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RESOLUTION SALUTING THE DEDICATION OF "FATHER PAUL CULLEN WAY"

WHEREAS, In honoring the memory of many outstanding citizens who have been called to life eternal, condolence is often expressed to all those whose lives the deceased may have touched. In the case of Father Paul Cullen, the late pastor of Annunciata Parish of this city's South Side, such an expression of sentiment seems an understatement; and

WHEREAS, The late Reverend Father Paul Cullen, Order of Friar Servants of Mary (O.S.M.), was a man who touched so many lives with his pastoral concern and care, it would be impossible to estimate their numbers. He was the quintessential essence of the parish priest who had well and truly dedicated his life to God and his community. Born on August 9, 1939 in County Tyrone, Ireland, he entered the Servite Order shortly after his sixteenth birthday at Our Lady of Benburb Priory located in his native country. Eight years later, he was ordained a priest at St. Mary's Church in Brussels, Belgium; and

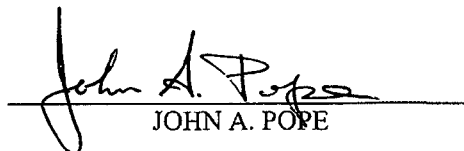
WHEREAS, When Father Cullen came to Chicago, he served at several area parishes, most notably St. Domitilla Church in suburban Hillside, Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica on this city's West Side and Assumption Church in Chicago's River North area, before spending his last decade as pastor at Annunciata. He was a man who took to heart the third Beatitude, "Blessed are the meek...", comporting himself as spiritual leader of his flock with much humility and great Irish humor, an endearing legacy and ever enduring example of love and acceptance; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Father Paul Cullen left this life on February 10, 2012 at the age of 72 after 46 years in priestly ministry. He leaves behind four siblings, Maureen Corr, Brigid McAleer, Malachy Cullen and Martina Scullion to mourn his loss and celebrate his memory along with a host of nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable John A. Pope, Alderman of the 10th Ward has introduced enabling legislation to dedicate a portion of East 111th Street adjacent to Annunciata Parish from Avenue G to Avenue H as "Father Paul Cullen Way" which will officially take place on August 18, 2012, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council gathered together this 25th Day of July, 2012 AD, do hereby salute the memory of Reverend Father Paul Cullen and express our heartfelt desire that the Annunciata community will not forget the gentle spirit who touched so many of their lives throughout the years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Annunciata Parish.


JOHN A. POPE