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Committee(s) Assignment:	Committee on Transportation and Public Way

DESIGNATION OF HONORARY STREET NAMING

WHEREAS, the members of this chamber were deeply saddened to learn of the death on August 22, 2007, at age twenty, of Private First Class Omar E. Torres from wounds sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his unit during combat operations in Baghdad in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

WHEREAS, Private First Class Torres was born in Burbank, Illinois in 1987, raised in Frankfort, Illinois, and later moved with his family to Chicago's Archer Heights neighborhood, where he was a member of Saint Richard's Parish; and

WHEREAS, Private First Class Torres attended Chicago's De La Salle Institute, where he was a defensive back on the football team and a member of the wrestling team; and

WHEREAS, prior to enlisting in the United States Army, Private First Class Torres attended Ohio State University, where he majored in political science where he received a prestigious Fulbright Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, early in his college career, Private First Class Torres joined the Army R.O.T.C. Program at Ohio State University; and

WHEREAS, Private First Class Torres enlisted in the Army in December of 2006 and was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, Pth Brigade Combat Team, Pth Cavalry Division and was stationed in Fort Hood, Texas; and

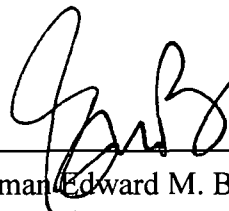
WHEREAS, while serving in Iraq, Private First Class Torres made the ultimate sacrifice in pursuit of our nation's most sacred values; and

WHEREAS, Private First Class Omar E. Torres is survived by his father, Oscar; his mother, Doris; his sister, Oralia; his brother, Oscar, Jr., and many other family members;
NOW THEREFORE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to an ordinance heretofore passed by the City Council, which allows erection of honorary street name signs, the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation shall take the necessary action for standardization of the 4600-4700 block of S. Keeler Avenue as "Omar E. Torres Way."

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication.


Alderman Edward M. Burke, 14th Ward