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TRIBUTE TO DICK UYVARI

WHEREAS, Friends and colleagues of Dick Uyvari, a longtime Chicago resident who impacted the worldwide Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) community, particularly through bowling and his support of the quadrennial Gay Games, remember his contributions after his sudden death Sept. 2; and

WHEREAS, Dick Uyvari was a critical part of the Chicago sports scene starting in the 1970s, playing a role in the national gay bowling movement, helping host and played in the 1983 International Gay Bowling Organization (IGBO) tournament in Chicago, featuring 576 bowlers from the U.S. and Canada, held at Waveland Bowl; and

WHEREAS, Dick Uyvari participated in almost every Gay Games as a bowler, dating back to the inaugural event in 1982 in San Francisco, and also the most recent—held in Cleveland in 2014, earning medals including a gold, a bronze, and two silver medals as bowling team captain; and

WHEREAS, Dick Uyvari was president, secretary and treasurer of more than a dozen Lincoln Park Lagooners and Metropolitan Sports Associations (now known as the Chicago Metropolitan Sports Association, CMSA) bowling leagues and he served on the boards of the Lagooners, CMSA and IGBO; and

WHEREAS, Dick Uyvari's impact on the local LGBT community, particularly the sports movement included various scholarship programs for athletes, founding the Chicago Pride Invitational bowling tournament in 1988, co-founding and co-chairing Strike Against AIDS, which raised about \$500,000 for AIDS-related agencies through bowling events, and organized and ran the annual Celebrity Bowling Tournament to benefit the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame; and

Whereas, Dick Uyvari's complete dedication to LGBT sports brought him honors including induction into the CMSA Hall of Fame in 2007, joining the HOF committee in 2008, and receiving the IGBO Fellowship, the organization's highest honor, in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Dick Uyvari was so committed to ensuring participation in the Gay Games that he sponsored a soccer team from South Africa to attend and participate in the Gay Games in Chicago as well as sponsoring participants in Cologne, Germany in 2010, and in Cleveland in 2014; and

Whereas, Dick Uyvari's continued philanthropy over his lifetime impacted so many and will be felt for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, Dick Uyvari's passing is a loss for gay sports overall, but particularly Team Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Dick Uyvari and his late partner Joe were passionate about LGBT rights in the United States and throughout the world. They showed their commitment by supporting LGBT causes, including the 2006 Gay Games. Without their generosity the Chicago Gay Games would not have been a financial success; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable James Capplemann, Alderman of the 46th Ward, has informed this body of the passing of his friend and noteworthy citizen; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED That we, the Mayor and members of the City of Chicago City Council, gathered together on this 14th Day of October, 2015, do hereby express our sincere sorrow upon learning of the passing of Dick Uyvari and extend our deepest sympathy to his family and the many friends around the world whose lives he touched.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Dick Uyvari.



JAMES CAPPLEMAN
Alderman – 46th Ward