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MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, God in His Infinite Wisdom and Judgment has called to his eternal reward Otis Lee Mitchell, outstanding citizen and beloved friend, August 27, 2011, at the age of ninety-one years old, and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council was informed of Otis Lee Mitchell's transition by the esteemed Alderman of the 6 Ward, Roderick Sawyer; and

WHEREAS, Otis Lee Mitchell was born in Birmingham, Alabama on March 22, 1920 He was the loving son of Homer Mitchell and Bessie Green Mitchell and the eldest of three children He received his educations through the Birmingham Public Schools System, graduating from Council Elementary School was elected president of his class at Industrial High School, and

WHEREAS, Otis Lee Mitchell accepted Christ as his personal Savior at an early age and was baptized in Birmingham, Alabama at the Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church where he participated joyously with the congregation; and

WHEREAS, Otis Lee Mitchell moved to Chicago and lived with his aunt Elza Chapman and his uncle George He graduated from Roosevelt University and while attending college he became a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, and

WHEREAS, Otis Lee Mitchell served his country proudly during World War II in the United States Army, and received an Honorable Discharge. Otis and Eula Dansby were united in marriage and to this union one loving daughter was born, Linda; and

WHEREAS, Otis began his career with the Federal Government in 1946 working for the United States Postal Service and later worked for the U S Treasury. Otis's excellent work ethic, performance and dedication, was recognized by the former Governor of Michigan, William Milliken, who appointed him as Branch Chief for the Office of Economic Opportunity Administration for the State of Michigan. Later he returned to Chicago in the same capacity; and

WHEREAS, Otis and the former Cherie Steele were united in holy matrimony in 1990 and remained a loving husband and stepfather to Cherie's children, John and Diane. During his 85 birthday celebration Otis declared that Cherie was the best thing that ever happened to him This loving couple enjoyed their lives together at home and while traveling, attending operas, jazz cruises and jazz festivals throughout the United States and the Caribbean, and

WHEREAS, Otis Lee Mitchell was a loving husband, father, step father, son, brother, uncle friend and good neighbor to all He enriched the lives of the young and the old He will be deeply missed but the memory of his character, intelligence and compassion will live on in those who knew and loved him; and

WHEREAS, His parents, sister, Evelyn and brother, Cleophus having predeceased him, Otis Lee Mitchell leaves to celebrate his life and cherish his memory his loving and devoted wife, Cherie Steele-Mitchell, daughter, Linda Mitchell, stepchildren, Diane German and John Steele, nieces, Celeste King and Yvonne Grubb and a host of other relatives and many friends; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this fifth day of October, 2011, A D., do hereby express our heartfelt sorrow on the passing of Otis Lee Mitchell and extend to his family our sincere condolences

Be It Further Resolved, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Otis Lee Mitchell.



RODERICK SAWYER
Alderman - 6th Ward