

WHEREAS, Jo was a founding member of the Northwestern University's Women's Board in 1978 and sat on many boards, including boards for the University of Chicago and the Field Museum of Natural History; and

WHEREAS, Jo was a longtime trustee of the Ravinia Music Festival, and from 1980 until 1983, she chaired Know Your Chicago, a University of Chicago sponsored group that organizes annual lectures and tours that promote civic awareness and participation; and

WHEREAS, In 1992, Jo published a children's book in verse that she wrote and her son-in-law illustrated, "Marty the Broken Hearted Artichoke"; and

WHEREAS, In 2006, Jo and her husband commissioned the 2006 book "Millennium Park: Creating a Chicago Landmark," which was published by the University of Chicago Press; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, Jo subsequently wrote two more children's books, "Pineapple Pete's Remarkable Feat," which was illustrated by her son-in-law, and "A Light in Every Window," which was illustrated by her granddaughter; and

WHEREAS, In 2013, a school in West Pullman bearing Jesse Owens' name was part of a wave of school closures, and with support from Jo and others, another school building nearby was renamed after Owens; and

WHEREAS, In her later years, Jo continued to focus on social justice. At the age of 85, she co-chaired an event at which she was honored for her longtime support of Chicago's Center on Halsted, which is a community center for the LGBT community; and

WHEREAS, Jo was the recipient of numerous awards, including the Caroline Margaret McIllyaine Making History Award from the Chicago History Museum in 2018; and

WHEREAS, To her beloved family, Josephine Minow imparts a legacy of faithfulness, service and dignity; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this twenty-third day of March, 2022, do hereby commemorate Josephine Minow for her grace-filled life and do hereby express our condolences to her family; and

Edward M. Burke Alderman, 14th Ward

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Josephine Dorothy Minow.