

RESOLUTION

Tribute to the late Juanita Ramirez

WHEREAS, Juanita Ramirez was born June 24, 1929, in General Cepeda, Coahuila, Mexico, to Margarita Valdez de Galindo and Jesus Galindo; and

WHEREAS, her parents soon migrated to Nueva Rosita Coahuila, where she attended la Academia Amado Nervo and graduated at the top of her class; and

WHEREAS, While working as a bookkeeper for multiple downtown businesses she met and soon married Jesus Ramirez Gutierrez (1927 - 1997); and

WHEREAS, In 1957, she immigrated to Chicago from Nueva Rosita, Coahuila, with her three little girls, Magda (1950-2019), Margarita and Norma, to join her husband who had immigrated a year earlier; and

WHEREAS, In Chicago, they would have a fourth daughter, Patricia; and

WHEREAS, Juanita was devoted to her family and worked to provide her daughters with a good life with the little they had, often sewing their Easter outfits, assisting them with their homework, baking their birthday cakes, and never missing celebrating the holidays with her family; and

WHEREAS, Later in life, she was a consistent volunteer at her grandchildren's elementary school, Inter-American; and

WHEREAS, Juanita was a profoundly pious and religious woman—a member of St. Sebastian, then Our Lady of Mount Carmel, and finally St. Alphonsus Catholic parishes – chasing the remaining Spanish masses in Chicago's Lakeview neighborhood despite fully understanding and speaking English; Over the years, she served as a lector, choir member, and minister of Holy Communion at these parishes; and

WHEREAS, Juanita was a proud, intelligent, and kind woman, always had a nice outfit, and demanded perfection from herself and her loved ones; and

WHEREAS, She nursed countless birds she would come across with broken wings and broken legs; and

WHEREAS, She always had compassion and solidarity for the most vulnerable among us, always giving of the little she had; and

WHEREAS, She lived her Catholic values –supporting social and economic justice, and instilled those values in her children and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, On Friday, May 12, 2023, Juanita Ramirez transitioned to the next life, she was 93 years old; and

WHEREAS, Juanita leaves behind her three daughters—Margarita, Norma, and Patricia—her three sons-in-law, four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandson; and

WHEREAS, She joins in the afterlife her mother Margarita, sister Consuelo, husband Jesus, and granddaughter Julissa; and

WHEREAS, This body was made aware of Juanita’s passing by her grandson, Alderman Carlos Ramirez-Rosa of the 35th Ward; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this twenty-first day of June, 2023, do hereby honor the life and memory of Juanita Ramirez and recognize her as an honorary and true Chicagoan who exemplified this city and loved every and all parts of it, now therefore,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the family of Juanita Ramirez as a token of our sympathy and esteem.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carlos Ramirez-Rosa". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Carlos Ramirez-Rosa
Alderman, 35th Ward