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Tribute to Late Charles B. Roberts

Committee(s) Assignment:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Charles B. Roberts has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of sixty-eight; and

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

WHEREAS, A distinguished public servant, Charles B. Roberts was the loving and devoted husband of Amy; and

WHEREAS, Charles B. Roberts was the much-adored father of Christine and Cynthia, and the grandfather of three to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities which he possessed in abundance; and

WHEREAS, A native of Chicago's South Shore community, Charles B. Roberts was the first person to hold senior leadership positions in both the Chicago Police Department and the Chicago Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Mt. Carmel High School, Charles B. Roberts enlisted in the United States Navy during the mid-1960s and piloted a nuclear attack submarine during the Vietnam War that earned him two service medals; and

WHEREAS, After completing his military service, Charles B. Roberts joined the Chicago Police Department, requesting the midnight shift so that he could attend college; and

WHEREAS, Charles B. Roberts graduated from Lewis University with both an undergraduate and a master's degree in Social Justice; and

WHEREAS, Charles B. Roberts remained an active member of the police force until 1980 when former Chicago Mayor Jane Byrne named him to serve as Deputy Commissioner for the Chicago Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Charles B. Roberts was charged with bringing the Chicago Fire Department into the 20th Century, a goal he accomplished by introducing automated systems and other new technology; and

WHEREAS, Charles B. Roberts served for five years as head of Chicago's Bureau of Emergency Medical Services before rejoining the police force in 1988 and paving the way for the department's conversion to computers; and

WHEREAS, Charles B. Roberts achieved the eventual rank of Assistant Deputy Superintendent of Education and Training and headed up the Police Academy from 1995 until his retirement in 1999; and

WHEREAS, Charles B. Roberts remained connected to law enforcement throughout his retirement as Program Coordinator for The School of Police Staff and Command at Northwestern University, where he taught police management and administration to supervisors and command level officers across the nation; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his more than thirty years of public service, Charles B. Roberts was seen by his colleagues as an honorable and fair-minded man and a natural leader; and

WHEREAS, To his beloved family, Charles B. Roberts 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 fourteenth day of December, 2011, do hereby commemorate Charles B. Roberts 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 Charles B. Roberts.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'L. B. Roberts', is written over a horizontal line.

Alderman - 14th Ward