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**A RESOLUTION  
UPON THE DEATH OF OWEN L. THOMAS**

**WHEREAS, OWEN L. THOMAS** departed this life on Friday, October 14, 1994; and

**WHEREAS, OWEN L. THOMAS** served the citizens of Evanston for twenty-two years in the capacities of Supervisor of Community Centers and Playgrounds, Director of Foster Community Center (now Fleetwood-Jourdain) and, since 1978, as Executive Director of the Human Relations Commission; and

**WHEREAS, OWEN L. THOMAS** was a leader with a broad grasp of community issues and concerns and a dedication to the cause of human rights; and

**WHEREAS, as Executive Director of the Human Relations Commission, OWEN L. THOMAS** was instrumental in expanding the scope of the City's Fair Housing Ordinance; and

**WHEREAS, OWEN** dedicated his life to serving the entire community and demonstrated strength and commitment for improving the quality of life for all citizens; and

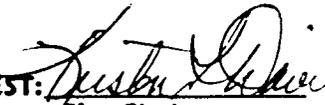
**WHEREAS, OWEN's** ability to anticipate potential problems and implement strategies allowed him to succeed in bringing effective resolution to complex discrimination issues; and

**WHEREAS, his** quiet humor and concern for the individual enhanced all our efforts for human and civil rights; and

**WHEREAS, OWEN L. THOMAS** gave most liberally of his time, energy, and abilities to the fostering of positive attitudes about the City and its services:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Evanston on behalf of itself, the Mayor, the City Clerk, City Manager, City Officials and the residents of this community, expresses its heartfelt grief and sense of loss at the passing of its former colleague and friend, **OWEN L. THOMAS**; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution be made a part of the permanent record of the City of Evanston and that a copy, executed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk, be presented to the members of his bereaved family.

ATTEST:   
City Clerk

  
Mayor