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WHEREAS, Albert Anderson Raby was a transformative educator, civil rights leader, political strategist, and public servant whose lifelong work profoundly shaped the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Al Raby co-founded the Coordinating Council of Community Organizations (CCCO), an umbrella coalition that led the fight against racial segregation and inequity in Chicago Public Schools during the 1960s; and

WHEREAS, Al Raby organized and led major civil rights demonstrations, including the historic 1963 school boycott involving more than 200,000 students protesting segregated and overcrowded school conditions and the use of “Willis Wagons” for Black students; and

WHEREAS, Al Raby played a pivotal role in bringing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference to Chicago in 1965 to confront housing discrimination and racial injustice, helping establish the Chicago Freedom Movement; and

WHEREAS, as co-chairman of the Chicago Freedom Movement, Al Raby helped lead marches, negotiations, and organizing efforts that advanced fair housing and civil rights protections throughout the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Al Raby continued his commitment to justice and public service by serving as a delegate to the 1970 Illinois Constitutional Convention, where he contributed to the drafting of the Illinois Bill of Rights; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Raby’s dedication to service extended internationally when he served as Director of the Peace Corps in Ghana from 1979 to 1982, overseeing volunteers and advancing cross-cultural cooperation and development; and

WHEREAS, Al Raby managed Harold Washington’s historic 1983 mayoral campaign and played a critical role in the election of Chicago’s first African American mayor, helping usher in a new era of political inclusion and reform; and

WHEREAS, Al Raby later served as head of the Chicago Commission on Human Relations, continuing his work to combat discrimination and promote equity, justice, and community empowerment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago recognizes Al Raby's extraordinary legacy of leadership, activism, and service, which continues to inspire generations of Chicagoans; 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 authorizes the erection of honorary street name designations, the Commissioner of the Chicago Department of Transportation shall take the necessary action for the standardization of 400 - 430 E 63rd Street as "Al Raby Lane."

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J.B.T.", is positioned above the printed name.

Jeanette B. Taylor
Alderwoman, 20th Ward