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RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING FRANK E. LENTI

WHEREAS, The members of the Chicago City Council wish to congratulate Frank Lenti for his storied high school football coaching career; and

WHEREAS, The City Council has been notified of Frank Lenti's achievements by the Honorable Matthew J. O'Shea, Alderman of the 19th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Frank E. Lenti was one of six children born to Rose and Frank J. Lenti. He was born at their home in St. Ailbe parish at 87th Street and Cornell Avenue. Frank J. Lenti was one of nine children, the only one to graduate high school (Hirsch High School). He served honorably in World War II. Rose also graduated from Hirsch High School and was an excellent athlete in swimming, softball and volleyball. She was named Female High School Athlete of the Year her senior year. They grew up together and were married in 1950. Frank J. Lenti supported his family by driving a redi mix truck while Rose stayed at home with their children; and

WHEREAS, Frank E. Lenti graduated from St. Ailbe Grammar School in 1965, from Mt. Carmel High School in 1969 and from Loyola University of Chicago in the Winter of 1974 with a degree in Education. Four of his siblings also have Education degrees; and


WHEREAS, Frank began his coaching career as a graduate assistant football coach under the legendary Lou Holtz at the University of Arkansas. He began his Chicagoland coaching career at St. Barnabas Grammar School. He later coached at St. Francis DeSales High School and Thornton High School; and

WHEREAS, Frank E. Lentz was named the 18th Head Football Coach at his alma mater, Mt. Carmel High School, in April of 1984. He was coach there for thirty-four years, with a record of 374 wins and 77 losses. He has the most wins of any coach at one high school in Illinois. His teams qualified for the state playoffs thirty-one times. His teams appeared in twenty-three semi-final games and sixteen final games, winning eleven state championships. His teams also won seventeen Catholic League titles and six City Prep Bowl Championships; and

WHEREAS, Frank was twice named the Tony Lawless Catholic League Coach of the Year, this year the league named him Man of the Year and in 1984 the Catholic League inducted him into its Hall of Fame. In 2016, he received the annual Youth Coaching Award from the Dick Butkus Foundation. Hundreds of his players continued their careers in college and several have played in the National Football League including six-time Pro-Bowl quarterback Donovan McNabb and defensive star Simeon Rice, who was voted All-Pro four times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 18th day of April, 2018, do hereby express our congratulations to Frank E. Lenti for his incredible achievements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Frank E. Lenti as an expression of our gratitude.


MATTHEW J. O'SHEA
Alderman, 19th Ward