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Title:	Tribute to late Maria Tallchief
Committee(s) Assignment:	

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Maria Tallchief has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of eighty-eight; and

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

WHEREAS, Maria Tallchief was an internationally acclaimed ballerina and the loving wife of the late Henry D. Paschen, Jr; and

WHEREAS, Maria Tallchief was the much-adored mother of Elise M. and the grandmother of two; and

WHEREAS, Born Elizabeth Maria Tallchief in Fairfax, Oklahoma, the dancer was a proud member of the Osage tribe; and

WHEREAS, A leading figure in 20th Century dance, Maria Tallchief's career spanned from 1942 to 1965; and

WHEREAS, Renowned for her passion and artistic flair, Maria Tallchief performed with leading dance companies, including the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo and the New York City Ballet; and

WHEREAS, After retiring from the stage, Maria Tallchief served as Director of the Chicago Lyric Opera Ballet from 1973 to 1979; and

WHEREAS, In 1981 Maria Tallchief co-founded the Chicago City Ballet and served as its Artistic Director until 1987; and

WHEREAS, From 1990 to 2013, Maria Tallchief was the honorary artistic adviser to the Chicago Festival Ballet; and

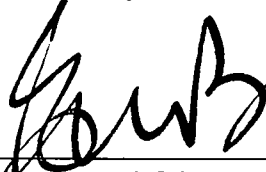
WHEREAS, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of Maria Tallchief serve as an example to all; and

WHEREAS, A woman of dignity, grace and charm, Maria Tallchief will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by her many relatives, friends and admirers; and

WHEREAS, To her beloved family, Maria Tallchief 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 eighth day of May, 2013, do hereby commemorate Maria Tallchief for her grace-filled life and do hereby express our condolences to her family; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Maria Tallchief.

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

Alderman – 14th Ward