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TRIBUTE TO ALBERT A. BRIGGS

WHEREAS, In His Infinite Wisdom, Almighty God has granted eternal peace to Albert A. Briggs, an outstanding citizen and member of his community; and

WHEREAS, Albert A. Briggs honorably served in the Armed Forces risking his life for his country. He was discharged from duty as an Artillery Captain in 1946. However, he continued to serve in the Army Reserve for the Department of Army General Staff at the Pentagon until retiring with the rank of Colonel in 1973. In 2006 he received a letter from then U.S Senator Barack Obama thanking him for his aid in interviewing candidates for the United States Military Academies; and

WHEREAS, Albert A. Briggs began his teaching career in 1950, serving as a classroom teacher, assistant principal, an elementary and high school principal as well as Assistant Director of Research, Development and Special Projects for the Chicago Public Schools. In 1957, as the Assistant Principal he introduced Primary Continuous Progress to the Chicago Public Schools. When he was the Principal of Dunbar High School he served on the National Committee on Secondary Education for the National Association of Secondary Principals; and

WHEREAS, In 1970 Albert A. Briggs was appointed Superintendent of the Chicago Public District Nine. He attained national recognition for developing modern programs and strong decisions to upgrade the quality of education. He was instrumental in the creation and opening of Whitney Young Magnet High School. He was also appointed as the Assistant Superintendent of the Department of Pupil Personnel Services and Special Education Program Development and a member of the State Illinois Office of Education's Advisory Council on the Education of Handicapped Children; and

WHEREAS, Albert A. Briggs was inducted into the Hall of Fame at Ft. Sill in Oklahoma as the first African American Officer to attend and graduate from the U.S. Army's Officers Candidate School; and

WHEREAS, Albert A. Briggs is leaving his family behind with wonderful memories that will last a lifetime. He is survived by his two daughters, Beth Elaine Briggs-El and Cheryl Arkorful, his granddaughter Tirshatha Derricks-Bey, three grandsons Kweku, Nana, and Paa, and one great grandson Kareem Armstead; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Michelle Harris, Alderman of the 8th Ward has informed this august body of the passing of Albert A. Briggs; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED That we, the Mayor and members of the City of Chicago City Council, gathered this 14th Day of December, 2011 AD, do hereby express our sincerest sorrow upon learning of the passage of this remarkable citizen and extend our deepest condolence to his family and all those whose lives he touched.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Albert A. Briggs.



MICHELLE HARRIS
Alderman- 8th Ward