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Committee(s) Assignment:

A resolution

adopted by *The City Council*
of the *City of Chicago, Illinois*



Presented by MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL on JANUARY 17, 2013

Whereas, The Members of this Chamber were deeply saddened to learn of the passing on November 11, 2012, at age 61, of City of Chicago firefighter Walter Patmon, Jr., who died in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Patmon was born February 17, 1951 in Chicago to Walter and Annie V. Patmon; and

WHEREAS, Walter Patmon, Jr. was the second of three children. He had an older brother, Joe and a younger sister, Mary Ann; and

WHEREAS, From an early age, Mr. Patmon was an individual of deep religious faith; and

WHEREAS, As a youngster, Mr. Patmon was affectionately known as "Walkie." He grew up on the west and south sides of Chicago and attended Oglesby Elementary School. While attending elementary school, Mr. Patmon befriended a group of young men, who formed a brotherhood which lasted almost half a century; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Patmon graduated from Calumet High School in 1969. He then went to work for Michael Reese Hospital, where he met his wife, Diane. The couple was married for thirty-three years and they had three daughters together: Windy, Kirby and Kirwin. Mr. Patmon was deeply committed to his family; and

WHEREAS, In 1985, Mr. Patmon took the firefighter's examination and was placed on a waiting list. Finally, in 1994, his dream came true and he became a City of Chicago Firefighter; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduation from the Fire Academy, Mr. Patmon was assigned to Truck Company 19 on the near north side, then transferred to Truck Company 40 in the Beverly area. A veteran firefighter for eighteen years, he was committed to his fire company and helping people; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Patmon was very passionate about cooking. Friends, family, and co-workers often proclaimed his barbecue the "best ever." He was known for his dry seasoning mix called the "bub rub," a secret combination of spices that made Mr. Patmon's barbecue worth waiting for off the grill; and

WHEREAS, Walter Patmon, Jr. is survived by his loving wife, Diane, and his beautiful and gifted daughters: Windy, Kirby and Kirwin; his dear brother, Joe Williams and his caring sister, Mary Ann and many relatives and friends, who will miss him dearly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this seventeenth day of January, 2013, do hereby honor the life and memory of Walter Patmon, Jr., and extend our heartfelt condolences to his family; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the family of Walter Patmon, Jr. as a sign of our sympathy and good wishes.





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RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

January 17, 2013

TO THE HONORABLE, THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith a resolution honoring the life and memory of firefighter Walter Patmon, Jr.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Mayor