

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Members of this Chamber are proud and honored to congratulate our dear friend and long-time colleague, Alderman Tom Tunney, on his twenty years of dedicated, loyal and outstanding service to the people of the 44th Ward, and the City of Chicago, on the occasion of his retirement from City Council; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tunney was born in 1955 in Chicago and was raised on the South Side, graduating from Brother Rice High School in Chicago and then matriculating to the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, where he received a Bachelor's degree in restaurant management; and

WHEREAS, Alderman Tunney has lived in the Lakeview neighborhood since 1980, after completing a Master's degree in hotel management at Cornell University; and

WHEREAS, Shortly after moving back to Chicago, he acquired the Ann Sather restaurant, apprenticing with Ann for a year, learning the business from top to bottom, and since then has expanded the business to include the most famous cinnamon rolls and breakfast in town, two additional restaurants, and Ann Sather Corporate and Special Event Catering; and

WHEREAS, In 2003, Tom Tunney became Chicago's first openly gay alderman, and he has diligently served the 44th Ward as their alderman since that time; and

WHEREAS, Alderman Tunney has spent his entire aldermanic career making improvements to the 44th Ward to build the Lakeview neighborhood into one of the most appealing and pleasant neighborhoods in the City of Chicago as recognized by CNN Money Magazine and Out Traveler Magazine; and

WHEREAS, Alderman Tunney has fought to maintain and increase the number of officers assigned to his community, helping Lakeview become one of the neighborhoods with the lowest violent crime rates in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, He has made it a point during his tenure to attend local school functions and work with them to secure improvements and collaborate with the Cubs to redevelop the area around Wrigley Field while preserving the residential character of the surrounding streets; and

WHEREAS, As Alderman, Mr. Tunney has served as the Chairman of the Committee on Zoning, Landmarks, and Building Standards; and as a member of the Committees on Budget and Government Operations; Committees and Rules; Economic, Capital, and Technology Development; Finance; License and Consumer Protection; Public Safety; Special Events, Cultural Affairs, and Recreation; and Workforce Development; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this nineteenth day of April 2023, do hereby extend to Alderman Tom Tunney of the 44th Ward, our deepest gratitude and thanks for his many years of exceptional service to the people of Chicago, and our best wishes for continued success in all of his future endeavors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Alderman Tom Tunney of the 44th Ward, as a token of our appreciation and esteem.