

# A resolution

presented to *The City Council*  
of the *City of Chicago, Illinois*

## RESOLUTION HONORING JIN KYU LEE

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Jin Kyu Lee was among the honorees at the Twenty-Second Annual Mayfair Salute to American Heroes on November 5, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, The City Council has been informed of this honor by the Honorable Samantha Nugent, Alderman of the 39th Ward; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Lee, born in 1932, was enlisted in the South Korean military at the age of 18 in Daegu, South Korea, on September 12, 1950, and fought for the Korean War; and

**WHEREAS**; During his service, Mr. Lee worked in the Maintenance Department as a Technical Engineer and as Administrative Staff to his unit. Mr. Lee was at the forefront of the Nakdong River Battle, which was a pivotal moment of the war where U.S. and South Korean forces finally halted the advance of North Korean troops and where the fiercest battles of the war were fought near the banks of the waterway; and

**WHEREAS**, After the momentous armistice of the Korean War, Mr. Lee was honorably discharged from the Korean Army in June of 1954; and

**WHEREAS**, Following his service to the Korean Army, Mr. Lee worked in the apparel business in the Seomun Market, the largest traditional street market in Daegu, South Korea; and

**WHEREAS**, Pursuing a new life for his wife and daughter, Mr. Lee immigrated to Chicago on October 20, 1985, to join his brother in the family dry cleaning business, settling first in the Northern suburbs and eventually to North Park Village where has been an active member of the local Korean War Veterans Association; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, do hereby thank Mr. Jin Kyu Lee for his service and, congratulate him on this honor; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Mr. Jin Kyu Lee as a token of our honor, gratitude, and respect.

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SAMANTHA NUGENT  
Alderman, 39th Ward