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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, James J. Lilly has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 43; and

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

WHEREAS, James J. Lilly was the loving and devoted husband of Nora Cahue; and

WHEREAS, James J. Lilly was the much-adored father of James, Jr., Christian and Michael to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities that he possessed in abundance; and

WHEREAS, James J. Lilly was the beloved son of James and Elizabeth Lilly; and

WHEREAS, James J. Lilly was the cherished brother of Antonio, Thomas, the late Danny and the late James; and

WHEREAS, A troubled Chicago youth, James J. Lilly was left paralyzed from the waist down after being shot in a gang incident at the age of 15; and

WHEREAS, James J. Lilly overcame many obstacles to become a motivational speaker who warned young people about the dangers of gangs and was an advocate and advisor for those with spinal cord injuries; and

WHEREAS, A world-class wheelchair athlete who earned gold medals at international paralympic games, James J. Lilly won a grueling, 276 mile wheelchair race in 2002, and was the only person in the world to complete that race nine times; and

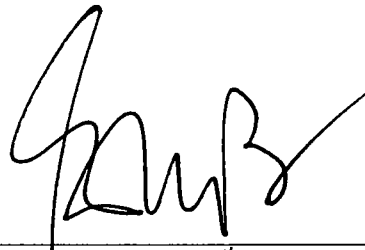
WHEREAS, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of James J. Lilly inspired countless people and serve as an example to all of a life lived for others; and

WHEREAS, His love of life and ability to live it to the fullest endeared James J. Lilly 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, To his beloved family, James J. Lilly 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 seventeenth day of January, 2013, do hereby commemorate James J. Lilly 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 James J. Lilly.



Alderman – 14th Ward