



# City of Chicago



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<b>Title:</b>	Tribute to late Honorable Louis Stokes
<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS,** The Honorable Louis Stokes 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,** The Honorable Louis Stokes was a retired Ohio Congressman and the loving husband for 55 years of Jeanette "Jay"; and

**WHEREAS,** The Honorable Louis Stokes was the much-adored father of the Honorable Angela, Shelley, Lori and Chuck, and the grandfather of seven to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities that he possessed in abundance; and

**WHEREAS,** A World War II veteran, the Honorable Louis Stokes was raised in Cleveland where he practiced law before entering politics; and

**WHEREAS,** The Honorable Louis Stokes was elected to the United States House of Representatives in 1968 and became the first African-American to serve as a member of Congress from the State of Ohio; and

**WHEREAS,** The Honorable Louis Stokes served 15 years in Congress and during his tenure earned a reputation for his patience, leadership and analytical skills; and

**WHEREAS,** The Honorable Louis Stokes was the Chairman of the House Select Committee on Assassinations in the late 1970s that concluded "scientific acoustical evidence established a high probability that two gunmen fired at President John F. Kennedy" and that the assassination of the Reverend Martin Luther King was likely the result of a conspiracy; and

**WHEREAS,** While on Capitol Hill, the Honorable Louis Stokes also led the Congressional Ethics Committee probe of the ABSCAM corruption investigation which resulted in the convictions of one senator and six house members; and

**WHEREAS,** The Honorable Louis Stokes later served on the committee investigating the Iran-Contra affair; and

**WHEREAS,** The Honorable Louis Stokes also became the first African-American to serve on the House Appropriations Committee, a powerful panel that makes funding decisions; and

**WHEREAS,** The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of the Honorable Louis Stokes serve as an example to all; and

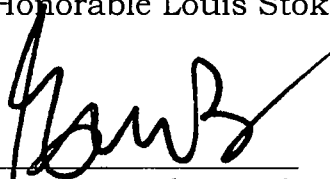
**WHEREAS,** His love of life and ability to live it to the fullest endeared the Honorable Louis Stokes to his family members, friends and all who knew him, and enabled him to enrich their lives in ways they will never forget; and

**WHEREAS,** The Honorable Louis Stokes was an individual of great integrity and accomplishment who will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives, friends and admirers; and

**WHEREAS,** To his beloved family, the Honorable Louis Stokes 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-fourth day of September 2015, do hereby commemorate the Honorable Louis Stokes 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 Honorable Louis Stokes.

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

**Alderman – 14<sup>th</sup> Ward**

