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RESOLUTION HONORING PHIL JONES

WHEREAS, Neighborhood parks play a vital role in not only the greening of our great City but in also creating a sense of community; and

WHEREAS, The Logan Square Neighborhood has been acknowledged to be one of the areas of the City with the least available open space; and

WHEREAS, In the year 1998, longtime Logan Square resident Phil Jones, realizing the need and the importance of expanding open space and recreational opportunities in his community, became President of the Haas Park Advisory Council (HPAC); and

WHEREAS, As HPAC President, Phil Jones initiated a relentless and tireless campaign to expand and improve his beloved Haas Park, leading community outreach and fundraising efforts, reaching out to numerous Chicago Park District officials, including former Superintendent Tim Mitchell, and also communicating with numerous elected officials, including former Mayor Richard Daley; and

WHEREAS, In the year 2002, Phil Jones' efforts paid off as a milestone \$495,000 award from then-State Senator Lisa Madigan began the official Haas Park renovation process. Subsequent financial grants from other state officials also greatly aided the renovation effort; and

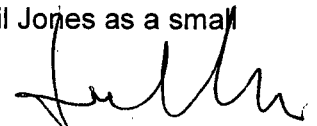
WHEREAS, In the year 2005, Phil Jones, in partnership with the Logan Square Neighborhood Association, The Trust for Public Land and then-1st Ward Alderman Manny Flores, celebrated the Chicago Park District's acquisition of land adjacent to the park, enabling the expansion of Haas Park by more than 50 percent. In the spring of 2007, another milestone was reached with the construction of a new playground; and

WHEREAS, In the year 2009, through a generous commitment of \$2 million in 1st Ward infrastructure funds from then-1st Ward Alderman Manny Flores and through a subsequent re-commitment from current 1st-Ward Alderman Proco Joe Moreno, Phil Jones and the HPAC were able to secure the final matching funds needed to construct a new field house at Haas Park. The new state-of-the-art Haas Park Fieldhouse was just recently completed and is now offering a full slate of programs within the Logan Square community; and

WHEREAS, Phil Jones' incredible work through the Haas Park Advisory Council is just one of his many other community contributions, which include, but are not limited to, volunteer work on behalf of the Palmer Square Park and the Goethe Elementary School, as well as countless other hours of community service; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the City Council of the City of Chicago assembled here this 14th day of March, 2012 do hereby commend Phil Jones for his successful efforts to improve Haas Park and for his 18 years of advocacy and service to the Logan Square community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Phil Jones as a small measure of thanks for his community service.



Proco Joe Moreno
Alderman, 1st Ward