A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF DARRYL ROBINSON

WHEREAS, The City of Chicago mourns the loss of our cherished community member, Darryl Robinson; and

WHEREAS, The City of Chicago has been notified of Darryl's passing by the Honorable Felix Cardona Jr., Alderman of the 31st Ward; and

WHEREAS, Darryl was born in Gary, Indiana, and moved with his family to Chicago in 1968, where he began forming lifelong friendships at Nettelhorst Elementary and later graduated from Lake View High School in 1978; and

WHEREAS, As an avid athlete, Darryl played basketball and track at Lake View High School, played college basketball on Briar Cliff University's NAIA Championship basketball team as a freshman before spending the rest of collegiate career at Division III MacMurray College, and even competed against professional basketball players in Europe; and

WHEREAS, Darryl earned a bachelor's degree in Social Work and Marketing with a minor in Deaf Education from MacMurray College in Jacksonville, Illinois in 1982; and

WHEREAS, Darryl met the love of his life, Barbara Scott, playing for Lake View High School's basketball team while she was keeping stats for the opposing team, and they shared a lifelong romance filled with love and joy; and

WHEREAS, After serving as a Family Educator for neglected and at-risk youth at Maryville Academy, Darryl transitioned to a successful career in sales and management in the telecommunications industry and later worked as a Union Electrician with IBEW Local 134, focusing on fiber optics for over 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Darryl's passion for basketball extended to coaching, first as a coach to deaf children at the Hull House on Broadway and later for youth basketball at Kilbourn Park, AAU teams with Spartan Sports, as well as at his alma mater, Lake View High School; and

WHEREAS, With a deep commitment to helping young people, Darryl helped students secure scholarships and opportunities, maintaining lifelong connections with those he mentored, and helping send students to MacMurray College as well as to Notre Dame University through his relationship with Maryville Academy; and

WHEREAS, Darryl's infectious joy and enthusiasm for life brought laughter to all who knew him, and he was always ready to offer advice, support, and mentorship to anyone in need; and

WHEREAS, Darryl is survived by his loving wife Barb; his sisters Sharon McNeil, Rebecca Robinson, Edrina Robinson, and Wendy Robinson; his brothers Ricky Robinson and Michael Robinson (Miriam); his nieces Andrea McNeil (Justin Leege) and Nina McNeil; his nephews Michael McNeil, Ante Robinson, Jerod McNeil, and Cy McNeil, who is also his godson; his godchildren Hannah Amundsen and Zach Amundsen (Mackenzie); and his extended family and countless friends; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the City of Chicago honors the memory of Darryl Robinson for his extraordinary contributions to our community and extend our deepest sympathies to his family and friends; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Darryl Robinson as a symbol of our respect and admiration for his remarkable life and enduring legacy.

FELIX CARDONA JR. Alderman, 31st Ward