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Congratulations extended to James Howard Thome on
induction into National Baseball Hall of Fame

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WHEREAS, James Howard Thome, was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame on July 29, 2018, Cooperstown, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this event by Alderman Patrick D. Thompson; and

WHEREAS, Jim Thome was born on August 27, 1970, and grew up in Peoria, Illinois; and after attending Illinois Central College, he was drafted by the Cleveland Indians in 1989 and made his Major League Debut in 1991; and

WHEREAS, Jim Thome married Andrea Thome in 1998 and had two children; Landon Thome and Lila Grace Thome; and

WHEREAS, Jim Thome played 22 seasons in Major League Baseball from 1991 to 2012; and

WHEREAS, Jim Thome played for six different teams, most notably the Cleveland Indians during the 1990s and early 2000s; and

WHEREAS, Jim Thome, the storied slugger who became a fan favorite with the **White Sox** from 2006-2009; and

WHEREAS, Jim Thome had established himself as one of baseball's top power threats, a skill he carried forward in stints with the Phillies, White Sox, Dodgers, Twins, and Orioles through the 2012 season; and

WHEREAS, Jim Thome was a five-time All-Star (three times for the Indians, and once each for Philadelphia and Chicago), a one-time Silver Slugger recipient and he finished in the top 10 in MVP Award balloting four times; and

WHEREAS, Jim Thome ended with 612 home runs (eighth all-time), 1,747 walks (seventh) and a .956 OPS (18th); he ranks fifth in career at-bats per home run at 13.76, and

WHEREAS, *Jim Thome hit an MLB-record 13 walk-off home runs, launched nine grand slams, had 17 postseason blasts, homered in 38 stadiums and took 403 pitchers deep during his career; and*

WHEREAS, *In 2001, Jim Thome was awarded the Marvin Miller “Man of the Year” award for his work with the United Way. He also served as the Honorary Co-Chairman of the United Way’s Home Run Derby from 1998 to 2002; and*

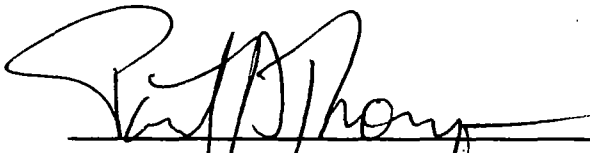
WHEREAS, *Jim Thome is best known for his efforts to help raise awareness, generate support, recruit foster parents and advocate for the needs of foster children and families through the **Bring Me Home Campaign** to raise money for **Children’s Home and Aid**; and*

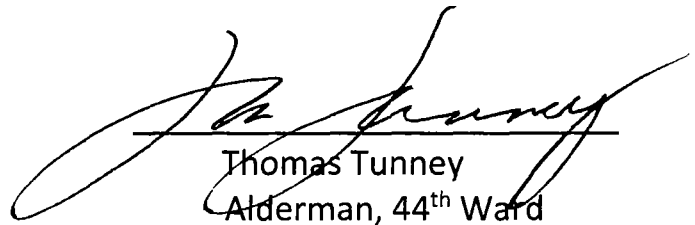
WHEREAS, *Jim and Andrea Thome started the **Bring Me Home Campaign** in 2007 with Paul and Jennifer Konerko, and later joined by Gordon and Brittany Beckham; and*

WHEREAS, *Jim Thome also helped 10 nieces and nephews with their college educations, and after the Washington tornadoes in 2013, the Peoria native donated money to the relief efforts and traveled to the hardest hit communities to visit the victims; now, therefore*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, *That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this twentieth day of September 2018, do hereby congratulate Jim Thome on his induction as a member of the National Hall of Fame; and*

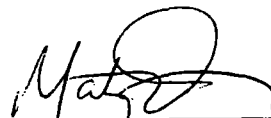
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Jim Thome.*


Patrick D. Thompson
Alderman, 11th Ward


Thomas Tunney
Alderman, 44th Ward



Matthew O'Shea
Alderman, 19th Ward



Marty Quinn
Alderman, 13th Ward



Anthony Beale
Alderman, 9th Ward