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Fred Bilotto, Mayor

RESOLUTION HONORING LONNIE “JR” BRAMLETT JR.

MAY 23, 2023

WHEREAS, Lonnie “JR” Bramlett Jr. was born March 16, 1943 in Pontotoc Mississippi to Iona & Lonnie Bramlett Sr., and

WHEREAS, JR Bramlett proudly served his Country, enlisting in the in the United States Army in 1960 and serving for three years, as well as serving as a member of the National Guard for two years, and

WHEREAS, JR Bramlett served his community as a Calumet Park Police Officer for three years as well as serving as the Director of Public Works for the Village of Calumet Park, and

WHEREAS, JR Bramlett has been the proud owner of Airline Towing Company since 1968, and has been providing quality service the people of Blue Island and surrounding communities ever since, and

WHEREAS, JR Bramlett has been a generous corporate citizen both in Blue Island and throughout the nation, donating multiple fire trucks, armored vehicles and other supplies to first responders, as well as donating to Blue Cap, various police charities and other worthy causes, and

WHEREAS, JR Bramlett and Airline Towing have been recognized for their efforts to transport fire engines and firefighters to New Orleans in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, and

WHEREAS, JR Bramlett is a decorated competitive race car driver and sponsor of several race cars throughout the years, and

WHEREAS, JR Bramlett has lived a rich and eventful life that he has memorialized in his autobiography “That’s Gonna Catch Fire”,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I, Mayor Fred Bilotto, on behalf of the City of Blue Island, sincerely wish Lonnie “JR” Bramlett a Happy 80th Birthday and furthermore we thank him for his many years of service, support and friendship to the City of Blue Island.

FRED BILOTTO, MAYOR