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WHEREAS, August 28, 1955 Emmett Louis Till, on the heels of the Brown vs. Board of Education Supreme Court Decision, a 14 year old Chicago boy was kidnapped and lynched while visiting in Mississippi for allegedly whistling at a White Woman; and

WHEREAS, Mamie Till Mobley, the Mother of her only child, E.L. Till, decision to have an Open Casket Funeral at Roberts Temple C.O.G.I.C. attracted 600,000 and ignited the American Civil Rights Renaissance of the 1960's, called The Movement; and

WHEREAS, Emmett's mother was a Chicago Public School Teacher, coined the phrase "The Movement," covering 1954 to 1965, from the Survivor's Standpoint; and

WHEREAS, EvAngel Mamadee YHWHnewBN, Founding President of Global Committee Commemorating King Days and Emmett Till Road Scholars Foundation, a Children's History Maker, poet, journalist and Ordained Minister created the idea, wrote the Ordinance and lobbied 3-1/2 years to get previously honorary named Emmett Till Road, 71st Street, from 3200 west on Kedzie to South DuSable Lake Shore Drive; and

WHEREAS, known as Mamadee, a Certified Montessori Educator, presented a Proposal to the Chicago Board of Education, that initiated the idea, to Change the Name of McCosh Elementary to Emmett Till Math and Science Academy; and

WHEREAS, August 28, 2025 is the 40th anniversary of DREAM DAY, one of the 3 visually affirmed Days of Respect that preserves the 3 Key Principles of The Movement, will mark the 70th anniversary of E.L. Till's atrocity and the 80th Earthday-Birthday of Mamadee, wearing Black & White Colors visually affirms Spiritual & Moral Principles; and

WHEREAS, honorary naming 71st Street from 3200 west on Kedzie Avenue to 4000 west on Pulaski Road, Mamie and E.L. Till Road will provide a suitable, permanent and lasting memorial; and

WHEREAS, naming a street after a Mother and Child is unprecedented, by honoring them together we honor Motherhood and Children of future generations and people around the World, who have sacrificed for righteousness, justice, peace, peoplehood and cultural co-existence, in the Spirit of (WeAreOne) WAO/way-o Chicago, WAO America and WAO World; now, therefore,

Be It Ordained by the City Council of the City of Chicago:

Section 1. The Name of 71st Street running west of 3200 at Kedzie Avenue to 4000 west at Pulaski Road, be given the honorary name of "Mamie and E.L. Till Road".

Section 2. The Commissioner of Streets and Sanitation is authorized and directed to place the proper signs bearing the name set forth in Section 1, along said street.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Ald. David Moore, 17th Ald. Derrick Curtis, 18th Ald. Silvana Tabares, 23rd