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44-R-03

A RESOLUTION

**Designating the Portion of McDaniel Avenue
Between Church Street and Lyons Street
With the Honorary Name, "Delores A. Holmes Avenue"**

WHEREAS, Resolution 39-R-96 established an Honorary Street Name Sign Program to honor certain individuals who have contributed greatly to the City of Evanston through cultural, historic, or humanitarian acts; and

WHEREAS, Delores A. Holmes, has been an advocate for strengthening families for over 26 years; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, Delores Holmes was the parent coordinator for Project Head Start throughout the suburban Cook County and worked very closely with the Evanston Head Start program; and

WHEREAS, in 1979, Delores Holmes opened the first Family Focus Our Place, specifically for pregnant and parenting teens; and

WHEREAS, serving as Director of Family Focus for 26 years, Delores Holmes was a catalyst for bringing the community together around its children and families; and

WHEREAS, Delores Holmes has worked with numerous other Evanston agencies to broaden and enhance her vision for children and families, such as Peer Services, Literacy for Us, Foster Reading Center, Fleetwood Jourdain Theater Program and many more; and

WHEREAS, Delores Holmes received the "As They Grow Award" in 1993 from *Parents Magazine*, an honor given to only six Americans each year; and

WHEREAS, Delores Holmes has put forth efforts in collecting toys, clothes, and food for the holidays, which has grown into an annual event open to the community at large, with over 275 participants; and

WHEREAS, Delores Holmes has further expanded programs at Family Focus to include alternatives for youth involved in gangs; and

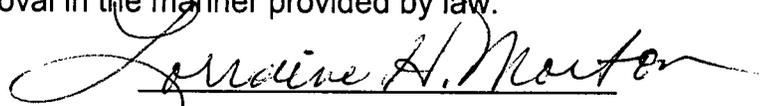
WHEREAS, Delores Holmes has also created a unique tutoring program for 7th and 8th grade students who needed help with school work; and

WHEREAS, Delores Holmes' commitment to the children of Evanston seems endless, and through it all she has continued to stress the need for a work ethic and academic advancement,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS:

SECTION 1: That appreciation is hereby expressed to Delores A. Holmes for her service to the City of Evanston by designating with the honorary name, "Delores A. Holmes Avenue" that portion of McDaniel Avenue from Church Street to Lyons Street.

SECTION 2: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

Adopted: July 28, 2003