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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to commend Alderperson Howard B. Brookins Jr. on his service to the 21st Ward as a member of the Chicago City Council; and

WHEREAS, Ald. Brookins is the son of former Illinois Senator Howard B. Brookins Sr.; he graduated from Mendel Catholic High School and earned a degree in Mortuary Science from Southern Illinois University Carbondale; he earned his Juris Doctor from Northern Illinois University College of Law; he is a longtime resident of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Prior to serving on the Chicago City Council, Ald. Brookins served as an Assistant Public Defender, an Assistant State's Attorney, and a Special Assistant Attorney General; he remains a practicing attorney at the Law Office of Howard B. Brookins Jr., PC; and

WHEREAS, Ald. Brookins was first elected to serve the 21st Ward as an alderperson in 2003, representing parts of Auburn Gresham and Washington Heights; he is currently completing his fifth term as one of the longest sitting members of the Chicago City Council, having served for 20 years by the end of this term; and

1 WHEREAS, While in office, Ald. Brookins has been a staple
2 in the community and responsible for major economic growth and
3 development within the 21st Ward; his accomplishments include
4 the expansion of affordable housing, the opening of a new
5 charter school, the launch of Chicago's electric scooter
6 program, the opening of the 21st Ward's first Starbucks, the
7 renaming of Lake Shore Drive after Jean Baptiste Point
8 DuSable, one of Chicago's first non-Indigenous settlers, and
9 the establishment of a reparations fund for victims of
10 notorious former Chicago Police Commander Jon Burge; he worked
11 tirelessly to bring a Walmart Supercenter to West Chatham; he
12 also served as chairman of the Committee on Economic, Capital
13 and Technology Development, the Committee on Education and
14 Child Development, and the Committee on Transportation and
15 Public Way; and

16 WHEREAS, Ald. Brookins has also shown his dedication and
17 commitment to the 21st Ward through hosting many community
18 events, including job fairs, internship fairs, high school
19 fairs, business advisory council meetings, the Annual Back to
20 School Summer Picnic, the Annual 21st Ward Clean & Green, Bike
21 the Hood, the Annual Senior Thanksgiving Dinners, the Annual
22 Christmas Party, the Summer Music series, the Annual
23 Shred-A-Thons, weekly Constituent Nights, and monthly Town
24 Hall meetings; and

1 WHEREAS, Ald. Brookins has served as a member of several
2 organizations, including Trinity United Church of Christ,
3 Prince Hall Mason Eureka Lodge #64, the Community Media
4 Workshop Board of Directors, the Northern Illinois Alumni
5 Association Board of Directors, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity,
6 Inc., and the 9100 South Union Block Club; and

7 WHEREAS, Ald. Brookins has expressed plans to remain
8 politically active and to serve as a guide and counsel to young
9 people in the 21st Ward Young Democrats organization; and

10 WHEREAS, Ald. Brookins is the husband of Ebonie
11 Taylor-Brookins and the father of Howard B. Brookins III and
12 Harihson B. Brookins; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
14 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
15 we commend Alderperson Howard B. Brookins Jr. for his work on
16 the Chicago City Council, and we thank him for his years of
17 dedicated service to the people of the 21st Ward and the City
18 of Chicago; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to Ald. Brookins as an expression of our esteem and
21 respect.