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RESOLUTION HONORING PETER COFFEY

WHEREAS, Peter Coffey is a distinguished community leader, public affair and policy advocate, and a visionary for educational success within the urban setting, whose long-standing commitment to community development has made a significant impact across Chicago's 43rd Ward and beyond; and

WHEREAS, prior to his pursuit of a Master's degree in Non-Profit Management from DePaul University's School of Public Service, he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science from Illinois State University; and

WHEREAS, Peter began his work in political campaigns and government service for the late Senator Paul Simon and the 1992 Clinton-Gore Presidential Campaign, until 1998, where Peter brought his expertise of knowledge of the Illinois government to the Chicago Botanical Garden, a world-class cultural institution; and

WHEREAS, served as the Director of Government Affairs, successfully raising more than $50 million for major capital projects to uplift the outreach and awareness of this leading, non-profit institution that aims to be a living museum and conservation center through scientific research and urban agriculture to sustain and enrich life; and

WHEREAS, Peter continued his life-long commitment to public service, served as a senior staff member for Barack Obama's 2004 campaign for the United States Senate, leaving his position as Director of Government Affairs to further pursue his passion for the public service mission and political activism; and

WHEREAS, from 2006, joined DePaul University as the Director of Government Affairs, focused on deepening DePaul's commitment to community connections to Chicago using his background in guiding institutions through the complex terrain of government and public policy stratagem; and

WHEREAS, was elected Democratic Committeeman of the 47th Ward in 2012, which serves the Ravenswood and Lincoln Square neighborhoods on Chicago's north side, marking him as a

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renowned civic engagement leader, who has developed effective skills necessary to navigate government processes; and

WHEREAS, now retiring from DePaul University after 20 years of service, Peter's impact as the Associate Vice President for Community and Government Relations will forever be cemented through his work in leading institutional goals, fostering meaningful partnerships within the higher educational community, incredible civic engagement with the City of Chicago, and fostering growth and collaboration throughout the 43rd Ward; and

WHEREAS, Peter's work with DePaul may have concluded, but there is not doubt that he will continue to be a pillar of support and connection for the 43rd Ward and beyond; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this day, do hereby honor and commend Peter Coffey for his career-long activism and contributions to the mission and values of public service and community building development, reflected in his commitment to progress and dynamic advocacy for outreach and institutional advancement, with decades of experience to those he has served; and, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Peter Coffey as a token of appreciation and gratitude from Alderman Timmy Knudsen and the 43rd Ward Office.

Sincerely,



Alderperson Timmy Knudsen