

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS,** The Members of this Chamber are proud and honored to congratulate our dear friend and long-time colleague, Alderman James Cappleman, on his twelve years of dedicated, loyal and outstanding service to the people of the 46<sup>th</sup> Ward, and the City of Chicago, on the occasion of his retirement from City Council; and

**WHEREAS,** Mr. Cappleman was born in 1952 in Temple, Texas to a United States Army physician and a nurse and raised by his mother as one of eight children after his father's death; and

**WHEREAS,** Alderman Cappleman completed a bachelor's degree in Education from the University of Houston and graduated from the Jane Addams College of Social Work at the University of Illinois at Chicago with a Master's degree in Social Work in 1991, later completing Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government as a David Bohnett Foundation LGBTQ Victory Institute Leadership Fellow; and

**WHEREAS,** Prior to being elected Alderman, Mr. Cappleman worked as a social worker with HIV/AIDS clients and later with clients in palliative care and was active in the Uptown Chicago Commission, serving two terms as their board president; and

**WHEREAS,** Mr. Cappleman became the Alderman of the 46<sup>th</sup> Ward on May 16, 2011 and served three terms representing the Uptown neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS,** During his time in City Council, Alderman Cappleman focused on issues facing the LGBTQ community and the plight of the homeless in his ward, assisting in their transition from living on the street to more humane living conditions; and

**WHEREAS,** Alderman Cappleman lead the push for a Housing First pilot program to assist the homeless in the 46<sup>th</sup> Ward that has served as a model for other City programs and has also successfully overseen the creation of an entertainment district around the Wilson CTA stop; and

**WHEREAS,** As Alderman, he was a member of important Chicago City Council Committees, including Budget and Government Operations, Committees and Rules, Education and Child Development, Ethics and Government Oversight, Environmental Protection and Energy, Housing and Real Estate, License and Consumer Protection, and Human Relations and Health where he served as the Vice Chair; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED,** That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this nineteenth day of April, 2023, do hereby extend to Alderman James Cappleman of the 46<sup>th</sup> Ward, our deepest gratitude and thanks for his many years of exceptional service to the people of Chicago, and our best wishes for continued success in all of his future endeavors; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Alderman James Cappleman of the 46<sup>th</sup> Ward, as a token of our appreciation and esteem.