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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His Infinite Wisdom has called Lewis “Mack” McCoy, on April 4, 2016; and

WHEREAS, The City Council has been informed of his passing by the Honorable Anthony Beale, Alderman of the 9th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Born on January 17, 1935 in Montgomery, Alabama, blessing the union of Tom McCoy and Annie Ruth Moore. He was baptized at Bethel Baptist Church. Mack was one of fifteen children, affectionately known to his siblings as “Joe Lewis” for the great boxer; and

WHEREAS, Shortly after finishing high school, Mack joined the United States Army, serving the Korean War. His military service allowed him to travel around the world, most notably Germany. After being honorably discharged, he returned home to Montgomery and used the GI Bill to continue his education at Floyd’s Business College; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery, Alabama was a very turbulent city during the mid 1950’s. Mack became involved with the Montgomery Bus Boycott as well as other civil rights demonstrations led Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Mack often held court retelling stories of his experiences during that time; and

WHEREAS, Mack married the love of his life, Essie Mae Dupree on August 23, 1957. They were blessed with five children; Ricky, Regina, Jacqueline, Lewis Jr. and Martin; and

WHEREAS, Disappointed with the climate in his hometown and the racial barriers for African-Americans, Mack relocated his family to Chicago in 1960. He began working for the United States Post Office and later moved to serve the United States General Services Administration for thirty-two years until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, During his career, Mack received many honors including the Superior Performance award for Managers, the Outstanding Service Award from Bogan High School and a nomination from the Federal Executive Board of Chicago for his exemplary job performance; and

WHEREAS, Mack and his wife, Essie, enjoyed traveling with their many social club friends. He also loved reading, history, politics, boxing, and held a variety of other interests. He touched the lives of all who knew him through his infectious smile, hearty laugh, booming voice, soaring wit and gentle spirit; and

WHEREAS, Mack leaves to love, cherish and honor his memory; his adoring wife, Essie; sons, Ricky and Martin; daughters, Regina and Jacqueline; grandsons, Ronald III, Jordan, Joshua and Jaden; granddaughters, Jennifer, Corrine, Yazmin, TaJauna “Lauren” and Heaven; great grandson, Ashton; great granddaughter, Alyssa Merriweather; brothers, Jerry, Jimmy (Eva Mae); sisters, Annie Lee, Dorothy Ruth, Savannah (Gus), Laura (Pete), Helen, Bettye, Hazel (Gene), Christine and Margaret (Thomas), as well as a host of nieces, nephews, and friends, who loved him dearly; He is preceded in death by his parents, Tom McCoy and Annie Ruth Moore; son, Lewis, Jr.; brothers, Thomas “Sunny Boy”, Timothy “Tim” and William “Jack”; and

WHEREAS, although he will be deeply missed, the memory of his character will live on in those who knew and loved him; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that we the Mayor and members of the City of Chicago City Council, gathered together this eighteenth day of May, 2016, do hereby express our sincerest sorrow upon learning of the passing of Lewis "Mack" McCoy and extend our deepest condolence to his family and loved ones.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Lewis McCoy.



Anthony Beale
Alderman, 9th Ward

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