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CELEBRATING THE BRONZEVILLE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM
20TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, it is indeed an honor and great privilege to acknowledge the staff and members of the Bronzeville Children's Museum on their 20th Year Anniversary of serving residents, families and tourists travelling from places across the City of Chicago and abroad; and

WHEREAS, the Bronzeville Children's Museum is noted as the first and only African American museum in the City of Chicago and the entire country. The exhibits displayed throughout the museum are derived from innovative thinkers who understood the importance of challenging the minds of children and developing a deeply-rooted desire within them to learn more about successful African American entrepreneurs, politicians, physicians, lawyers, nurses and the like; and

WHEREAS, their philosophy has created an open dialogue amongst children, parents, and educators and has pressed upon the minds of children to inspire beyond the stipulations placed upon them based on the color of their skin. As a further result, children have taken great pride in establishing healthy boundaries for themselves at an early age. Today, many realize there are limitless opportunities for them to engage, network, and invent a new mindset in controlling behavioral differences between themselves and authority figures. With that, it has propelled their peers to follow in the same direction; and

WHEREAS, we can all attest to the success of Bronzeville Children's Museum stems from a group of leaders and community financial investors who have spent tireless efforts in collaborating ideas and creating educational tools that are known to actually work. Every effort has created a positive synergy amongst underprivileged children and others riddled with crime, homelessness, and other forms that shows lack of resources in a society that seemingly appears to be taking a turn for the worse; and

WHEREAS, I, 21st Ward Alderman Howard B. Brookins, Jr., encourage every parent, legislator, community resident and child sitting in this room to take a stand and applaud yourselves for not being selfish with your visions, dreams and ideas but instead allowing them to flourish and be indoctrinated in the organizational structure of the Bronzeville Children's Museum. For that reason and so many more it takes your "out the box" type of thinking in a world that would prefer many of us to disregard; and

BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and members of the City Council will share in congratulating the staff and members of the Bronzeville Children's Museum on Wednesday, July 25, 2018, A.D., on their continual stand to reinforce a message that exhilarates the very hearts, minds and souls of African American children and increases their hunger for knowledge to learn more about their ancestors, culture and history of their own upbringing in a society that has made them oftentimes feel miniscule. For now they know our culture is equally important to the success of this country and world that we live in; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution will be prepared and presented to Bronzeville Children's Museum at a later date.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Howard B. Brookins Jr.", is written over a horizontal line.

Howard B. Brookins Jr.
Alderman 21st Ward