



# City of Chicago



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**Sponsor(s):** Burke, Edward M. (14)

**Type:** Resolution

**Title:** Congratulations extended to Claude A. Walton on 100th birthday

**Committee(s) Assignment:**

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Claude A. Walton celebrated the joyous occasion of his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 1, 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this event by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

**WHEREAS**, A pioneering African-American athlete and long time resident of Chicago's South Side, Claude A. Walton is an outstanding example of perseverance and public service; and

**WHEREAS**, Enrolling in the University of Colorado as a music major in 1933, Claude A. Walton played on the track and basketball teams and blazed a trail as that institution's first African-American varsity athlete; and

**WHEREAS**, A record-setting discus thrower, Claude A. Walton became the University of Colorado's first All-American athlete in 1937; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1937 Claude A. Walton moved to Chicago to work for the Chicago Park District; and

**WHEREAS**, Claude A. Walton faithfully served the City for forty-eight years and became a Chicago Park District trustee; and

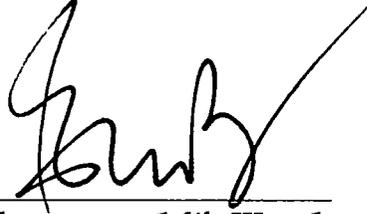
**WHEREAS**, In 2008 the University of Colorado awarded Claude A. Walton an honorary degree and inducted him into their Hall of Fame; and

**WHEREAS**, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of Claude A. Walton serve as an example to all; and

**WHEREAS**, His love of life and ability to live it to the fullest inspire Claude A. Walton's family members, friends and all who know him; and

**BE IT RESOLVED,** That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this eleventh day of September, 2013, do hereby commend Claude A. Walton for his many achievements and do hereby send him our best wishes for much continued health and happiness; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Claude A. Walton.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Ruby', written over a horizontal line.

**Alderman - 14<sup>th</sup> Ward**