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**Title:** Tribute to Late Dr. Ellis Johnson  
**Committee(s) Assignment:**

## *RESOLUTION*

*WHEREAS*, Dr. Ellis Johnson has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of ninety; and

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

*WHEREAS*, Dr. Ellis Johnson was a distinguished member of the medical community and the loving husband for sixty-nine years of Madeleine; and

*WHEREAS*, Dr. Ellis Johnson was the much-adored father of Moira, Nancy, and Donna, the grandfather of eight and the great-grandfather of twelve to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities which he possessed in abundance; and

*WHEREAS*, A native of Alabama, Dr. Ellis Johnson was one of the first African-American physicians to be board certified in the specialties of psychiatry, neurology and electroencephalography; and

*WHEREAS*, Dr. Ellis Johnson served on the University of Illinois at Chicago Medical School faculty for twenty-six years, and acted as a psychiatrist for the Chicago Police Department; and

*WHEREAS*, Dr. Ellis Johnson earned his medical degree from the University of Illinois College of Medicine and was the only African-American graduate in the class of 1950; and

*WHEREAS*, Dr. Ellis Johnson went into private practice in 1955 and continued to serve Chicago's South Side community as a dedicated psychiatrist until shortly before his death; and

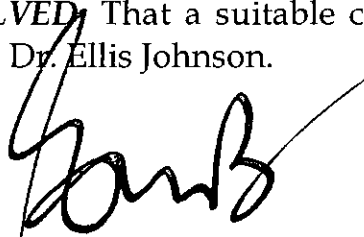
*WHEREAS*, Dr. Ellis Johnson had extraordinary empathy for his patients, and never allowed the racial barriers he encountered to deter or discourage him; and

*WHEREAS*, Dr. Ellis Johnson will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives, friends, and colleagues; and

**WHEREAS,** To his beloved family, Dr. Ellis Johnson 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 second day of November, 2011, do hereby commemorate Dr. Ellis Johnson 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 Dr. Ellis Johnson.

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

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