

Resolution Commemorating the Retirement of Meteorologist Tom Skilling

WHEREAS, Tom Skilling is considered to be one of the most trusted meteorologists in the country, known for his detailed weather reports and explanations, and his sunny personality.

WHEREAS, Tom Skilling retired from WGN after 45 years, and in 2024 WGN announced that it will rename the WGN Weather Center, the Tom Skilling Weather Center.

WHEREAS, Tom Skilling evolved alongside changing weather technology, going from hand-drawn images to the latest computer imagery and animation techniques.

WHEREAS, Tom Skilling is a pop-culture icon with his name and image on everything from an asteroid to a snuggie, a snowplow to Tom Freaking Skilling beer.

WHEREAS, Tom Skilling is a household name so connected to the City of Chicago that movies and television shows set in Chicago such as John Hughes classic Planes, Trains, and Automobiles, Showtime's Shameless, and FX's The Bear will often mention his name or have his weather report on in the background.

WHEREAS, Tom Skilling is a beloved neighbor and resident of the Edgewater neighborhood in the 48th Ward.

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the Chicago City Council, assembled here on this 20th day of March, 2024, do hereby honor and congratulate the greatest freakin' meteorologist in the greatest freakin' city in the world, Tom freakin' Skilling.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this Resolution be prepared and presented to Tom Skilling as a symbol of our esteem and respect.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'LH', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Leni Manaa-Hoppenworth
Alderwoman, 48th Ward