

A resolution

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

RESOLUTION HONORING HOLLY SMITH GRATTAN

WHEREAS, Holly Smith Grattan 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, Holly's family has lived in the Mayfair Community since the 1920s when her grandparents first moved to the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong Mayfair resident, Holly attended John M. Palmer Elementary School and then graduated from Luther North High School. As a child, Holly took many classes at Mayfair Park and took gymnastics at Sokol Hall on Elston Avenue. She also participated in tap dancing lessons after school at Palmer, which she enjoyed very much; and

WHEREAS, Holly met her husband, Kenneth Grattan, and raised their two children, Heather and James, in the community of Mayfair. Heather and James, both attended Palmer School from kindergarten through 8th grade. Both Heather and James live in Mayfair; and

WHEREAS, Holly began volunteering at Palmer School in 1993, helping with Heather's Kindergarten class. As technology advanced in the early 1990s, Holly wanted to make sure students had access to the new technologies and knew how to use them for learning. Holly was instrumental in the PreKindergarten Program at Palmer, where she worked for 19 years to support a third-shift PreKindergarten program. Through her work with the Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten classes, Holly made great friends, especially Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Bacus Carlson; and

WHEREAS, Holly also served as the Parent Teacher Association President for Palmer School from 1996 to 1998, implementing several programs, including the Kiss and Go Drop-off and Pick-up system; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, Holly was moved to the main office where she worked the front desk and in two years was promoted to head clerk; and

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, do hereby thank Holly Smith Grattan for her service and express our congratulations on this well-deserved honor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Holly Smith Grattan as a token of our honor, gratitude, and respect.

SAMANTHA NUGENT
Alderman, 39th Ward