



City of Chicago



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Title:	Honorary street designation as "Louis Albert Fitzgerald, Jr. Way"
Committee(s) Assignment:	Committee on Transportation and Public Way

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

SECTION 1. Pursuant to an ordinance heretofore passed by the City Council which allows erection of honorary street-name signs, the Commissioner of Transportation shall take the necessary action for standardization of Honore Street, from South 84th Street to South 86th Street (8400 to 8600 South Honore Street) as “Louis Albert Fitzgerald Jr. Way”

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



HOWARD B. BROOKINS, JR.
Alderman, 21st Ward

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Chicago Honoran Street Sign



To: The Honorable Louis Albert Fitzgerald Jr.
This petition by the Fitzgerald family draws attention to the work of Louis Albert Fitzgerald Jr. and his contributions to Chicago.

Louis Albert Fitzgerald was born on January 26, 1929 in Chicago, Illinois. Louis entered the United States Army in 1945 after completing his high school military duties, he returned to Chicago, Illinois to embark on his career. Louis set high standards for himself. In 1962, Louis collaborated with CBS to produce a television documentary called "Decision at 83rd Street". He also joined the staff at WGN-TV Channel 26 as an account executive. He became its top salesman, he later became a talk show host for "Conversation Piece" on Channel 26. He received an invitation to join NBC-TV and became the first African American Account Executive for Channel 48. He was also a columnist for several newspapers to include the Chicago Defender, as his most notable contribution in print highlighting important issues impacting the black community in addition, having two separate successful radio talk shows on WIND and WVOH, focused on many current issues. Louis was very active in community service, serving two terms as president of the Graham-Avalon Park Community Council, serving and patrolling Southside in ghetto areas. In addition, he served as President of the North Beverly Civic Association for 2 year support in the past received numerous awards for community service. Along with various areas of influence, he leveraged his political and business relationships to bring much needed resources to communities he lived in. He helped to mold and shape a vision of a safe family focused community. Later, Louis went to work for the federal government as an executive with the Department of Labor where he was Regional Director of the Midwest Division's Job Corp. where he worked with disadvantaged youth. After retirement, Louis continued to be active in community affairs, making sure that everything was in order. Louis's life's work and influence has been a great contribution for all of Chicago.