

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, On January 12, 2024, the Chicago Bulls honored the organization's greats as inductees into the inaugural "Ring of Honor", including the late Jerry Krause, who left a lasting impact on Chicago by orchestrating the greatest dynasty in basketball history; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this occasion by the Alderman of the 36th Ward, Gilbert Villegas; and

WHEREAS, Jerry served as the General Manager of the Bulls from 1985 to 2003, winning six world championships and two Executive of the Year awards; and

WHEREAS, Not only did Jerry bring championships to our City, he was born and raised in Chicago, graduating from Taft High School where he was a catcher for the baseball team;

WHEREAS, Jerry's life-long love of sports would eventually lead back to his hometown as a scout for the White Sox, where he played a role in signing Ozzie Guillén and Kenny Williams, before owner Jerry Reinsdorf brought Jerry over to his other franchise – the Bulls; and

WHEREAS, With a keen eye for talent, strategic decision-making, and dedication to excellence, Jerry was the driving force behind the Bulls' success in the 90's, which elevated the City's profile across the world; and

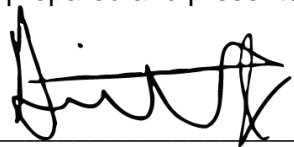
WHEREAS, Without Jerry, we may never have witnessed the dynamic duo of Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen running the triangle offense and setting a then-record of 72 wins in a season, a feat of sustained success that Chicago sports has not seen since; and

WHEREAS, While the City is known for a passionate and vocal fanbase, we must recognize that Jerry was an instrumental part of Chicago's emergence as a world class sports city; and

WHEREAS, Jerry loved this City and the Bulls, telling every player who joined the team: "you're going to play before the best fans in the world in the greatest city in the world"; as a City and as a fanbase, let's live up to Jerry's words and honor his contribution to Chicago; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, do hereby honor the life and the success of Jerry Krause; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Jerry's wife, Thelma Krause.



GILBERT VILLEGAS
Alderman, 36th Ward