

ORDINANCE

WHEREAS Titus J. Allen, Sr. was born on January 2, 1944, in Chicago, Illinois, as the youngest child of Elder Charles Allen and Lucille Allen, joining his older siblings Anna Stewart, Carrie L. Burrell, Louise Thompson, and Charles Allen, Jr., all of whom preceded him in passing.

WHEREAS Titus was brought up in the nurturing embrace of faith, being baptized at Mount Calvary Church of God in Christ, where his father served as an Elder. One of the most cherished items in his possession was a Holy Bible presented by his mother Lucille on his birthday in 1958, a symbol of his unwavering faith.

WHEREAS Titus proved himself to be an exceptional student, achieving the distinction of valedictorian at Hendricks Elementary School. He continued his educational journey at Tilden Technical High School, where he was affectionately known as 'Bear' to his teammates and friends due to his prowess in varsity football. He matriculated to Wilson Junior College in Chicago, further demonstrating his commitment to lifelong learning.

WHEREAS Titus's love story with his high school sweetheart, Rosemary Yvonne Daniels, spanned seven years before he was drafted into the US Army. In his service to his country, he served with honor and distinction, amassing medals and honors for his dedicated role as Crew Chief on Huey Helicopters during the Vietnam War. Upon returning to Chicago, Titus reunited with Rosemary, and on January 27, 1968, they took their vows at Liberty Baptist Church, marking the beginning of 54 years of marriage.

WHEREAS Titus's life was enriched by his passion for outdoor activities, including fishing, camping, boating, and enjoying Chicago's lakefront. Annual fishing and camping trips to Wisconsin and fishing excursions on Lake Michigan were cherished family traditions. He was also a part-time sailor and co-owned a boat, the *Hattie Lou*, with his brother-in-law Lucian M. Burrell. A highlight of his outdoor adventures was catching a colossal 300 lb. sailfish on a fishing trip to Miami, a moment immortalized in his office.

WHEREAS Titus ventured into various professional pursuits, including working at 7UP Bottling Company and Parker House Meat Company as a truck driver and delivery specialist. His entrepreneurial spirit led him to own a jewelry store, a distributorship for Fuller Products Company, and a grocery store on Chicago's west side.

WHEREAS Titus was not only a successful businessman but also a Master Mason and Shriner. In 1991, he achieved the esteemed 32nd Degree from St. Peter Lodge No. 3 in Chicago, an honor he carried with humility and pride.

WHEREAS, after a courageous battle with cancer, Titus peacefully transitioned from this life on September 4, 2022, leaving behind a loving family and a community that held him in the highest regard.

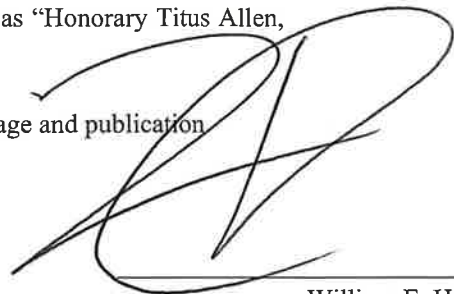
WHEREAS Titus's legacy is indelibly tied to the Time Out Lounge on South Vincennes that he owned and operated for almost four decades. This venture represented the realization of his lifelong dream of entrepreneurship. He was renowned for hosting annual Booze Cruise events, treating the Time Out family to sports games, and actively supporting his community. His legacy includes fostering enduring friendships and benefiting his community in countless ways, particularly through his partnership with social action groups and his support for Simeon High School, now therefore

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

Chicago City Clerk - Council Div.
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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 take the necessary action for standardization of South Vincennes Avenue, on S. Vincennes Ave. from W. 82nd St. (8200) to W. 84th St. as "Honorary Titus Allen, Sr. Way."

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



William E. Hall
Alderman - 6th Ward

REASON FOR HONORING

Titus Allen, Sr. is being so honored for having been the owner and operator of the iconic Time Out Lounge who made numerous civic contributions for the betterment of his community and this city.

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