

RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF
RETIRED CPD POLICE OFFICER RONALD "TOPPER" TOPCZEWSKI

WHEREAS, Ronald "Topper" Topczewski, 84 years, was called home on December 23, 2023 leaving a lasting legacy of love and service to his family, friends, City and community; and

WHEREAS, "Topper" was born on August 18, 1939 to Chester and Josephine Topczewski and was raised with his sister Carolyn in the City he loved attending Holy Trinity grammar school and then Holy Trinity High School, where he excelled in basketball as the Captain of his team and was named to the second team All-City in 1957; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Topczewski was a proud Army veteran, serving as an MP at West Point where he met the love of his life, Tommy Gallagher, marrying her in May of 1965 and raising two sons, Bryan and Charles (DeAnn) on N. Mulligan Avenue in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Topper adored his granddaughters Marina, Arissa and Paige and his great granddaughters Charlotte and Sophia who were the light of his life; and

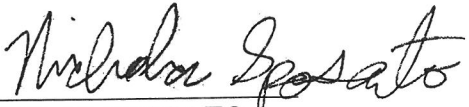
WHEREAS, Officer Topczewski served as a proud member of the Chicago Police Department, Serving 27 of his 32 plus years in the Shakespeare District defending the people of this City; and continuing his public service after his retirement, serving 20 years guarding the students and staff of William Howard Taft High School, a welcome and comforting presence to all; and

WHEREAS, Officer Topczewski was a proud Polish American, giving endlessly of his time and talents to promote his culture, serving as a past President of the Polish American Police Association (PAPA), treasurer of the Retired Chicago Policemen's Association and treasurer of the PNA (Polish National Alliance); and

WHEREAS, Topper continued to show his athletic prowess, serving as a coach for his sons' basketball teams at St. Robert Bellarmine and Norwood Park and playing handball for 30 years, playing two to three basketball games per week, inviting friends to Powers Lake to enjoy water sports and his hospitality and enjoying trips to see the country on his Harley; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here in assembly this 18th day of April 2024, A.D., do hereby honor the memory of this exceptional man, Ronald "Topper" Topczewski, knowing that his legacy will forever remain in the hearts and minds of so many.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the family of Ronald "Topper" Topczewski.



NICHOLAS SPOSATO
ALDERMAN, 38TH WARD