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**Meeting Date:** 1/18/2012

**Sponsor(s):** Burke, Edward M. (14)  
Maldonado, Roberto (26)

**Type:** Resolution

**Title:** Tribute to late Honorable Ruth Fernandez

**Committee(s) Assignment:**

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Ruth Fernandez has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of ninety-two; and

**WHEREAS**, The Chicago City Council has been informed of her passing by Aldermen Edward M. Burke and Roberto Maldonado; and

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Ruth Fernandez was a former Senator from Puerto Rico who gained international acclaim as a singer and a pioneer in artistic fields; and

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Ruth Fernandez was considered the “soul of Puerto Rican song” and performed internationally throughout Europe and South America; and

**WHEREAS**, Throughout her life, the Honorable Ruth Fernandez always accentuated the positive and was best known for the quote, “Arriba Corazones”, or “Lift up your hearts”; and

**WHEREAS**, A native of Ponce, the Honorable Ruth Fernandez served with distinction as an influential member of the Puerto Rican Senate from 1973 to 1980 where she blazed a trail as a reformer and a champion of fellow artists; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1990 the Honorable Ruth Fernandez was named one of the ten most powerful women in Puerto Rico by *Imagen* magazine; and

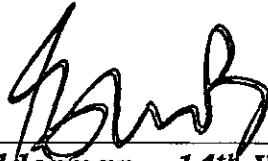
**WHEREAS**, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of the Honorable Ruth Fernandez serve as an example to all; and

**WHEREAS**, Her love of life and ability to live it to the fullest endeared the Honorable Ruth Fernandez to her family members, friends and all who knew her, and enabled her to enrich their lives in ways they will never forget; and

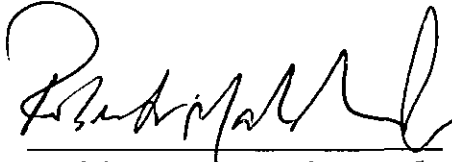
**WHEREAS**, To her beloved family, the Honorable Ruth Fernandez imparts a legacy of faithfulness, service and dignity; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this eighteenth day of January, 2011, do hereby commemorate the Honorable Ruth Fernandez for her grace-filled life and do hereby express our condolences to her family; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of the Honorable Ruth Fernandez.

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**Alderman - 14<sup>th</sup> Ward**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ruth', written over a horizontal line.

**Alderman - 26<sup>th</sup> Ward**