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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Otis Clay has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 73; and

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

WHEREAS, Otis Clay was a Chicago music legend whose dynamic and versatile style spanned gospel, soul and rhythm and blues; and

WHEREAS, A native of Waxhaw, Mississippi, Otis Clay came to Chicago as a teenager in the mid-1950s to live with his aunt and uncle; and

WHEREAS, Otis Clay immersed himself in the local blues and gospel scene where he was inspired by the music of Muddy Waters, Sam Cooke, the Soul Stirrers and the Caravans; and

WHEREAS, By the age of 15 Otis Clay began singing with the Golden Jubilaires and by 1960 was touring with Charles Bridges' Famous Blue Jay Singers; and

WHEREAS, Otis Clay began recording in the 1960s and over the course of his singing career produced hits including *That's How It Is (When You're in Love)*, *Trying to Live My Life Without You* and *When the Gates Swing Open*; and

WHEREAS, In 2013 Otis Clay was inducted into the Blues Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, A man committed to excellence who maintained a high level of integrity, Otis Clay gave of himself fully to his family and was a loyal friend to many; and

Alderman - 14th Ward