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Legislation Text

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Committee on Transportation and Public Way City Council
Meeting January 15, 2020 Alderman Brendan Reilly, 42nd
Ward Honorary Street Sign

ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, On July 20, 1992, a tragic event unfolded at the Everett McKinley Dirksen United States Courthouse, which resulted in the deaths of two fine lawmen, Deputy U.S. Marshal Roy L. "Bill" Frakes and Court Security Officer Harry A. Belluomini; and

WHEREAS, This tragedy marked the only such death of two federal law enforcement officers from the same incident at a United States Courthouse in modern times; and

WHEREAS, Deputy U.S. Marshal Frakes, then 30 years-old, joined the U.S. Marshals Service in October 1991 after waiting three years for an opening; and

WHEREAS, Deputy U.S. Marshal Frakes died in the line of duty when a federal prisoner wrestled a firearm away from a guard during a prisoner movement, tragically cutting short his long-held dream of serving as a U.S. Marshal; and

WHEREAS, A native of Illinois, Deputy U.S. Marshal Frakes had been a Deputy Marshal for only nine months when he was killed; and

WHEREAS, The Marshal Service knew Deputy U.S. Marshal Frakes as an individual of integrity and strong ethical and moral fiber, well educated, dedicated to the Service's mission, devoted to his wife Wendy, and committed to the duties he was sworn to uphold; and

WHEREAS, In December 1992, Deputy U.S. Marshal Frakes was posthumously awarded the Robert Forsyth Act of Valor Award, the Marshals Service's highest tribute for heroism; and

WHEREAS, In June 1993, the Marshals Service dedicated its air operations hangar facility, located at Will Rogers World Airport in Oklahoma City, in Deputy U.S. Marshal Frakes's honor; and

WHEREAS, Deputy U.S. Marshal Frakes is remembered not only as a person who set an example for all future generations of Marshals, but most of all for his courageous actions on July 20, 1992, which set a standard by which every Marshal has and will be measured; and

WHEREAS, 2019 marked the 27th anniversary of this terrible event; had he lived, Deputy U.S. Marshal Frakes would have reached his mandatory retirement age of 57; now, therefore

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

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Section 2-8-040 of the Municipal Code of Chicago, which permits the erection of honorary street-name designations, the Commissioner of Transportation shall take all necessary action for standardization of South Dearborn Street, from West Jackson Boulevard to West Adams Street as "Roy L. "Bill" Frakes Way."

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SECTION 2. This ordinance is effective upon passage and adjournment

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