Wicker Park; and

WHEREAS, Hillard was drafted into the United States Army in 1943 and served in the 101<sup>st</sup> Infantry. While serving he earned a Silver Star and three Bronze Stars. Hillard was captured in France and spent over seven months as a POW. He survived extremely difficult conditions through strength, will, and perseverance; and

WHEREAS, Hillard worked for the Chicago Park District for over 37 years. After retiring in 1985 he enjoyed traveling, fishing, puzzles, painting, and card games, staying sharp until the end of his life; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 Hillard enjoyed an Honor Flight to Washington DC with other veterans to honor their service, sacrifice, and selflessness; and

WHEREAS, Hillard leaves a legacy of a beloved husband and father, loyal friend, great storyteller, and survivor; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Mayor and the members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 24th day of January, 2024, do hereby express our sorrow on the death of Hillard Dominowski Sr. and extend to his family and friends our deepest sympathy; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Hillard Dominowski Sr.

JAMES M. GARDINER Alderman, 45<sup>th</sup> Ward