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## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS,** Sanders "Sam" Hicks has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 90; and

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

**WHEREAS,** Sanders "Sam" Hicks was the loving husband of Karen; and

**WHEREAS,** Sanders "Sam" Hicks was the much-adored father of Stanley and Michael and the grandfather of two to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities that he possessed in abundance; and

**WHEREAS,** Sanders "Sam" Hicks joined the Evanston Fire Department in 1950, becoming its first African-American member; and

**WHEREAS,** Sanders "Sam" Hicks was promoted to Captain in 1963, Assistant Chief of Training in 1973 and Chief in 1980; and

**WHEREAS,** Sanders "Sam" Hicks was credited with launching the department's paramedic program in 1976; and

**WHEREAS,** In recognition of his many contributions, a Fire Department training room was named in honor of Sanders "Sam" Hicks in 2015; and

**WHEREAS,** Sanders "Sam" Hicks was a founding member and coach of the Evanston Speed Skating Club; and

**WHEREAS,** Sanders "Sam" Hicks trained speed skater Shani Davis who was the first African-American to ever win Olympic gold; and

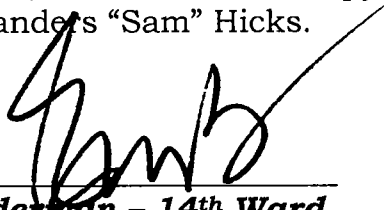
**WHEREAS,** The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of Sanders "Sam" Hicks serve as an example to all; and

**WHEREAS,** His love of life and ability to live it to the fullest endeared Sanders "Sam" Hicks to his family members, friends and all who knew him, and enabled him to enrich their lives in ways they will never forget; and

**WHEREAS,** To his beloved family, Sanders "Sam" Hicks 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-eighth day of June, 2017, do hereby commemorate Sanders "Sam" Hicks 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 Sanders "Sam" Hicks.

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

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