

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, for a combined 101 years, Elmer and Hortensia Alvarez lived at 1517 West Chestnut Street; and

WHEREAS, Hortensia lived in that home for over 58 years raising her 4 children Ruben, Janette, Lissette, and Elmer, and Elmer lived in that home from the age of 13 onward; and

WHEREAS, Elmer and Hortensia were very active in the community, circulating petitions for services and spearheading the West Chestnut Block Party to bring neighbors together; and

WHEREAS, Hortensia would sweep the whole street every day during the fall and spring to maintain a clean block for the Chestnut residents; and

WHEREAS, Elmer was a regular at the Chipp Inn, playing on their softball team and throwing parties and fundraisers to help bring in dollars locally; and;

WHEREAS, throughout the year during events on the block, Hortensia consistently contributed her homemade Puerto Rican rice, to the delight and request of her neighbors; and

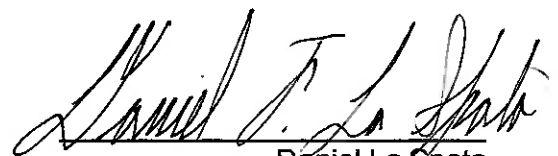
WHEREAS, anytime a new resident on the block was born, Hortensia and Elmer would erect a "Welcome Baby" sign with all the details of the newest Chestnut neighbor to celebrate the addition to the community; and

WHEREAS, in August 2023 Elmer Alvarez passed away at home, just weeks before his beloved annual Block Party, and soon afterward in November 2023 Hortensia Alvarez followed her son; and

WHEREAS, the community wishes to honor the love, sense of family, community, and support Hortensia and Elmer Alvarez brought to the neighborhood; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and the Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled here this 20th day of March 2024, recognize August 24, 2024, as honorary Hortensia and Elmer Alvarez Day in recognition of their love and contribution toward their community, their leadership in advocating for their neighbors, and the sense of joy and camaraderie they brought to the block; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the neighbors on the 1500 block of Chestnut Street.



Daniel La Spata
Alderman, 1st Ward