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# A resolution

adopted by *The City Council*  
of the *City of Chicago, Illinois*

## TRIBUTE TO ARTHUR "GOODIE" GOODWIN

**WHEREAS**, In His infinite wisdom, almighty God has granted eternal peace to Arthur "Goodie" Goodwin, beloved coach of the Bogan High School Bengals and pillar of the Public League's basketball community, on Friday May 14, 2021; and

**WHEREAS** Arthur Goodwin's life journey began on February 10, 1967, as the second son of William and Barbara Goodwin. Both parents and an older brother Vincent Goodwin preceded him in passing. Throughout his education, "Goodie", as he was affectionately known, played hoops at Farren Elementary under the guidance of Coach Ham, at DuSable High School under Coach Wright, at South Shore High School with Coach Pittman, and matriculating to Valparaiso University with Coach Homer Drew and Wabash Valley College; and

**WHEREAS**, until his health failed, Arthur Goodwin was employed with the Chicago Public School system as a manager in the security department. However, it was at the South Side's Bogan High School where he made his most significant contribution as a basketball coach and influencer of the young men's lives who played for him. Coach Goodie led the Bogan Bengal's Varsity High School basketball team to nine regional championships, two sectional titles and a public league championship in 2015. His house was always an open door to his team who spent endless days and nights talking, listening, and discussing sports together. Goodie was a true mentor and father figure to his players whom he loved dearly and used his nurturing spirit to reach them through the game of basketball; and

**WHEREAS** Arthur Goodwin made many noteworthy civic and political contributions to his community. He was instrumental and active with 21st Century VOTE and United in Peace. Both organizations helped elect Carol Mosley Braun, the First African American Woman United States Senator and Barack Obama; the first African American United States Senator from Illinois who also became the first African American President; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 31, 2015, Angelique Dunn and Arthur Goodwin were joined in Holy Matrimony. To this union, an extended family was established consisting of a total of 10 children whom he leaves behind to mourn his loss and celebrate his memory along with six children; Jazmine, Justin, Asia, London, Devin and Danae, three siblings; Stephanie Goodwin, Belinda Goodwin and Sabrina Goodwin; nine grandchildren; four stepchildren, Brian, Shirvon, Kendria and Jamee; mother-in-law, Camilla Dunn; three sisters-in-law, Dana Smith, Joy Dunn, Sarah Dunn; brother-in-law, Richard Dunn Jr. and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and friends; and

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Roderick Sawyer, Alderman of the 6<sup>th</sup> Ward, has informed this august body of the passing of this exemplary and extraordinary citizen; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the Mayor and members of the City of Chicago City Council, gathered together this 23<sup>rd</sup> Day of June, 2021 AD, do hereby express our sincere sorrow upon the passing of Arthur "Goodie" Goodwin and extend our deepest condolences to his many family and friends.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Arthur Goodwin.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roderick T. Sawyer".

RODERICK T. SAWYER

Alderman – 6<sup>th</sup> Ward