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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Coach Richard Douglas "Doug" Bruno will headline the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame's Class of 2022 and be inducted June 11,2022; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of his achievement by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

WHEREAS, Doug has coached at DePaul University for 36 years, guiding the DePaul Blue Demons Women's Basketball Team to 24 NCAA Tournament appearances; and

WHEREAS, Doug is a three-time Big East Coach of the Year and has coached USA Basketball at nearly every level, leading teams to gold six times; and

WHEREAS, Doug was born in Normal, Illinois and played high school basketball at Quigley Preparatory Seminary South; and

WHEREAS, He played college basketball at DePaul University under Basketball Hall of Fame Coach Ray Meyer, earning a letter three years, and starting two seasons; and

WHEREAS, Doug started his coaching career in 1973-1974 at the high school level, first as an Assistant Coach for the boys' team at Francis Parker High School in Chicago, then as a Head Coach in 1974-1975 for the boys' team at St. Vincent DePaul High School; and

WHEREAS, In 1976, he was named the Head Coach of DePaul Blue Demons Women's Basketball Program, and in just the second season the team achieved a 16-6 record with the most wins in the program's history; and

WHEREAS, Doug left DePaul to become the Head Coach of the Chicago Flustle, a women's basketball team in the Women's Professional Basketball League; and

WHEREAS, He left after his second year with the Chicago Hustle to become the Associate Men's Head Coach at Loyola University Chicago under Gene Sullivan where he spent eight years at Loyola, during which the team had two 20 win seasons, and reached the Sweet Sixteen once in 1984-1985; and

WHEREAS, In 1988, Doug returned to DePaul and the Women's Basketball Program as the Head Coach leading the team to a 23 -10 record, tying for first place in the North Star Conference, and qualifying for post-season; and

WHEREAS, In 2005, DePaul joined the Big East Conference Women's Basketball where he achieved a 23-7 record in his first year, and made it to the Sweet Sixteen of the NCAA Women's Division I Basketball Championship; and

WHEREASj Doug received the Carol Eckman Award in 2008, an award given annually since 1986 to the women's college basketball coach that best demonstrates the character of the late Carol Eckman, the mother of the Collegiate Women's Basketball National Championship; and

WHEREAS; In 2009, DePaul University announced that the basketball court atMcGrath-Phillips Arena was named the~"Doug Bruno Court" in his honor; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, Thatwe, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this twenty-third day of February, 2022, do hereby congratulate Coach Doug Bruno on his induction into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame and do hereby designate June 11, 2022 as "Coach Doug Bruno Day" in and throughout the City of Chicago; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented tp Coach Doug Bruno.

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Alderman,

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