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Tribute to Late Bishop Edsel A. Ammons

Committee(s) Assignment:

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS,** Bishop Edsel A. Ammons has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of eighty-six; and

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

**WHEREAS,** Bishop Edsel A. Ammons was a national figure in the United Methodist Church and the loving husband of Helen; and

**WHEREAS**, Bishop Edsel A. Ammons was the much-adored father of five children to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities that he possessed in abundance; and

**WHEREAS,** A leader in the civil rights movement, Bishop Edsel A. Ammons was known for the power of his sermons and his passion for justice; and

**WHEREAS,** Born into a musical family and the son of legendary boogie-woogie pianist Albert Ammons, Bishop Edsel A. Ammons followed his own course in life; and

**WHEREAS**, Bishop Edsel A. Ammons attended Roosevelt University, the Garrett Biblical Institute and Chicago Theological Seminary; and

**WHEREAS,** Bishop Edsel A. Ammons was consecrated a Bishop in 1976 and served in churches in Michigan and Ohio before moving to Evanston in 1992 where he was Bishop-in-Residence at Garrett Evangelical; and

**WHEREAS,** A gifted educator, Bishop Edsel A. Ammons was a Professor at the seminary who taught both the church and the society with a focus on race relations; and

**WHEREAS,** The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of Bishop Edsel A. Ammons serve as an example to all; and

**WHEREAS,** Bishop Edsel A. Ammons will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives, friends and admirers; and

**WHEREAS**, To his beloved family, Bishop Edsel A. Ammons 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 ninth day of February, 2011, do hereby commemorate Bishop Edsel A. Ammons 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 Bishop, Edsel A. Ammons.

Alderman – 14th Ward