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<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	

**SALUTE TO LUTHER COLEMAN ON HIS 100<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY**

**WHEREAS**, Luther is the only survivor out of twelve children; and

**WHEREAS**, Luther has always been a model of fortitude and perseverance. He was working on his family's farm as a youngster. By eight years old he was already feeding and cleaning after the animals, picking up more skills rapidly. By fourteen years of age, not only was he taking care of the animals, he also tended to the vegetation - not only knowing exactly which instrument to use given the problem - but also helping his family out by working at the local lumber mill as a water boy; and

**WHEREAS**, Luther's aptitude was such that he became known as "The Entrepreneur", adding additional income for his family as a veterinarian and a connoisseur of horse shoes. His love for animals was unparalleled in Noxubee County; and

**WHEREAS**, The education of black youth was definitely not a priority at the time; sometimes there was not even a teacher bothering to show up. Nevertheless, Luther learned how to read, write, count, and speak excellently. Most likely this was due to the love of education, which was a family affair at the Coleman residence. The Bible and the Macon Beacon Newspaper were staples of learning in Luther's childhood home; and

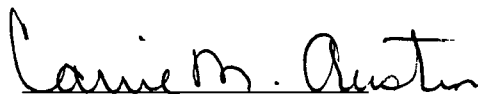
**WHEREAS**, Luther believed himself be a lifelong bachelor. He was nonetheless stricken by Cupid's arrow when he met Lillie Mae Jenkins, with whom he shared over thirty years of blissful marriage; and

**WHEREAS**, Luther tried to dodge the call of God for five years, he finally submitted to His call to preach. His ministry took him across several states before he finally settled in Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, Luther continues to serve as a source of inspiration for those seeking faith and as a family historian. His engagement with life is still strong and inspires all those around him - he continues to brush up on current events and even took his first airplane flight in April 2009. He is a force to be reckoned with; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED** That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 14th day of March, 2012, do hereby extend to Mr. Luther Coleman our best and warmest wishes for a superbly grand one hundredth birthday; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Mr. Luther Coleman.



CARRIE M. AUSTIN  
Alderman – 34<sup>th</sup> Ward