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Title:	Recognition extended to Emmanuel Whitley Simmons
Committee(s) Assignment:	

A Resolution Honoring Emmanuel Whitley Simmons

WHEREAS, Emmanuel Whitley Simmons was born in Marion Arkansas on April 24th, 1910; and

WHEREAS, Although his birth name was "Buddy", his named was later changed to Emmanuel, the given name of Christ, after it was chosen from the Bible; and

WHEREAS, In 1935, Mr. Simmons traveled from Memphis to Chicago on the Old Illinois Central Train and purchased his first home at 4707 S. Calumet Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Simmons attended Liberty Baptist Church at 4320 South Wabash and has attended Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church since 1957 where he still serves as a trustee; and

WHEREAS, In 2002, Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church dedicated a hall in Emmanuel Whitley Simmon's name to honor his many years of service; and

WHEREAS, In 1939, Mr. Simmons married his wife Flora Mae Murphy and lived with her in a house they purchased at 4410 South Vincennes; and

WHEREAS, Emmanuel Whitely Simmons has five children, 10 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren, and three great, great grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, From 1943 to 1976, Mr. Simmons worked for the VA Hospital in Hines, IL. and at the Westside VA Hospital in Chicago and then worked as a janitor at DuSable High School before retiring in 1979; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Simmons has served on many committees and organizations including participating in the National Reparations Convention film "Paradox of Freedom"; and

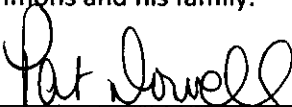
WHEREAS, Mr. Simmons enjoys poetry, singing, gardening, and spending time with is grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Simmons attributes his long life to the fact that he never smoked or drank, but primarily because of his deep faith in God; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Simmons lived his life by the Bible, particularly Hebrews 11:1, which speaks of the confidence and assurance of faith; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we the Mayor and the City Council members of the City of Chicago assembled here this 14th day of December, 2011, do hereby commemorate Emmanuel Whitley Simmons for his life of faith and service, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Emmanuel Whitley Simmons and his family.



Pat Dowell
Alderman, 3rd Ward