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**STATEMENT FROM MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL ON THE PASSING OF JAMES R. DONNELLEY**

“Jim Donnelley was a tireless advocate and dedicated leader, supporting the growth of great libraries in underserved communities and increased opportunities for our youth across Chicago. For more than 30 years, Jim saw first-hand the indelible impact of Chicago Public Library programs and branches he helped grow, from Uptown and Rogers Park, to Altgeld Gardens and West Englewood. His work was essential, and his contributions to Chicago will be enduring. Amy and my thoughts and prayers are with the Donnelley family and his many friends during this difficult time.”

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