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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Keith Little has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of eighty-seven; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of his passing by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

WHEREAS, A native of Arizona, Keith Little was the loving and devoted husband of Nellie; and

WHEREAS, Keith Little joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 1943 at the age of seventeen, and was surprised to find that the most damaging weapon at his disposal was the language of his ancestors; and

WHEREAS, Keith Little and his fellow Navajo Code Talkers used their native language to confound the Japanese during World War II, and contributed invaluable to countless U.S. victories in the Pacific; and

WHEREAS, A man devoted to his Native American heritage, Keith Little served as President of the Navajo Code Talkers Association and traveled extensively to educate people on the group's mission and military significance; and

WHEREAS, Keith Little was the driving force behind the still-developing National Navajo Code Talkers Museum and Veterans Center which is scheduled to open in 2014 along the Arizona-New Mexico border; and

WHEREAS, The hard work, dedication and sacrifice of Keith Little serve as an example to all; and

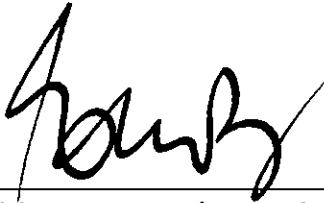
WHEREAS, His love of life and ability to live it to the fullest endeared Keith Little to his family members, friends and all who knew him, and enabled him to enrich their lives in ways they will never forget; and

WHEREAS, Keith Little will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives and friends; and

WHEREAS, To his beloved family, Keith Little imparts a legacy of faithfulness, service and dignity; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this eighteenth day of January, 2012, do hereby commemorate Keith Little for his grace-filled life and do hereby express our condolences to his family; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Keith Little.



Alderman - 14th Ward