

HONORARY RESOLUTION COMMENDING ROBERT KOEHLER'S 25 YEARS IN JOURNALISM

WHEREAS, We, the members of the Chicago City Council, wish to extend our congratulations and honor to Robert Koehler on his 25th year of notable journalism; and

WHEREAS, Robert Koehler was born in Detroit, Michigan in 1946 and raised in Dearborn, Michigan; he later moved to attend Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, and relocated to Chicago to pursue a career as a writer upon graduating; and

WHEREAS, Robert Koehler began his journalism career at Lerner Newspaper in Chicago, where he worked for twelve years covering a wide variety of topics and discovering his true calling in journalism; and

WHEREAS, For the last four decades, Robert Koehler has written a nationally syndicated column about politics and current events from a peace and spiritual perspective; and

WHEREAS, His columns have appeared in several newspapers, such as the San Francisco Chronicle, the Chicago Tribune, the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, and the Detroit Free Press and has been featured on online platforms, including the OpEd News, TruthOut, Huffington Post, and Common Dreams; and

WHEREAS, Robert Koehler has worked for the Chicago Public School System and at DePaul University, teaching and exploring the idea that everyone has a valuable perspective to offer; and

WHEREAS, Robert Koehler has contributed to journalism addressing pressing issues like war, climate change, nuclear disarmament, and gun violence; and

WHEREAS, His writing focuses on fostering sensible discussions and advocating for restorative justice and has passionately promoted the concept of peace circles as a means to cultivate equality and facilitate healing; and

WHEREAS, He has received multiple awards for his contributions to writing and journalism from renowned organizations such as the National Newspaper Association, Suburban Newspapers of America, and the Chicago Headline Club; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and the Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here in assembly this 17th Day of July 2024, do hereby honor Robert Koehler

for his exceptional contributions to journalism, and education, and his unwavering commitment to promoting peace and justice through his writing and teaching; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Robert Koehler.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M E Hadden". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

Maria E. Hadden
Alderwoman, 49th Ward