

**RESOLUTION HONORING LEGENDARY CHICAGO TAILOR
FRANK HARRIS**

WHEREAS, Frank Harris, a revered icon of the Chicago tailoring industry, is retiring after nearly five decades of unwavering dedication; and

WHEREAS, The City Council has been informed of this milestone by the Honorable Pat Dowell, Alderman of the 3rd Ward; and

WHEREAS, Frank has been the esteemed owner and proprietor of Frank's Alterations and Tailoring, a beloved institution on Roosevelt Road, for a remarkable 48 years; and

WHEREAS, Frank embarked on his tailoring journey on the West Side in 1974, opening his first shop at Madison and Karlov, followed by a second establishment on Roosevelt Road under another tailor, before establishing his permanent presence on the north side of Roosevelt; and

WHEREAS, While serving as a Cook County Sheriff from 1980 to 2010 during his days and running his tailor shop nights, Frank epitomized a work ethic of unparalleled dedication, tirelessly laboring two jobs for an astounding 16 hours a day for three decades; and

WHEREAS, His exceptional tailoring talents attracted a prestigious clientele list that reads like a "who's who" of Chicago and beyond, including luminaries from politics, entertainment, media, and sports whose framed photographs adorned Frank's iconic "Wall of Fame"; and

WHEREAS, Frank's masterful craftsmanship graced the wardrobes of such notable figures as former Mayor Harold Washington, the legendary Muhammad Ali, Minister Louis Farrakhan, Chicago Bears great Otis Wilson, soulful sensation Jerry Butler, political consultant David Axelrod, ABC7 Chicago News Anchor Cheryl Burton, Rev. Clay Evans, and countless others; and

WHEREAS, Possessing an intimate knowledge of his clients that extended far beyond their names, Frank would effortlessly recall the specific services they required and shared cherished anecdotes that transcended mere transactions, underscoring the profound connections he forged through his craft; and

WHEREAS, From Greenwood, Mississippi – where he first learned the art of sewing and stitching during high school – to the bustling streets of Chicago, Frank's journey was marked by determination and the enduring wisdom of a Detroit mentor who taught him the value of making people happy through impeccable work; and

WHEREAS, Frank's career is a testament to the remarkable impact one individual can have on a community, exemplifying the principles of hard work, dedication, and the power of a genuine smile to bring people back time and time again; and


WHEREAS, Through his incredible journey, often characterized as miraculous, Frank serves a shining example of how one man's passion and commitment can touch countless lives and bring happiness to everyone he encounters; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, hereby extend our deepest appreciation and heartfelt congratulations to Frank Harris, the legendary tailor of Chicago, on his well-deserved retirement; honor his enduring legacy of exceptional craftsmanship, unwavering dedication, and the profound connections he has fostered

throughout his illustrious career; and wish him a retirement filled with relaxation, contentment, and the joy of a life well-lived, confident in the knowledge that he has left an indelible mark on the hearts and wardrobes of Chicagoans and beyond; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, In recognition Frank Harris's unparalleled contribution to the world of fashion, his role as a cherished figure in the City's rich tapestry of talent and craftsmanship, and the happiness he has brought to countless individuals over the years, we encourage every Chicagoan to celebrate his remarkable career; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Frank Harris as a token of our deep appreciation for his outstanding contributions to the world of tailoring and to the vibrant fabric of our city.


PAT DOWELL
Alderman, 3rd Ward