

ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, Frank Lopez lived on the corner of Logan Boulevard and Washtenaw Avenue for over 40 years and was a leader of the community; and

WHEREAS, Frank owned the Chicago Wire Design Company for more than 50 years, providing jobs for many people in the community and servicing many prominent clients such as the Wrigley Company, AT&T, and Marshall Field's; and

WHEREAS, every year, he would bring joy to the community by creating elaborate holiday decorations, causing his house to be nicknamed "The Christmas House" by neighbors; and

WHEREAS, the lights and ornaments, many of which were created by his company, would be meticulously installed before the start of the holiday season and remained in display until January 6th, delighting countless visitors who came to take pictures and create lasting memories; and

WHEREAS, Frank's extravagant holiday decoration were featured on local television stations, including WLS-TV and WGN-TV; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, Frank Lopez received numerous awards and recognition for his contributions to the community, including:

In 1982, an award for outstanding services to the Latino Community from the Puerto Rican Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Chicago; and

In 1994, a Certificate of Appreciation for opening his garden for the Logan Square Preservation House Walk; and

In 1997, a Resolution of Recognition from the Cook County Board of Commissioners for 17 years of helping to keep the Christmas spirit alive in Chicago; and

In 1999, an award for outstanding dedicated service presented by the Friends of Humboldt Park Library; and

In 2002, a Certificate of Achievement from Chicago Wire Design Company for 30 years of continued growth and customer satisfaction, from 1972 to 2002; and

In 2005, a recognition for the 33rd anniversary of Chicago Wire Design Company; and

In 2011, the Latino American Who's Who Award, recognizing his achievements in advancing the culture of the Latino American business community; and

In 2013, a Certificate of Appreciation from Humboldt Park Earth Day for his tireless effort and outstanding contribution to community cleanup and celebration; and

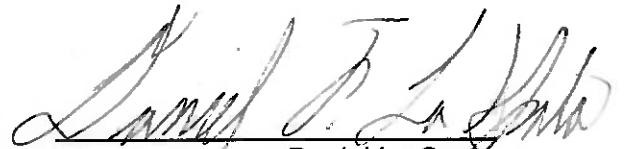
The National Leadership Award from the National Republican Congressional Committee for outstanding service and commitment to Republican ideals; and

WHEREAS, honoring the late Frank Lopez would serve as a lasting reminder to the community of his exceptional generosity, kindness, and holiday spirit;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

Section 1. Pursuant to Section 2-8-040 of the Municipal Code of Chicago, which allows erection of honorary street name designations, the Commissioner of the Chicago Department of Transportation shall be directed to install Honorary Street Name Signs to honor Frank Lopez on the 2600-2700 block of N Washtenaw Avenue, from W Logan Boulevard to W Schubert Avenue, as "Frank Lopez Way".

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and publication.



Daniel La Spata
Alderman, 1st Ward