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MEMORIAL RESOLUTION HONORING RONALD EVERETTE MCKEE, SR.

WHEREAS, Ronald Everette McKee, Sr., beloved son, brother, father, grandfather, coach, and community leader, departed this life on March 4, 2019; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been called on to celebrate Ronald's memory by the Honorable Michael D. Rodriguez, Alderman of the 22nd Ward; and

WHEREAS, Ronald attended Kennedy High School, where he was the first Black person to serve as captain of a sports team at the school; he won several awards for wrestling, before working for several parks in the City, including Union Park, Austin Park, Altgeld Park, Garfield Park; and LaFollette Park; and

WHEREAS, As a lover of all sports and Black history, Ronald was active in his community playing with the LeClaire Mets in 1970, mentoring and teaching youth skills in sports as well as in life, and leading several teams to State Championships for park districts; and

WHEREAS, Ronald spent much of his time volunteering around LeClaire Courts, including volunteering as a coach for various teams at the LeClaire Courts Fieldhouse; and

WHEREAS, In 1987, Ronald demonstrated his love and dedication for his community by running for alderman of the 12th ward - while his campaign was unsuccessful, his love for his community and passion for service never ceased and he continued to volunteer and fight for positive change in his community; and

WHEREAS, Exceedingly generous, Ronald not only gave his time for his community, but he was always quick to donate money, food, and supplies to local charities, including donating and organizing others to donate to local Girl Scout Troops; and

WHEREAS, Ronald is survived by his children, grandchildren, siblings, friends, and the many people he inspired as a coach; and

WHEREAS, Whether they knew him as Ronnie, Rem, or Coach, Ronald touched the lives of many with his unconditional love, advice, and encouragement, and he is sorely missed by all who knew and loved him; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this twentieth day of July, 2022, would like to recognize and celebrate the life of Ronald Everette McKee, Sr.; and

MICHAEL D. RODRIGUEZ Alderman, 22nd Ward

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Ronald Everette McKee, Sr. as a sign of our honor and respect.