



City of Chicago



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Type:	Ordinance
Title:	Call for renaming of street formerly known as "Museum Campus Drive" from intersection of E 18th St and Burnham Harbor Dr to E McFetridge Dr as "Special Olympics Drive"
Committee(s) Assignment:	Committee on Transportation and Public Way

ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, Special Olympics Chicago will celebrate its 50th Anniversary during July of 2018; and

WHEREAS, Special Olympics is the world's largest sports organization for children and adults with intellectual disabilities that provides year-round training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports to over 5 million athletes, ages 8 years old and up, from 172 different countries; and

WHEREAS, Special Olympics has been a successful force in providing children and adults with intellectual disabilities continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community; and

WHEREAS, Special Olympics continues to be a local, national, and global support network that brings families together in a caring, positive way; and

WHEREAS, the First International Special Olympics Games were held in Soldier Field in Chicago on July 20, 1968, where 1,000 athletes from the United States and Canada took part in a one-day, Olympic-style athletic competition; and

WHEREAS, Special Olympics Chicago was organized by the Honorable Anne M. Burke and supported by Eunice Kennedy Shriver and the Joseph P. Kennedy Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Anne M. Burke's work teaching children with special needs and involvement with organizations helping young people propelled her to establish Special Olympics Chicago; and

WHEREAS, over the last fifty years, the Honorable Anne M. Burke has furthered the mission of Special Olympics Chicago which is dedicated to building a community of acceptance and inclusion in communities around Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Special Olympics Chicago works in partnership with the Chicago Public Schools and the Chicago Park District and has grown to serve more than 5,000 athletes annually through 22 different athletic competitions; and

WHEREAS, Special Olympics Chicago continues to foster the physical and mental health of children and adults with intellectual disabilities and provide them with sports training and competitions that allow them to share their gifts, skills, and friendship; and

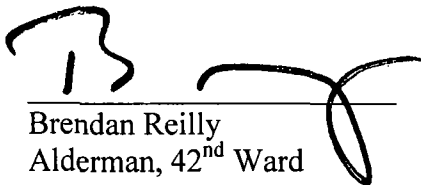
WHEREAS, during its last half-century of service, Special Olympics Chicago has enriched the lives of countless children and adults, with and without special needs, from communities all around Chicago; and

WHEREAS, for its momentous accomplishment, Special Olympics Chicago is deserving of the highest recognition and appreciation of this City and its residents; now, therefore

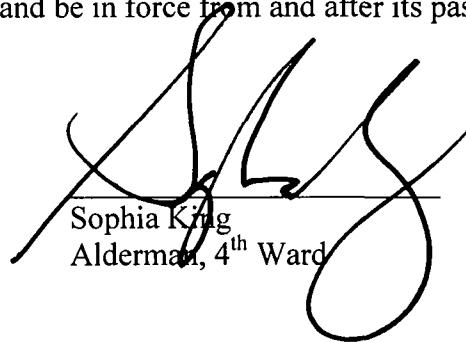
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

SECTION 1. That the Commissioner of Transportation is hereby authorized and directed to rename the street formerly known as "Museum Campus Drive" from the intersection of East 18th Street and Burnham Harbor Drive to East McFetridge Drive to be now named "Special Olympics Drive."

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.



Brendan Reilly
Alderman, 42nd Ward



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Alderman, 4th Ward