

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF DANIEL L. GOODWIN

WHEREAS, Daniel L. Goodwin, teacher and innovative leader in commercial real estate investment and finance, died on January 19, 2024, at the age of 80; and

WHEREAS, The City of Chicago has been notified of Daniel's passing by the Honorable Alderman Samantha Nugent of the 39th Ward; and

WHEREAS, On June 26, 1943, Daniel L. Goodwin was born in Berwyn, Illinois; as a child, he enrolled in the Chicago Public Schools, graduating from Lane Tech and earning a degree from what was then the Illinois Teachers' College – Chicago North; and

WHEREAS, With the career goal of being a science teacher, Dan Goodwin got a master's degree from Northern Illinois University and set to work as a science teacher in the Chicago Public School system; he was assigned to schools on the West Side of the City, and worked on the West Side in the 1960s; and

WHEREAS, In the 1960s, Dan, his wife Carol Goodwin, and their colleagues saw the challenges facing young adults as they searched for safe places to live and raise a family; he and three fellow teachers formed an alliance to acquire, develop, build, and manage real estate; and

WHEREAS, Dan Goodwin was chosen to lead what would become The Inland Real Estate Group of Companies, Inc.; with one eye on the financial marketplace and the other eye on customer demand, the Inland Real Estate Group of Companies moved into commercial real estate development; and

WHEREAS, The Inland Real Estate Group of Companies have been a lynchpin for and have launched more than 800 separate real estate investment tranches with various entities, partnerships, and affiliations that have led or aided in the development of hundreds of millions of square feet of real estate, have established ties with hundreds of thousands of partners and investors, and have closed more than \$80 billion in commercial real estate transactions; and

WHEREAS, By 2024, The Inland Real Estate Group of Companies had achieved nationwide market-leadership expertise in leasing, property management, land development, commercial real estate brokerage, commercial real estate finance, property finance, and property investment; and

WHEREAS, By 2024, under Dan as its founder, chairman, and CEO, The Inland Real Estate Group of Companies, employed more than 1,000 Americans across the country, experts in real estate development, real estate management, and real estate finance and investment; and

WHEREAS, Chairman and CEO Dan Goodwin never forgot his ties to the former Illinois Teachers' College – Chicago North; what is now Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU) where he sat on their Board of Trustees; Dan Goodwin also chaired the Northeastern board for 10 years, from 1996 through 2006; in honor of his service, in 2016 Northeastern Illinois University named its College of Education The Daniel L. Goodwin College of Education; and

WHEREAS, Benedictine University, in Lisle, Illinois, developed an even more prolonged interrelationship with Dan Goodwin's life of service – for more than 30 years, Dan Goodwin served as vice chairman of the University; The Daniel L. Goodwin College of Business (GCOB) at

Benedictine University currently has 22 faculty members, administrators, and staff, with a career-minded orientation similar to the life path that Dan himself followed; and

WHEREAS, Of the hundreds of and local and national recognitions accorded to Dan Goodwin, a select list in 2021 for the works of service he had performed up to that time contained more than forty separate honors and awards, including an unprecedented three presentations of the Ethics in Business Award by the Better Business Bureau, presented in 2009, 2014, and again in 2017 to The Inland Real Estate Group of Companies; and

WHEREAS, Dan Goodwin never relinquished his passionate support for affordable housing for all Illinois families; he organized The New Directions Housing Corporation, a non-for-profit corporation, that has worked closely with financial partners and tax advisors to finance the construction of housing all over Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Dan Goodwin also served for 10 years on the board of the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) Trust Fund, helping to raise billions of dollars for affordable housing, first-time family housing, and senior housing throughout Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Constantly fighting for his native State of Illinois, Dan Goodwin served for many years on the board of the Better Government Association (BGA); to honor his service, the BGA in 2017 renamed the award bestowing its highest honor as The Daniel L. Goodwin Watchdog Award; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Goodwin's friends described him as a prolific fundraiser, giver, networker, and friend of enlightened business and thoughtful finance; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, The City of Chicago hereby expresses their profound grief upon the death of a native son, Daniel L. Goodwin, combined with their gratitude for his unprecedented achievements in business and public service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to Carol Goodwin, Daniel L. Goodwin's beloved wife, and his daughters, Jennifer Blaha and Julie Tice, as representatives of the family of the late Daniel L. Goodwin.



SAMANTHA NUGENT
Alderman, 39th Ward