

A RESOLUTION HONORING
GREAD McKINNIS JR.

WHEREAS, Gread McKinnis, Jr. is retiring after many years of service to the CFD and he and his talents will be sorely missed; and

WHEREAS, Gread McKinnis, Jr. served the Chicago Fire Department as a Graphic Artist III since September 16, 1987; and

WHEREAS, Gread McKinnis Jr. is a talented artist, responsible for graphics of all kinds from Department memos, General orders, Administrative and Personnel orders, Safety orders and Training records among others; and

WHEREAS, Gread McKinnis, Jr. was a dedicated employee, working meticulously to create various posters, flyers and/or announcements regarding Special Events in a professional and beautifully creative way; and

WHEREAS, Gread was responsible for informing all areas of the Chicago Fire Department including all Fire houses and Headquarters of important matters; and is known throughout the Department by name as he was solely responsible for communication and information between the CFD and its members in the Field; and

WHEREAS, Gread is involved, among other pursuits, in the Lefty McKinnis Memorial Scholarship which honors his father, the late "Lefty" McKinnis who played in the black baseball league and is well remembered and admired; and

WHEREAS, the proceeds from the "Lefty McKinnis Memorial Scholarship" Annual Bowling Event raises funds to help young African American males go to college, which is a fitting legacy of Lefty McKinnis; and

WHEREAS, Gread is wished a happy, healthy and well-deserved retirement to spend with his lovely wife, Ann, his sons Gread III and Marcus Jamal and his two adored grandchildren, family and friends; and

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 1st day of November 2023, A.D., do hereby honor Gread McKinnis, Jr. and thank him for his service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Gread McKinnis, Jr.



NICHOLAS SPOSATO
ALDERMAN, 38TH WARD