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## ***RESOLUTION***

***WHEREAS***, The Reverend Maurice Gordon Chase 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***, The Reverend Maurice Gordon Chase was a widely admired member of the religious community; and

***WHEREAS***, A native of California, the Reverend Maurice Gordon Chase was ordained a Roman Catholic priest in 1953 by Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen; and

***WHEREAS***, The Reverend Maurice Gordon Chase was involved with several ministries in the Los Angeles and San Diego areas, and served as assistant to the president of Loyola Marymount University; and

***WHEREAS***, The Reverend Maurice Gordon Chase was best known for his generosity to the poor, particularly those living in Los Angeles' Skid Row, an area which contains one of the nation's largest homeless populations; and

***WHEREAS***, On holidays, the Reverend Maurice Gordon Chase would hand out dollar bills donated by the wealthy to those on Skid Row and one year distributed nearly fifteen-thousand dollars; and

***WHEREAS***, The Reverend Maurice Gordon Chase made it a point to look each recipient in the eye and remind that person of his or her dignity and humanity; and

***WHEREAS***, The Reverend Maurice Gordon Chase inspired the lives of countless people through his great personal goodness, charity and concern; and

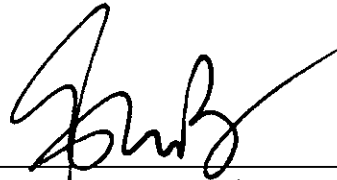
***WHEREAS***, The hard work, dedication and sacrifice of the Reverend Maurice Gordon Chase serve as an example to all; and

**WHEREAS,** The Reverend Maurice Gordon Chase will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives and friends; and

**WHEREAS,** To his beloved family, the Reverend Maurice Gordon Chase 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 fourteenth day of December, 2011, do hereby commemorate the Reverend Maurice Gordon Chase 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 the Reverend Gordon Maurice Chase.

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

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