46-R-19

A RESOLUTION

Designating that Portion of Florence Avenue Between Lake Street and Greenwood Avenue with the Honorary Street Name Sign, “Ernest W. Jackson Way”

WHEREAS, Ernest W. Jackson is a vital member of Evanston’s community, arriving in Evanston in 1958 from Elkmont, Alabama, and still resides at 1604 Lake Street; and

WHEREAS, In 1964, Mr. Jackson purchased his current home at 1604 Lake Street and an adjoining property at 1428 Florence Avenue; and

WHEREAS, In 1991 he was a vital contributor in the effort to establish a community park facility known as “Penny Park.” For 28 years, Penny Park has served as a beloved space for families to enjoy and community fellowship. Mr. Jackson has maintained a strong interest in his community, and he is a frequent attendee of neighborhood meetings and events at Penny Park; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson affectionately called the “Mayor of Lake and Florence,” is known for giving his neighbors friendly waves, encouragement, wisdom, and sage advice - from lawn care to financial literacy. When the weather is nice he can be seen walking through the neighborhood or finding a comfortable seat in his yard with a view; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson turned 96 in March 2019 and continues to be a vibrant member of the Second Baptist Church and the greater Evanston Community.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THAT:

SECTION 1: The foregoing recitals are hereby found as fact and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2: On behalf of the entire citizenry of the City of Evanston, the City Council hereby expresses appreciation for Ernest W. Jackson by designating that portion of Lake Street between Florence Avenue and Dewey Avenue “Ernest W. Jackson Way.”

SECTION 3: This Resolution 46-R-19 will be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

Stephen H. Hagerty, Mayor

Attest:          Approved as to form:
Eduardo Gomez,  Michelle L. Masoncup, Corporation Counsel
Deputy Clerk
Devon Reid, City Clerk

Adopted:       June 24, 2019