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**Title:** Tribute to late James A. Deanes  
**Committee(s) Assignment:**

**A Resolution Honoring the Life of James A. Deanes**

WHEREAS, James A. Deanes was born on April 23, 1948 to Ruby Watson and Jimmy Lee Deanes in Ruleville Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, The Deanes family relocated to Chicago in the 1950's where Mr. Deanes resided until he was called home on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Deanes received his education in the City of Chicago having attended Grant Elementary School, Creiger High School, and the Washburne Trade School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Deanes was married to the love of his life Evelyn Bryant who proceeded him in death, for 38 years; and

WHEREAS, Despite working full-time for 27 years as a Plant Manager for ABM Industries, Mr. Deanes found the time to become actively involved in his community and city; and

WHEREAS, While at ABM, Mr. Deanes became the Chairperson of the Parent Community Council created through Mayor Harold Washington's Education Summit; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of his commitment to education, Mr. Deanes was appointed to be the Facilitator for District Four by Chicago Public Schools (CPS); and

WHEREAS, Mr. Deanes' talents were numerous, which allowed him to serve in a number of different positions at CPS including Special Assistant to the CEO, Human Relations Officer, Director of Local School Council relations, Special Assistant to the Board of Education President, Director of Attendance and Truancy, and Senior Policy Advisor before retiring in 2013; and

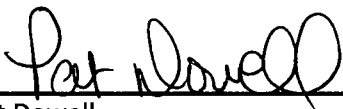
WHEREAS, Mr. Deanes regularly went the extra mile in order to keep parents and other community members engaged through the CAN TV program "LSC Issues and Concerns" he started in 2007; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Deanes' commitment to serving others was not limited to the work he did at CPS as he also worked with the Austin People's Action Center, Chicago Algebra Project, Citizens United Against Drugs and Crime, Coalition for African-American Equity in Education, Coalition to Keep Our Schools Open, and 15<sup>th</sup> District Community Alternative Policing Strategy (CAPS); and

WHEREAS, Mr. Deanes leaves behind his daughter, Deanna; four sons James Jr., Kenya, Corey, and Malcolm, thirteen grandchildren, one great-grandchild, two sisters, an brother, and numerous other family members and friends; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Chicago gathered here this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014 do hereby express our condolences to the family and friends of Mr. James A. Deanes and recognize and appreciate his service to the city and to the cause of public education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to the family of James A. Deanes.



Pat Dowell  
Alderman, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward

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