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RESOLUTION HONORING REBECCA "BECKY" KLIBER ON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT

WHEREAS, Rebecca "Becky" Kliber retired from the Chicago Park District after 36 years of service, including 17 as park supervisor at Welles Park; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago City Council was made aware of this occasion by Ald. Matt Martin of the 47th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kliber grew up in the Lincoln Square neighborhood surrounding Welles Park and had her first job at this local park; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kliber was particularly fond of the special recreation camps at Welles Park and assisting older adults who came to the park for swimming and other programs; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kliber made Welles Park a haven for environmental activities, including the opening of the nature play area in 2018 and coordinating the inaugural 47th Ward Eco Fest in 2021; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kliber was instrumental in the formation of Midnight Circus in the Parks, which began at Welles Park in 2007 and, with her assistance, expanded citywide, including in historically underserved communities, raising over \$1.5 million for park programs and improvements; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kliber was well respected by her colleagues as a lead negotiator with the Park District employees' union; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kliber went above and beyond her duty with the Park District to open Welles Park as an early voting location in the 47th Ward and help manage those operations; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, do hereby congratulate Ms. Kliber on her retirement, and express heartfelt gratitude for her years of service; and
Alderman, 47th Ward

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this resolution be presented to Ms. Becky Kliber as a sign of our gratitude.