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Sponsor(s): Cappleman (46)

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Title: Gratitude extended to Jackie Taylor for commitment to Chicago's history of music and declaration of March 26, 2014 as "Chicago Soul Day" in Chicago

Committee(s) Assignment:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago was once the Soul Capitol, bringing the expression and vibrant creativity of soul music to the world; and

WHEREAS, Jackie Taylor, born in Chicago Illinois, and raised in the Cabrini Green housing project, rose from modest roots to become a distinguished director, producer, actress, singer, playwright and founder and executive director of the Black Ensemble Theater; and

WHEREAS, On Wednesday March 26th a group of record industry members assembled to acknowledge and pay tribute to Jackie Taylor for her contribution to the City of Chicago as a visionary storyteller of Chicago's soul music history through her recent critically-acclaimed and "Jeff Recommended" production *Chicago's Golden Soul*; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this event by the Honorable James Cappleman, Alderman of the 46th Ward; and

WHEREAS, as the Founder of the 35 year old Black Ensemble Theater, Jackie Taylor has created a strong institution committed to eradicating racism, recognized throughout the nation for its outstanding original productions and exceptional educational outreach programs; and


WHEREAS, The Business Partners of the Chamber for Uptown are happy to have a world class theater in the community that features productions highlighting the stories and music of Chicago's iconic music legends; and

WHEREAS, Chicago's Record Row was one of the most vibrant and hit-making companies that made Chicago's soul a universally beloved sound, and music industry professionals are extremely proud of the presentations the Black Ensemble Theater has produced to keep Soul Music alive; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council asks all citizens to turn up the music of the 60's and 70's, when Chicago was the Soul Capitol and headquarters for great music makers like, Curtis Mayfield, Jackie Wilson, Major Lance, Jerry Butler, Billy Butler, Gene Chandler, Howlin Wolf, Carl Davis, Syl Johnson, Otis Clay, Marshall Thompson, Walter Jackson, The Chi-Lites, The Impressions, Tyrone Davis, The Five Steps, Barbara Acklin, Jackie Ross, Fantella Bass, Etta James, Ruby Andrews, Holle Thee Maxwell and record companies like Vee-Jay, Brunswick, DeKar, Okeh, Curtom, Chi-Sound, Constellation & Chess; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this second day of April, 2014, do hereby congratulate and pay tribute to Jackie Taylor for her commitment to Chicago's history of music and do hereby declare that March 26, 2014, shall be officially recognized as **Chicago Soul Day** throughout the City of Chicago; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Jackie Taylor as a token of our appreciation and esteem.


James Cappleman
Alderman, 46th Ward

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