

ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, Demetrios Pirpiris, more commonly known as Jimmy Pirpiris, was born on October 1st, 1929, in Athenion, Tripoli, Greece; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Pirpiris, at the age of 18, immigrated to the United States from his home of Greece. Once finishing his service in the military as a Military Mechanic, he quickly found employment as a Dealer Manager with Oklahoma Enco, now known as Exxon Mobil Corporation. While an employee of Oklahoma Enco, he operated three gas stations serving the Ravenswood Neighborhood. For 30 years, he operated those stations, employed local residents, cleared snow from alleys and parked cars, and even grew tomatoes which he would hand out to customers and friends; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Pirpiris in 1991 decided to retire after over 30 years working outside in the cold harsh winters and built what is now known as Ravenswood Plaza. He opened and operated a coin laundry in the center of the plaza which served the community until November of 2022, when he decided at the age of 93 that it was time to relax; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Pirpiris in addition to owning and operating multiple local businesses, was a member of the Order of Ahepa (The American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association) for over 60 years. He served in many capacities as a President District Consul Member and Chairman of many committees, though he was especially proud of his work done with the Scholarship Foundation. As the chairman for over 40 years, he awarded hundreds of grants and scholarships to Greek American students. His other love was the Sports Award Committee which he chaired for and was a member of for over 40 years, rewarding young Greek American youth for their academic and athletic abilities; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Pirpiris's proudest philanthropic achievement was being an original member of the Greek American Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center. While with this first of a kind center in the Chicago area, he spent weeks on end fundraising and visiting elderly individuals who had few visitors; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Pirpiris was married to his lifelong love, Nitsa, for over 63 years, was the father of two children, was the grandfather to two grandchildren, and was a role model to his many extended family members and neighbors across the Ravenswood Neighborhood. He dedicated his life to serving his family and community; now, therefore

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to an ordinance heretofore passed by the City Council which allows erection of honorary street-name signs, the Commissioner of Transportation shall take the necessary action for standardization of: The northwest corners of Montrose and Damen and extending to the alley going west 125 feet as "Demetrios "Jimmy" Pirpiris Way".

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SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matt Martin". The signature is stylized and cursive.

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Office of Budget and Management
121 North LaSalle, Room 604
Chicago, Illinois 60602

RE: Honorary Street-Name Signs Demetrios "Jimmy" Pirpiris Way - Ordinance

To Whom It May Concern,

I, Matthew J. Martin, Alderman of the 47th Ward, hereby authorize the Office of Budget Management to withdraw the funds associated with the cost of installation for this honorary street designation for Demetrios "Jimmy" Pirpiris Way from my:

Ward's annual menu program budget

Upon passage of this designation ordinance, pursuant to Section 2-8-040 of the Chicago Municipal Code.
Sincerely,



Matthew J. Martin
Alderman, 47th Ward