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TRIBUTE TO RAUS'L LEE "ROCKY" CLARK

WHEREAS, On January 5, 2012, in His Infinite Wisdom, Almighty God granted eternal peace to Raus'l Lee "Rocky" Clark, an outstanding citizen and member of his community; and

WHEREAS, Rocky Clark was born on January 17, 1984 to Annette B. Clark and Booker T. Martin in Harvey Illinois. At a young age, he developed a life long relationship with God; and

WHEREAS, Rocky Clark attended the Dwight D. Eisenhower High School in the south suburb of Blue Island. There he began his life's passion by playing football. However, during a game in 2000, he was severely injured and suffered permanent paralysis. In spite of this overwhelming disability, he finished high school and continued his education at South Suburban Community College in South Holland Illinois; and

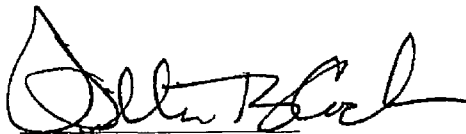
WHEREAS, Along with three friends, Kenneth Jennings, Rob Komosa and JJ., who had also sustained severe football injuries, Rocky Clark co-founded the "Grid Iron Alliance", an organization to help athletes who suffer from similar severe impairments as well as promoting the prevention of such football trauma in the future. Additionally, he would volunteer as lecturer at local high schools as well as help coach their football and track teams. Before he passed away, he was lobbying the state legislature to pass "Rocky Clark Bill" that would provide athletes with lifetime insurance coverage if permanently injured while participating in their sport; and

WHEREAS, Rocky Clark leaves behind, to mourn his loss and celebrate all his wonderful memories, his parents Annette Hardy and Booker T. Martin II, his stepfather Darryl Hardy, Sr., his grandfather Henry Clark, Sr., his sisters Dynetta Robbins, Arnetta Robbins and Arnetta Martin Robbins, his brothers; Booker T. Martin III and Corray, his nephews; Marcellous, Marquise, DeAndre, Brian Jr. and Da'Shawn, his nieces; Ashley, Ashanti, Montearna, and Savannah as well as a host of relatives and friends; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Willie B. Cochran, Alderman of the 20th Ward, has informed this august body of the passing of Raus'l Lee "Rocky" Clark; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED That we, the Mayor and members of the City of Chicago City Council gathered this 14th Day of March, 2012 AD, do hereby express our sincerest sorrow upon learning of the passing of this remarkable young citizen and extend our deepest condolence to his family and all those whose lives he has touched.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Raus'l Lee "Rocky" Clark.



WILLIE B. COCHRAN
Alderman - 20th Ward

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