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SALUTE TO WILLIE "JACK" DAVIS ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY

WHEREAS, On November 13, 2013, Willie "Jack" Davis, an outstanding citizen and pillar of the Englewood neighborhood, will join the burgeoning ranks of this city's nonagenarians; and

WHEREAS, Like so many other African Americans in Englewood, Willie Davis started his life in Clarksdale, Mississippi. On November 26, 1942, at 19 years of age, he united in Holy Matrimony to Mae Pollard of Tunica, Mississippi, located almost 40 miles northeast of his native city in deep in the Mississippi Delta. Their 71 year union was bountifully blessed with nine children, 23 grandchildren, 30 great grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Willie served his nation in the United States Army for two years in combat and three in the reserve. He was assigned to the 93rd Infantry Division where he was a machine operator and a gunner's mate. He also served in a military police unit; and

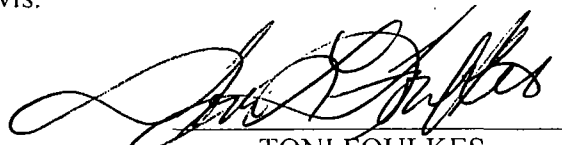
WHEREAS, In August of 1971, Willie and Virgie Davis moved to Englewood. Due to his Army experience as a machine operator, Willie joined the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 150 and became the first African American to drive a front-end loader. During his four decades with the union, he demolished many buildings and built many highways. One of his demolition projects included Comisky Park in 1991; and

WHEREAS, Willie Davis has been a member of the New Bethlehem #4 Baptist Church for more than thirty years. He currently is the longest serving deacon and a devoted Sunday school teacher; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Toni Foulkes, Alderman of the 15th Ward, has apprised this august body of the significant milestone achieved by this remarkable member of the Greatest Generation; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED That we, the Mayor and members of the City of Chicago City Council, gathered together this 16th Day of October, 2013, do hereby salute Willie "Jack" Davis on the occasion of his 90th Birthday and extend our very best wishes for his continuing health, happiness and success in all he wishes to accomplish in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Willie "Jack" Davis.


TONI FOULKES
Alderman - 15th Ward

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