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Sponsor(s):	Burke (14)
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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Honorable Joe Neal has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 66; and

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

WHEREAS, The Honorable Joe Neal was a South Carolina state legislator and a passionate advocate for programs assisting the underprivileged; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Joe Neal was first elected to office representing rural Richland County in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Known for his eloquent speeches, the Honorable Joe Neal never raised his voice and his mere presence brought a silence and peaceful calm over the legislative body; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Joe Neal was known as a “compassionate force who gave voice to those without one”; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Joe Neal ably served in the House for 24 years where he championed programs that included improved health care, education and infrastructure benefiting poor communities; and

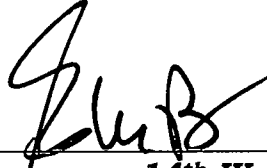
WHEREAS, The Honorable Joe Neal was also Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Chester; and

WHEREAS, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of the Honorable Joe Neal serve as an example to all; and

WHEREAS, To his beloved family, the Honorable Joe Neal 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-second day of February, 2017, do hereby commemorate the Honorable Joe Neal 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 Joe Neal.

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

Alderman - 14th Ward