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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to thank
3 Alderperson Harry Osterman of the Chicago City Council for his
4 12 years of service to the 48th Ward; and

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WHEREAS, Ald. Osterman, a lifelong resident of the 48th
6 Ward, was born in Chicago and raised in Edgewater; and

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WHEREAS, Ald. Osterman's commitment to fighting for his
8 community was instilled at a young age by his mother, Kathy
9 Osterman, a former alderperson and longtime community
10 activist; and

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WHEREAS, Ald. Osterman and his wife Peggy committed to
12 raising their three children in the 48th Ward; and

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WHEREAS, A community activist and former president of the
14 Edgewater Community Council, Ald. Osterman has dedicated his
15 career to many community issues, with his primary priorities
16 being public safety, public health, education, and economic
17 development; and

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WHEREAS, Before being elected to the Chicago City Council,
19 Ald. Osterman served as state representative for the 14th
20 District for 11 years, representing Andersonville, Edgewater,

1 and Rogers Park; and

2 WHEREAS, Ald. Osterman led the fight to close the gun show
3 loophole, supported the renovation of the Broadway Armory,
4 increased safety for seniors and nursing home patients,
5 expanded early childhood education, improved local schools,
6 and secured grants for more security cameras near CTA stops
7 and Ceasefire violence intervention; and

8 WHEREAS, As a longtime supporter of the LGBTQ+ community,
9 Ald. Osterman worked to pass civil union legislation; and

10 WHEREAS, During his 12-year tenure on the Chicago City
11 Council, Ald. Osterman oversaw major infrastructure
12 improvements, including Senn High School, the Broadway Armory,
13 Buttercup Park, Foster Beach, and countless others; and

14 WHEREAS, Ald. Osterman advocated for, supported, and
15 facilitated the CTA Red and Purple Modernization (RPM) Phase
16 One Project to modernize the public transportation system,
17 including replacing the more than a century old Red Line
18 stations of Lawrence, Argyle, Berwyn, and Bryn Mawr; and

19 WHEREAS, Ald. Osterman transformed the streetscape of Asia
20 on the Argyle and worked to preserve the cultural heritage,
21 traditions, and small businesses on Argyle; and

1 WHEREAS, Ald. Osterman worked to combat the effects of
2 COVID-19 by hosting a public vaccination event on April 22,
3 2021, which vaccinated over 2,400 people with a first dose,
4 before vaccines were widely distributed; and

5 WHEREAS, In his last term, Ald. Osterman served as Housing
6 and Real Estate Committee Chair on the Chicago City Council,
7 advocating for fair and safe housing for seniors, affordable
8 housing, the development and growth of the Edgewater Theatre
9 District, and Equitable Transit-Oriented Development; and

10 WHEREAS, Ald. Osterman treated his staff, constituents,
11 and many faithful volunteers with nothing but respect,
12 dignity, and compassion; and

13 WHEREAS, Ald. Osterman employed three outstanding staffers
14 for the entirety of his 12-year tenure, Chief of Staff Dan Luna
15 and Staff Assistants Gerald Goodman and Ginger Williams; and

16 WHEREAS, Ald. Osterman decided not to seek reelection
17 after 12 years of service to the 48th Ward and the people of
18 Chicago, during which he fully committed himself to providing
19 compassionate, steadfast, and selfless public service; and

20 WHEREAS, Ald. Osterman's future plans include spending

1 more time with his family and further supporting the
2 community; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we thank Alderperson
5 Harry Osterman of the Chicago City Council for his dedicated
6 service to the constituents of the 48th Ward and for his
7 significant contributions to the City of Chicago and State of
8 Illinois; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to Ald. Osterman as an expression of our esteem and
11 respect.