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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Mr. Marv Levy is a legendary football coach and a member of the NFL Pro Football Hall of Fame, who won six NFL division championships and four straight AFC Championships, also leading the Buffalo Bills to the Super Bowl four times; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of his accomplishments by the Honorable Michele Smith, Alderman of the 43rd Ward; and

WHEREAS, Marvin Daniel Levy was born in Chicago, Illinois on August 3, 1925, and graduated from South Shore High School in 1943; and

WHEREAS, After graduation, Marv enlisted in the United States Army Air Forces, where he bravely fought for his country during World War II. He was honorably discharged after the war; and

WHEREAS, Marv went on to graduate as a member of Phi Beta Kappa from Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where he earned three varsity letters in football, four in track and one in basketball. In 1951, he received his Master's Degree in English History from Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, Marv began his football coaching career as an assistant at Coe College in 1953, later joining the coaching staff at the University of New Mexico in 1958 as head coach where he twice earned Skyline Conference Coach of the Year award; and

WHEREAS, Marv started his first NFL coaching job in 1969 as a special teams coach for the Philadelphia Eagles. In the following years, he would serve as a special teams coach for the Rams and the Redskins. He also coached the Montreal Alouettes in the Canadian Football League for five years and led the team to two Grey Cup championships; and

WHEREAS, Marv began coaching the Buffalo Bills in 1986, leading the team to the Super Bowl four times. He was named NFL Coach of the Year in 1988 and AFC Coach of the Year in 1988, 1993, and 1995; and

WHEREAS, Marv retired on December 31, 1997 after 47 years of coaching. He is remembered as the most victorious coach in Buffalo Bills history and is a member of the Football Hall of Fame; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this 14th day of September, 2016, do hereby commend Mr. Marv Levy for his accomplishments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Chicago hereby dedicates that portion of North Lakeview Avenue between West Deming Place and West St. James Place as "Marv Levy Way."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution are presented to Mr. Marv Levy as a sign of our honor, gratitude, and respect.

MICHELE SMITH Alderman,
43rd Ward