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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Robert "Bob" Pickens has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 75; and

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

WHEREAS, Robert "Bob" Pickens was a former member of the Chicago Breas and was among the first African-American wrestlers to compete for the United States in the Olympics; and

WHEREAS, Raised in Evanston, Robert "Bob" Pickens began wrestling at Evanston Township High School and was recruited to play football at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, Robert "Bob" Pickens was a tackle for the Chicago Bears from 1967 to 1969; and

WHEREAS, Robert "Bob" Pickens enjoyed a highly successful business career at Sears Roebuck & Company and at the advertising firm Foote, Cone & Belding; and

WHEREAS, An entrepreneur, Robert "Bob" Pickens started his own toy company, Rainbow Classics, and imported African-American dolls from Africa; and

WHEREAS, Robert "Bob" Pickens also served as a Chicago Park District Commissioner; and

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WHEREAS, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of Robert "Bob" Pickens serve as an example to all; and

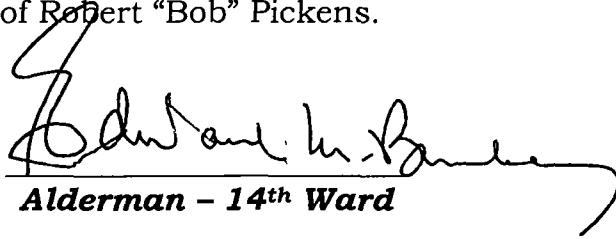
WHEREAS, His love of life and ability to live it to the fullest endeared Robert "Bob" Pickens to his family members, friends and all who knew him, and enabled him to enrich their lives in ways they will never forget; and

WHEREAS, Robert "Bob" Pickens 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 wife, Judith, his daughter, Tori, his two grandchildren and his one great-grandchild, Robert "Bob" Pickens 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 25th day of May, 2018, do hereby commemorate Robert "Bob" Pickens 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 Robert "Bob" Pickens.



Alderman - 14th Ward