

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Members of this Chamber are proud and honored to congratulate our dear friend and colleague, Alderman Howard B. Brookins, Jr. on his twenty years of dedicated and outstanding service to the people of the 21st Ward, and the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Alderman Brookins is the proud son of Howard B. Brookins, Sr. who served in the Illinois General Assembly and in the State Senate; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brookins was born in 1963 and graduated from Mendel Catholic High School in Chicago. Later he attended Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, where he received his Bachelor's degree before earning his Juris Doctor degree from Northern Illinois University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brookins is the devoted and caring husband of his lovely wife Ebony Taylor-Brookins and the loving and proud father of Howard B. Brookins, III and Harihson B. Brookins; and

WHEREAS, Howard Brookins has had a long and distinguished career of public service in Illinois. He has been an assistant public defender, a special assistant attorney general, an assistant State's attorney, and has served on numerous civic organization boards; and

WHEREAS, In May of 2003 Mr. Brookins was elected to the Chicago City Council representing the 21st Ward, and subsequently served five terms in office; and

WHEREAS, Alderman Brookins has served as the Chairman of the Transportation and Public Way committee, Chairman of the Economic Capital and Technology committee and Chairman of the Committee of Education and Child Development. Most recently he has also served on the Committees on Aviation, Budget and Government Operations, Committees and Rules, Economic Capital and Technology Development, Finance, and Workforce Development; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure in office Alderman Brookins has made improving the quality of life in the 21st Ward a top priority by creating economic development and implementing crime reduction measures in his Ward; and

WHEREAS, Alderman Brookins has been an exemplary public servant for decades and the 21st Ward is a better place as a result of his policies and concern for the people of his ward. During his tenure in office, the 21st Ward has seen economic development including the building of the 83rd street corridor which houses the Walmart Shopping Center, Lowes, Aldi's and many other restaurants and businesses. In addition, Alderman Brookins has overseen the Woodson Regional Library renovation; 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 Howard B. Brookins, Jr., 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 Howard B. Brookins, Jr., as a token of our appreciation and esteem.