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## ***Memorial Resolution for Hank Martinez***

**WHEREAS**, Henry ("Hank") Martinez was called to his final resting place; and

**WHEREAS**, This esteemed body has been notified of Hank Martinez's death by the Honorable Aldermen Susan Sadlowski Garza of the 10<sup>th</sup> Ward and Gilbert Villegas of the 36<sup>th</sup> Ward; and

**WHEREAS**, Henry Martinez was born in Chicago to parents who grew up in Guanajuato, Mexico; and

**WHEREAS**, He was highly educated, having received undergraduate degrees from the University of Chicago and Roosevelt University and a Master's Degree in Juvenile Justice from Chicago State University; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Martinez was a proud veteran, having served honorably in the Korean War; and

**WHEREAS**, Hank Martinez worked tirelessly with at-risk youth as a senior supervisor at the Chicago Area Project. Hank recognized that Latinos needed additional assistance to get the education that he was so fortunate to receive so he launched the First Latino Community College Program "Projecto Venceremos" in Southeast Chicago, which was later adopted by the City Colleges of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, He also served as part of Governor Ogilvie's Spanish Speaking Peoples Study Commission in the early 1970s; and

**WHEREAS**, Hank Martinez was one of the driving forces behind the creation of the Illinois Latino Family Commission and helped to establish the Veterans Committee of the Commission. In 2009, Governor Quinn acknowledged his remarkable service to the Latino Community by naming him to the Illinois Latino Family Commission and the following year he assumed the chairmanship of the Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Martinez was the Founder and Director of the Latino Resource Institute of Illinois, which also houses an Illinois Welcoming Center and Family Advocacy Center; and

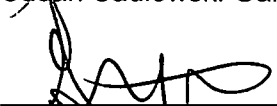
**WHEREAS**, He led the efforts to establish a Vietnam Veteran's Memorial in South Chicago that stands as a testament to his commitment to fellow veterans; and

**WHEREAS**, Hank was married to his soulmate Linda. They had two amazing daughters, Allison and Crystal, and a baby grandson; now, therefore,

**Be It Resolved**, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago gathered here this tenth day of February, 2016, do hereby express our sorrow on the passing of Hank Martinez and extend to his family our sincere condolences; and

**Be It Further Resolved**, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Hank Martinez.

  
Susan Sadlowski Garza, Alderman 10<sup>th</sup> Ward

  
Gilbert Villegas, Alderman, 36<sup>th</sup> Ward