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**Committee(s) Assignment:**

**TRIBUTE TO EARL JASON DORSEY, SR.**

WHEREAS, In His Infinite Wisdom, God has granted eternal rest on February 25, 2013 to Earl Jason Dorsey, Sr., an outstanding business entrepreneur and member of his community; and

WHEREAS, On April 26, 1950, Earl Dorsey started life on this city's West Side as the youngest son of seven children born to the late Carrie L. Dorsey. He united with Mount Sinai Missionary Baptist Church and sang in the choir. It was his strong religious upbringing that instilled an equally strong work ethic at an early age; and

WHEREAS, Earl Dorsey worked at many jobs, often simultaneously. By age 13, he started his own business. He worked in a grocery store and became a sales representative for Nabisco Corporation where he was employed for 13 years; and

WHEREAS, Earl Dorsey's employment experiences prepared him for his first major entrepreneurial venture, the opening of the Esquire Lounge in the Austin neighborhood, a successful entertainment venue. It was during this time that he met and married Carney Hamilton. Their blended family was comprised of five boys and three girls; and

WHEREAS, Earl Dorsey's whole family worked at the Esquire at one time or another during the more than three decades the lounge was open. In the 1990's, he also started Cartel Coach and Shuttle Company, two very successful transportation enterprises that employed dozens of people for many years; and

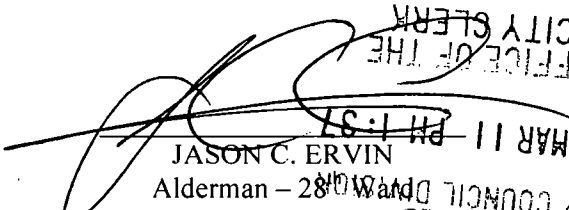
WHEREAS, Earl Dorsey was very generous with both his time and his money, contributing to churches, charities, fledgling businesses, friends who were struggling and even total strangers. His life was exemplified by what he often said, "People own things. It should never be the other way around"; and

WHEREAS, Earl Jason Dorsey, Sr. leaves behind to cherish his memory, his wife of 31 years; his sons Earl, Jr., Terence, Kevin, Brandon, and Marcus; his daughters Natalie, Shawn, and Jessica; seven grandchildren and one great grandchild as well as a host of nephews and nieces; four sisters Dorothy J, Manning, Norma J. Peden, Jeanette Dorsey, Francine Brown and a brother Billy Charles Dorsey; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Jason C. Ervin, Alderman of the 28<sup>th</sup> Ward has informed this august body of the passing of Earl Jason Dorsey, Sr.; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED That we, the Mayor and members of the City of Chicago City Council, gathered together this 13<sup>th</sup> Day of March, 2013 AD, do hereby express our sincere sorrow upon learning of the passing of Earl Jason Dorsey, Sr. and extend our deepest condolences to his family, friends and all those whose lives he touched.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Earl Jason Dorsey, Sr.

  
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Alderman - 28<sup>th</sup> Ward  
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