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**Committee(s) Assignment:**

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Pitcher Kerry Woods announced his retirement from the Chicago Cubs on May 18, 2012, and a celebration will be held on September 23, 2012 at Wrigley Field; and,

WHEREAS, Alderman Thomas M. Tunney would like to recognize the accomplishments of recently retired Chicago Cubs pitcher; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Wood was the first round, fourth overall, selection in the 1995 Amateur draft beginning his Chicago Cubs and professional baseball career; and,

WHEREAS, donning the Chicago Cubs pinstripe jersey, number 34, from 1998 to 2008 and then again in 2011 and 2012, Kenny delighted Cubs fans throughout the City of Chicago and the country with his exceptional play and professionalism; and,

WHEREAS, Kenny made his Major League debut in 1998 and on May 6, in only his fifth career start, pitched a one-hit, no walk, 20-strikeout game, breaking the record by a rookie pitcher and tying the Major League record for strikeouts in a single-game; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Wood was named National League Rookie of the Year in 1998 as he finished the year with a dominating 233 strikeouts, 3.40 Earned Run Average and a 13-6 record; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Wood still holds the Major League record of being the fastest pitcher to reach 1,000 strikeouts, doing so in 134th game, after only 853 innings pitched, and his 10.317 strikeouts per 9-innings average is second overall in Major League Baseball history; and,

WHEREAS, after beginning and spending most of his Major League career as a starting pitcher, Kenny moved to become a relief pitcher later in his career where he continued his dominance; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Wood's .216 opponents batting average ranks lowest in Cubs franchise history among pitchers with at least 1,000 inning and his 1,464 strikeouts ranks third overall; and,

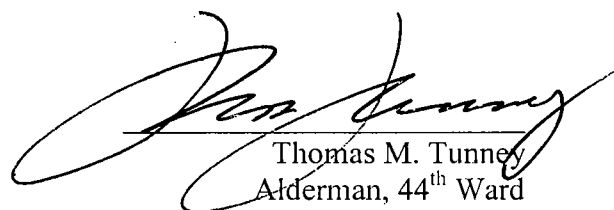
WHEREAS, during his 14 years in Major League Baseball, Kenny was named to the National League All-Star team twice and helped take his team to the playoffs five times, included four with the Cubs; and,

WHEREAS, Kenny has also been very generous off the baseball field, creating and leading his own charitable foundation, the Wood Family Foundation. Mr. Wood continues to host events to help raise money for great causes, donates plenty of time and money to the children of Chicago including funding a state-of-the-art playroom in the new Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Wood's character, integrity and charisma is identified proudly with the Chicago Cubs and the City of Chicago; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, we the Mayor and Members of the City of Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2012, do hereby congratulate Number 34 Kerry Wood on his retirement from the game of baseball and his continued support of the City of Chicago through his Wood Family Foundation and hereby declare September 23, 2012, to be Kerry Wood Day in the City of Chicago; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Pitcher Kerry Wood, as a sign of our congratulations and good wishes.



Thomas M. Tunney  
Alderman, 44<sup>th</sup> Ward