

# *A resolution*

*adopted by The Board of Commissioners  
of the Chicago Park District, Illinois*



*Presented by Michael P. Kelly, General Superintendent & CEO on March 12, 2014*

**WHEREAS**, Erma Tranter has served as President of Friends of the Parks for 34 years with tremendous integrity, dedication and vision; and

**WHEREAS**, Erma Tranter earned a Master's Degree in Urban Planning and Policy from the University of Illinois/Chicago and generously provided her leadership and experience to Friends of the Parks as a professional in parks and recreation, public policy, planning, philanthropy, academia and environmental matters, and

**WHEREAS**, President Tranter's leadership was evident in her cooperative spirit, her thoughtful review and commentary on matters before the Board and her advocacy for numerous projects on behalf of the Chicago Park District;

**WHEREAS**, President Tranter helped safeguard, protect and improve thousands of acres of land for parks, playgrounds, forest preserves and trails, including over 200 acres of lakefront land proposed for private development; and

**WHEREAS**, President Tranter partnered with the Chicago Park District to establish the Garfield Park Conservatory Alliance, helping raise over \$10 million to restore the historic Garfield Park Conservatory. She helped start the Friends of Lincoln Park, Friends of the Forest Preserves, the Chicago Park Network and presided over the introduction of new programs such as Shakespeare in the Parks, the Jazz Festival, Parks Alive, the LATE Ride, Kaleidoscope Kids After School Program, Earth Day Parks Clean Up and the Adopt a Park Program;

**WHEREAS**, Erma Tranter worked with the Chicago Park District, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and environmental groups to design, draft and implement the Illinois Clean Marinas Program and served for a decade as co-chair of the Lake Calumet Vision Committee, striving to protect sensitive marshes, wetlands, prairies and woodlands as conservation areas on the City's Southeast Side; then, therefore;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Chicago Park District Board of Commissioners and the General Superintendent, extend our heartfelt gratitude to Erma Tranter for her years of dedication and service to Friends of the Parks, the Chicago Park District and to the people of the City of Chicago, and that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Erma Tranter on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014.