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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Dr. Leon Hendricks has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 74; and

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

WHEREAS, Dr. Leon Hendricks was a widely admired educator and the loving husband for 52 years of the late Francetta; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Leon Hendricks was the much-adored father of Lynette and Leon and the grandfather of three and the great-grandfather of two to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities that he possessed in abundance; and

WHEREAS, The son of a minister, Dr. Leon Hendricks was born in Biscoe, Arkansas and raised in Chicago where he graduated from Marshall High School and Chicago State University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Leon Hendricks earned his master's and doctorate degrees in education from Loyola University Chicago; and

WHEREAS, During his long and illustrious career, Dr. Leon Hendricks worked for both the Chicago Public Schools and Chicago State University where he advocated for equality in education; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Leon Hendricks was unwavering in his belief that education was the key to success; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Leon Hendricks was a supreme motivator who began talks by saying, "I was just a kid from the West Side" and told students that they could become whoever they wanted to be; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Leon Hendricks delivered more than 150 presentations across America promoting safe schools and nonviolent communities; and

WHEREAS, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of Dr. Leon Hendricks serve as an example to all; and

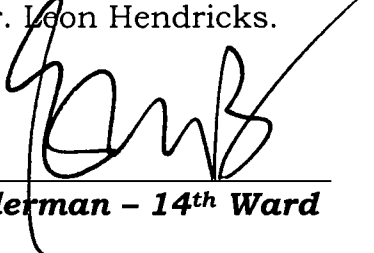
WHEREAS, His love of life and ability to live it to the fullest endeared Dr. Leon Hendricks to his family members, friends and all who knew him, and enabled him to enrich their lives in ways they will never forget; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Leon Hendricks was an individual of great integrity and accomplishment who will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives, friends and admirers; and

WHEREAS, To his beloved family, Dr. Leon Hendricks 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 ninth day of December, 2015 do hereby commemorate Dr. Leon Hendricks 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 Dr. Leon Hendricks.



Alderman – 14th Ward