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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Milton Pitts Crenshaw has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 96; and

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

WHEREAS, A native of Little Rock, Arkansas, Milton Pitts Crenshaw was one of the original flight instructors for the famed Tuskegee Airmen during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Milton Pitts Crenshaw was the much-adored father of Dolores, Countess and Erwin, the grandfather of seven and the great-grandfather of eight to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities that he possessed in abundance; and

WHEREAS, A member of our "Greatest Generation," Milton Pitts Crenshaw became a pilot at the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama where he trained hundreds of pilots during the 1940s; and

WHEREAS, Milton Pitts Crenshaw was one of two supervising squadron members under Chief Pilot Charles A. Anderson who trained such legendary pilots as William T. Mattison, Charles Debow, Daniel "Chappie" James, Lieutenant Colonel Charles "Chuck" Dryden and Woodrow Crockett; and

WHEREAS, Following the war, Milton Pitts Crenshaw taught aviation courses at Philander Smith College from 1947 to 1953; and

WHEREAS, From 1972 to 1983, Milton Pitts Crenshaw worked as an equal opportunity officer with the United States Department of Defense and as a race relations officer at Fort Stewart in Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Milton Pitts Crenshaw was inducted into the Arkansas Aviation Hall of Fame in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Milton Pitts Crenshaw was the subject of the book *AirKansan: The Milton Crenshaw Story*; and

WHEREAS, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of Milton Pitts Crenshaw serve as an example to all; and

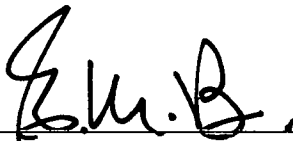
WHEREAS, His love of life and ability to live it to the fullest endeared Milton Pitts Crenshaw to his family members, friends and all who knew him, and enabled him to enrich their lives in ways they will never forget; and

WHEREAS, Milton Pitts Crenshaw was an individual of great integrity and accomplishment who will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives, friends and admirers; and

WHEREAS, To his beloved family, Milton Pitts Crenshaw 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 ninth day of December, 2015 do hereby commemorate Milton Pitts Crenshaw 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 Milton Pitts Crenshaw.



Alderman - 14th Ward