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Resolution

Tribute to Late Vontrell Williams

WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that the members of the City Council of the City of Chicago are hereby informed of the passing of Vontrell Williams, on November 6, 2011, by Alderman William D. Burns; and

WHEREAS, Born on May 11, 1959 to the union of Gloria & Clark (GABE) Williams; and

WHEREAS, Vontrell attended Kozmiski and Parkman Elementary School. From there he went on to attend Kenwood Academy High School; and

WHEREAS, In 1978 Vontrell enlisted in the United States Navy where he proudly served his country. Vontrell was able to travel the world during his time in the navy. During his service in the navy he was injured on the ship that he served on, which caused him to be Honorably Discharge from the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, Vontrell worked for the Chicago Park District for seven years, Cook County Inmates Records Dept., then on to Illinois Bell where he worked as a trained underground Tech for close to 10 years. Vontrell also worked for Harmony Insurance where he stayed until his health no longer allowed him to work; and

WHEREAS, Vontrell battled with addiction, he became clean through the help of Narcotics Anonymous. Shortly after, he became a member of Omega M.B. Church under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Joseph Henry. His own experience with addiction made him one of the best guides towards the journey of recovery for so many people. Eventually, in 2010 he ascended to the position of SCA area chair; and

WHEREAS, Vontrell met and fell in love with Stacey, the two became one in holy matrimony on July 21, 2007. Together he and his wife joined New Faith M.B. Church under the leadership of Pastor Howard Randolph; and

WHEREAS, Vontrell Williams passed away on November 6, 2011 at the age of 52. He is survived by his wife Stacey, his parents Gloria and Clark Williams, his children Vontrell Jr., Veronica, Vito, Valencia, Antrell, Antwone, Willie and Shalonda. His siblings Chiffon, Charlene (Tony), Alton, Tuesday (Robert) Armond (preceded him in death) and Valyon. Mother-in-Law Dorothy, Father-in-Law Walter and Arthur, Grandmother-in-Law Lucille, Sister in Laws Tracey, Lashawn, Yolanda, and Argo. Brothers-in-Law Dennis, Walter, Reggie and Brian. Grandchildren Vontrell III, Victoria, Vyron, Vedell, Veron, (Vina Marie) Destiny, Ameera, Jaden and Mia. Four uncles, four aunts, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and close friends; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that we, the Mayor and members of the Chicago City Council assemble this Fourteenth Day of December 2011, do hereby pay tribute to Vontrell Williams; and

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Charlene Williams.

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William D. Burns Alderman, 4<sup>th</sup> Ward City of Chicago

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