

ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, Ossie Goff Ballew, more commonly known as Ossie Goff, was born on March 26, 1951; and

WHEREAS, Ossie Goff, through her work, exemplified the meaning of taking what may seem ordinary and making it extraordinary. With hard work, dedication, care, and compassion for the community, she served as a crossing guard for Chicago Public Schools and the Chicago Police Department for over 33 years at the corner of North Western Avenue and West Sunnyside Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Ossie Goff may have seemed like an ordinary individual who did her ordinary job as a crossing guard, but for the hundreds of families, children, and pets who had the opportunity to cross where she stood, she was anything but ordinary; and

WHEREAS, Ossie Goff took great pride in her job, and her diligence and care for the safety and welfare of the countless individuals in her charge was utmost in her mind; and

WHEREAS, Ossie Goff knew many members of her community by name and showed genuine interest in their lives. She loved her job and the protection it provided, and was faithful to her duty and the people it served. She was a leader in sharing positivity and kindness, and ensured people were seen both literally and figuratively; and

WHEREAS, Quiet leaders like Ossie Goff propel the ordinary to extraordinary. She helped build a sense of community, one person at a time, in her care at her intersection for over three decades; and

WHEREAS, Ossie Goff will remain in the hearts of the community she served and her spirit will continue to keep watch over all who pass by North Western and West Sunnyside Avenues. She represents all the generosity that comes from living in the great neighborhoods of Chicago; now, therefore

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

SECTION 1. Pursuant to an ordinance heretofore passed by the City Council which allows erection of honorary street-name signs, the Commissioner of Transportation shall take the necessary action for standardization of: The Northwest corner of North Western Avenue and West Sunnyside Avenue as “Ossie Goff Way”.

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

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Committee on Transportation and Public Way
City Council Meeting February 21st, 2024
Alderman Matt Martin, 47th Ward
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Office of Budget and Management
121 North LaSalle, Room 604
Chicago, Illinois 60602


RE: Honorary Street-Name Signs {Ossie Goff Way} - Ordinance

To Whom It May Concern,

I, Matthew J. Martin, Alderman of the 47th Ward, hereby authorize the Office of Budget Management to withdraw the funds associated with the cost of installation for this honorary street designation for Ossie Goff Way from my:

Ward's annual menu program budget

Upon passage of this designation ordinance, pursuant to Section 2-8-040 of the Chicago Municipal Code.
Sincerely,



Matthew J. Martin
Alderman, 47th Ward

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Alderman, 26 Ward

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