RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago is enriched by individuals whose dedication, perseverance, and commitment to family, culture, and community leave a lasting impact on future generations; and

WHEREAS, Ramon Reyes Venegas, founder of Birrieria Ocotlan, was born on January 15, 1948, in Ocotlán, Jalisco, Mexico, and through hard work, determination, and entrepreneurial spirit built a legacy that became a cherished part of Chicago's Southeast Side; and

WHEREAS, after immigrating to the United States in 1968, Ramon Reyes Venegas established the first Birrieria Ocotlan on South Commercial Avenue in 1973, introducing generations of Chicagoans to authentic Mexican cuisine and creating a beloved neighborhood institution that remains a source of pride for the community; and

WHEREAS, through his business and personal example, Ramon Reyes Venegas demonstrated the values of perseverance, generosity, and service, while fostering a strong sense of family and community responsibility; and

WHEREAS, Ramon Reyes Venegas faithfully passed down his traditions, values, and treasured family recipes to his children and grandchildren, ensuring that his legacy would continue through future generations while inspiring his family to pursue educational and professional excellence; and

WHEREAS, Ramon Reyes Venegas was a respected businessman, mentor, and community leader whose contributions extended beyond his restaurant, touching the lives of countless residents through his kindness, encouragement, and unwavering dedication to those around him; and

WHEREAS, Ramon Reyes Venegas passed away on September 13, 2024, leaving behind a remarkable legacy that continues to inspire his family, friends, customers, and the greater Chicago community; 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 allows the erection of honorary street name designations, the Commissioner of the Chicago Department of transportation shall take the necessary action for the standardization of South 88th & Commercial.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication.

Sincerely, Alderman Peter Chico, 10th Ward