RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF CHICAGO POLICE OFFICER THOR ODIN SODERBERG

WHEREAS, CPD Officer Thor O. Soderberg, gave his life on the streets of Chicago on July 7, 2010 making the ultimate sacrifice for the people of this great City; and

WHEREAS, Officer Soderberg left behind his loving wife Jennifer, his three siblings, his Father Fred, his now late mother Evelia and a grateful and saddened City to mourn his passing; and

WHEREAS, PO Thor Soderberg devoted his life to public service as a US Army Veteran and then served 10 years, 11 months, and 5 days as a Chicago Police Officer before his End of Watch; and

WHEREAS, PO Soderberg was assigned to the Bureau of Professional Standards Unit 124 – Education and Training Division, previously serving in the 6th District and on the Bicycle Patrol Unit and also serving as part of a crime-fighting initiative called Operation Project Youth; and

WHEREAS, PO Soderberg was a greatly respected and valuable member of the CPD, earning one Department Commendation, 15 Honorable Mentions and 7 Physical Fitness Awards during his career; and

WHEREAS, Officer Soderberg cared deeply for the youth of our City, following his dream of introducing disadvantaged youth to nature, helping young people experience the outdoors and beauty of nature; and

WHEREAS, PO Soderberg was honored at Brookfield Zoo on the first anniversary of his death, bringing together a group of family, friends and colleagues to recognize him and his unique contributions to the youth of our City; and

WHEREAS, Justice was served when PO Soderberg's killer was sentenced to life in prison plus an additional 115 years, but nothing can fill the hole Office Soderberg left in our lives, or the loss to the people of Chicago.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here in assembly this 18th day of April 2024, A.D., do hereby honor the memory of PO Thor O. Soderberg, a truly exceptional person and officer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Officer Soderberg's wife Jennifer, in memory of this fine man and his sacrifice.

NICHOLAS SPOSATO ALDERMAN, 38TH WARD