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## ***RESOLUTION***

***WHEREAS***, James Wilson has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of ninety-two; and

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

***WHEREAS***, A native of Marion, Indiana, James Wilson was the loving and devoted husband of the late Doris, nee Dahlgren, and the late Bessie, nee Davis; and

***WHEREAS***, James Wilson was the much-adored father of Carol and James to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities which he possessed in abundance; and

***WHEREAS***, James Wilson was among the legendary Tuskegee Airmen, a group of pioneering African-American fighter pilots who expertly guarded American bombers during World War II; and

***WHEREAS***, For his military service, James Wilson earned an Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters and a Congressional Gold Medal; and

***WHEREAS***, After being discharged from the military, James Wilson taught mathematics in Chicago for forty-three years; and

***WHEREAS***, James Wilson studied at the University of Chicago and taught at both Wendell Phillips High School and Kennedy-King College; and

***WHEREAS***, Despite the discrimination he faced while in the military, James Wilson was proud of the extraordinary service which he and his fellow airmen provided to their country; and

***WHEREAS***, To his beloved family, James Wilson 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 twenty-fifth day of July, 2012, do hereby commemorate James Wilson 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 James Wilson.

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

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