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Sponsor(s):	Burke, Edward M. (14)
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Title:	Tribute to late Don Cornelius
Committee(s) Assignment:	

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Don Cornelius entered eternal life at the age of seventy-five; and

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

WHEREAS, A native of Chicago, Don Cornelius was the creator and longtime host of "Soul Train", an influential music program which showcased the talents of African-American singers, musicians and dancers; and

WHEREAS, Raised in the Bronzeville neighborhood, Don Cornelius graduated from DuSable High School and served as a member of the United States Marine Corps in Korea; and

WHEREAS, Don Cornelius worked as a Chicago police officer before studying broadcasting and joining WVON radio and WCIU television; and

WHEREAS, In 1970 Don Cornelius launched "Soul Train", the longest-running nationally-syndicated program in television history, and brought soul music and dance into the international spotlight; and

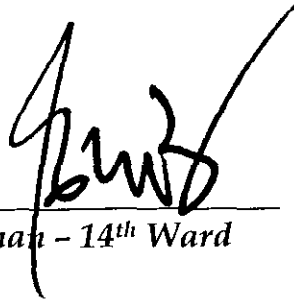
WHEREAS, The silken-voiced Don Cornelius was both host and executive producer of the show for twenty-two years; and

WHEREAS, During his long and influential career, Don Cornelius paved the way for many African-American artists broke down racial barriers; and

WHEREAS, To his beloved family, Don Cornelius 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 fifteenth day of February, 2012, do hereby commemorate Don Cornelius 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 Don Cornelius.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. B. W.' or similar, written over a horizontal line.

Alderman - 14th Ward