RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF WILLIAM R. MOONEY, III

WHEREAS, William R. Mooney, III was born in Chicago on August 25, 1953 to his parents William R. Mooney, Jr. and Margaret Regan Mooney; and

WHEREAS, Bill was raised in Chicago and was a proud graduate of Loyola Academy; and

WHEREAS, Bill completed his undergraduate degree at the Illinois Institute of Technology in Civil Engineering and his MBA at the University of Chicago while working at the Chicago Transit Authority; and

WHEREAS, Bill had two beloved children, Patrick Morton and William IV, and was a devoted husband to lleene-Marie; and

WHEREAS, Bill committed to a career of public service, following the tradition of generations before him who served with the Chicago Police Department, beginning as a police officer on the transit detail; and

WHEREAS, When the transit detail was transferred to CPD, Bill stayed on with CTA and joined an accelerated management program, transitioning from law enforcement to becoming a transit professional; and

WHEREAS, During his 34 years at the CTA, Bill served as head of the Paratransit program, Rail Operations, and Bus Operations, and he ended his tenure as Chief Operating Officer; and

WHEREAS, After leaving the CTA, Bill provided transit consulting services to agencies across the world; and

WHEREAS, Bill's legacy at CTA lives on not only due to his impressive service at CTA, but through his son, William R. Mooney, IV, who has held a variety of roles at CTA, currently is CTA's Chief Infrastructure Officer, and has mirrored his father's standard of excellence; and

WHEREAS, Bill was also father-in-law to Leah Dawson Mooney, a consummate transit professional who only recently ended her own accomplished run as CTA's Director of Strategic Planning and Policy, as well as uncle to Kathryn Elkstrom-Dykas and Virgil Allen, both valued members of CTA's Transit Operations team; and

WHEREAS, Bill was a larger-than-life personality who was dedicated to his family and close friends, and he particularly loved being a grandfather to Lillian and William V; and

WHEREAS, He was known for hosting epic holiday parties and always opening his home to others, and loved traveling and taking his family on vacations, especially

enjoying the trips he took with his beloved wife, Ileene-Marie, visiting the Holy Land, China, and other memorable places; and

WHEREAS, Bill passed away peacefully at home on November 7, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Bill was known for his generosity, warmth, faith, and fierce loyalty, and he will be deeply missed by the many whose lives he touched; and

WHEREAS, The Transit Board recognizes the positive impact that William R. Mooney, III had in both his personal life and professional life, including his substantial contributions to the Chicago Transit Authority; now, therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Chicago Transit Board hereby celebrates the life of William R. Mooney, III and his contributions to the Chicago Transit Authority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board recognizes William R. Mooney, III's accomplishments in his personal life and professional life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chicago Transit Authority expresses condolences to Mr. Mooney's family and close friends.

Resolution No. R023-7

Adopted by the

Chicago Transit Board December 13, 2023

Chairman