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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Maya Angelou has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 86; and

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

WHEREAS, Maya Angelou was a renowned author, poet, dancer, actress, civil rights activist and educator; and

WHEREAS, Beginning with her debut memoir in 1969 entitled *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, Maya Angelou was the author of seven autobiographies, three books of essays and several books of poetry; and

WHEREAS, Maya Angelou began writing after a series of occupations that included performing as a cast member of *Porgy and Bess*; and

WHEREAS, Beginning in 1982 Maya Angelou taught at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina where she held the first lifetime Reynolds Professorship of American Studies; and

WHEREAS, Maya Angelou was also an accomplished producer, playwright and film director; and

WHEREAS, Maya Angelou recited her poem, *On the Pulse of the Morning*, at the 1992 inauguration of President Bill Clinton and was the first poet to do so since Robert Frost recited at President John F. Kennedy's inauguration in 1961; and

WHEREAS, Maya Angelou was awarded the National Medal of Arts in 2000, the Lincoln Medal in 2008 and the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Maya Angelou will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by her many relatives, friends and admirers; and

WHEREAS, To her beloved family, Maya Angelou 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-fifth day of June, 2014, do hereby commemorate Maya Angelou for her grace-filled life and do hereby - express our condolences to her family; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Maya Angelou.

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

Alderman - 14th Ward