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A Resolution

*Adopted by The City Council
of the City of Chicago, Illinois*

WHEREAS, After nearly forty years of service to the United States Postal Service, twenty three of those years in the Beverly/Morgan Park community, Boykin Stewart will retire this year; and

WHEREAS, Boykin Stewart graduated from DuSable High School in 1970 and went on to attend Kennedy-King College; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Boykin Stewart took a hiatus from the United States Post Office in 1972 and joined the United States Marine Corp where he honorably served his country during the Viet Nam War; and

WHEREAS, Boykin Stewart was more than just a mail carrier to the residents he served, his dedication to his route and caring nature made him a part of the family to many residents of the Beverly/Morgan Park community; and

WHEREAS, Boykin Stewart was designated the "security guard" of his route, watching out for residents homes, going out of his way to notify them at work if anything seemed out of place, and even changing up his route every day to throw off possible intruders; and

WHEREAS, Boykin Stewart celebrated weddings, funerals, and became a support system to the thousands of residents he served on his route; and

WHEREAS, In 2010 Boykin's concern helped save the life of a resident. Knowing everyone on his route and their routines, he thought something was wrong when he had not seen one of his long time customers. Boykin contacted a family member a few blocks away, and his attentiveness gave the family members the opportunity to get there in time to help; and

WHEREAS, Boykin's care for the community extended to pets, he would often be seen chasing a dog for a customer, sometimes even carrying the dog home in his mail bag; and

WHEREAS, Hundreds of children on his route have grown up with Boykin. Whether it was learning to ride a bike, playing catch, or kicking a soccer ball he was always there to give encouragement. These lessons and his overall kindness to people will stay with these children forever; and

WHEREAS, Boykin Stewart is retiring this year and the customers, that all became his friends, will miss him terribly. His retirement will be celebrated by many at Cork & Kerry on June 28, 2012.

BE IT RESLOVED, That we, the Mayor and members of City Council of Chicago, gathered in a meeting this 27th day of June, 2012 do hereby extend our sincere appreciation for his years of service to our City and offer our congratulations and best wishes to Boykin Stewart and his family as he enjoys retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Boykin Stewart.

Matthew J. O'Shea
Alderman, 19th Ward

