
**THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**RESOLUTION
NUMBER 2015-004**

**A RESOLUTION HONORING RUTH CLARA HERMA JEBSEN
RICKHOFF ON THE CELEBRATION OF HER 100TH BIRTHDAY.**

**DOMINGO F. VARGAS, Mayor
Randy Heuser, City Clerk**

1st Ward	CHRISTINE BUCKNER	TOM HAWLEY
2nd Ward	LETICIA VIEYRA	FRED BILOTTO
3rd Ward	NANCY RITA	KEVIN DONAHUE
4th Ward	MARCIA STONE	CANDACE CARR
5th Ward	JANICE OSTLING	KENNETH PITTMAN
6th Ward	DEXTER JOHNSON	JAIRO FRAUSTO
7th Ward	NANCY THOMPSON	JAMES JOHANSON

Aldermen

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WHEREAS, it is the custom of this Administrative Body to honor those distinguished individuals whose lifework and civic endeavor served to enhance the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long standing traditions, this Administrative Body is justly proud to celebrate the 100th Birthday of Ruth Rickhoff, and to pay tribute to her many contributions to her community; and

WHEREAS, in 1915, Ruth was born in Blue Island; born the fifth of eight children on 135th Street where many relatives lived in small rural homesteads; and

WHEREAS, Ruth moved with her family to Chicago Heights for a short time and then to Grove Street for her grade school years at First Lutheran School on Grove Street and high school at Blue Island High school on Maple Avenue; and

WHEREAS, married into a family of ten children, she was the hostess and record keeper of both families, keeping in touch through cards, letters and telephone calls and, invitations to “come over” usually to talk, eat, and play cards; and

WHEREAS, with her marriage to Fritz Rickhoff in 1936, she moved to Harvey where her three children, June, Karen, and Fred were born. They moved back to Blue Island, 2455 Grove Street in the early 70's; and

WHEREAS, Ruth has four grandchildren, and six great grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, she recited the Gettysburg Address at a ceremony at Memorial Park, she also founded Brownie and Girl Scout Troops, and organized fund raisers for special causes supporting the community; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Rickhoff was the president of the Parent Teacher Association at McKinley school on 147th Street; and

WHEREAS, a firm believer of voting, she worked for elections, drove others to the elections; canvassed door-to-door for an increased property tax to implement the funds for better schools; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Rickhoff distinguished record merits the recognition and respectful tribute of this Administrative Body;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Blue Island, County of Cook and State of Illinois, do hereby congratulate and offer our most sincere and heartfelt congratulations to **Ruth Rickhoff** on the celebration of her 100th Birthday.

Christine Buckner, Alderman

Leticia Vieyra, Alderman

Nancy Rita, Alderman

Marcia Stone, Alderman

Janice Ostling, Alderman

Dexter Johnson, Alderman

Nancy L. Thompson, Alderman

Tom Hawley, Alderman

Fred Bilotto, Alderman

Kevin Donahue, Alderman

Candace Carr, Alderman

Kenneth Pittman, Alderman

Jairo Frausto, Alderman

James Johanson, Alderman

ADOPTED this 24th day of February, 2015, pursuant to a roll call as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT	ABSTAIN
Alderman BUCKNER			X		
Alderman HAWLEY	X				
Alderman VIEYRA	X				
Alderman BILOTTO	X				
Alderman RITA	X				
Alderman DONAHUE			X		
Alderman STONE	X				
Alderman CARR	X				
Alderman OSTLING	X				
Alderman PITTMAN			X		
Alderman JOHNSON			X		
Alderman FRAUSTO	X				
Alderman THOMPSON	X				
Alderman JOHANSON	X				
Mayor DOMINGO F. VARGAS					
TOTAL	10		4		

APPROVED: this 24th day of February, 2015.

Domingo F. Vargas

DOMINGO F. VARGAS
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND,
COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS

ATTESTED and Filed in my office this
 24th day of February, 2015.

Paul Henry

CITY CLERK

Carmine Bilotto

CITY TREASURER