

Committee on Special Events, Cultural Affairs, and Recreation

RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIP HOP

WHEREAS, on August 11 1973, at a birthday party in the recreation room of an apartment building at 1520 Sedgwick Avenue in the Bronx, New York City, Clive Campbell, also known as DJ Kool Herc birthed what is now known around the world as Hip Hop by developing a technique for extending the part of a song referred to as “the break” by creating a loop between two records playing the same song

WHEREAS, The technique of looping a break created the template upon which dancers and vocal performers would express themselves, and from that point be known as Breakdancers and Emcees (MCs)

WHEREAS, The artform of graffiti writing would be incorporated along with DJing, MCing, and Breakdancing into what is known as Hip Hop culture, a culture that has connected and uplifted millions of people around the world.

WHEREAS, Hip Hop, created by inner city Black and Latino youth as a consequence and response to the disinvestment in their communities as a way to express themselves, has become a culture that has permeated through every part of our society - from music to film to entrepreneurship, and even to government, has served to provide opportunities for our society.

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago has contributed to the artform and culture of Hip Hop thanks to artists such as Common, Twista, Rhymefest, Kanye West, Lupe Fiasco, All Natural, Crucial Conflict, Psychodrama, the Molemen, Prime, Typical Cats, Profound, Mass Hysteria, DJ 33 1/3, Ang 13, Juice, 606 Chicago, Nacrobats, Pugslee Atomz, Daily Plannet, Psalm One, Charlie 2na, Da Brat, Chance the Rapper, Mick Jenkins, Open Mic Eagle, Do or Die, No I.D., Dug Infinite, E.C. Illa, Legendary Traxster, The Cool Kids, DJ Timbuck2, DJ Nonstop, Jesse De La Pena, Chicago Tribe, Brickheadz, X-Men, Twilight Tone, Tone B. Nimble, UAC, The Knomadz, Rubberoom, William “Upski” Wimsatt, Justus Roe, DJ Boy Wonder, DJ Risky Biz, Mike Spex. Vic Mensa, Norm Rockwell, JP Chill, DJ Third Rail, DJ Kevin Beacham, DJ PNS, Vakill, Euphonics, Tunnel Movement, and countless others,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the Chicago City Council, assembled here on this 19th day of July, 2023, do hereby honor and congratulate Hip Hop on its 50th Anniversary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this Resolution be prepared and presented to the Chicago Hip Hop community as a symbol of our esteem and respect.



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