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18-R-09

A RESOLUTION

**Designating that Portion of Emerson Street between
Dewey Avenue and Jackson Avenue with the
Honorary Street Name Sign, "Leon Robinson Street"**

WHEREAS, Leon Robinson's lifelong dedication to vibrant community life in the City of Evanston; various business enterprises; his wife, Josephine Edens Robinson; and his extended family was decisive in creating an effective and positive force for social change; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 1957, Leon Robinson created a series of uniquely successful businesses starting with a Mobil Station, followed by the Better Cab Association, the Robinson Bus Company, and the Robinson Realty Company dealing with fine properties City-wide; and

WHEREAS, Leon Robinson has always been compassionate about returning good fortune to the community and, as a member of civic and community boards including the Iroquois League, Prim Towers, Evanston Community Hospital, Family Focus, Community Action Agency, and the Foster Center, could be relied upon to fund projects such as annual Christmas baskets delivered to the needy, redevelopment of Sunset Cemetery and others; and

WHEREAS, Leon Robinson's business ventures originated on Emerson Street at Wesley Avenue, later moved up Emerson Street to just below Dewey Avenue, and remained there for more than fifty years,

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

SECTION 1: That the foregoing recitals are hereby found as fact and made a part hereof.

SECTION 2: That, on behalf of all citizens of the City of Evanston, appreciation is hereby expressed for Leon Robinson's numerous vital contributions to the business, cultural, and spiritual life of the City by designating that portion of Emerson Street between Dewey Avenue and Jackson Avenue with a sign bearing the Honorary Street Name, "Leon Robinson Street."

SECTION 3: That this Resolution 18-R-09 shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.



Lorraine H. Morton, Mayor

Attest:



Rodney Greene, City Clerk

Adopted: March 23, 2009