



# City of Chicago



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**Title:** Tribute to late Ernie Banks  
**Committee(s) Assignment:**

## RESOLUTION

*Whereas*, Ernie Banks has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 83; and

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

*Whereas*, Affectionately known by generations of fans as “Mr. Cub” and “Mr. Sunshine,” Ernie Banks played for his entire major league baseball career with the Chicago Cubs; and

*Whereas*, The pride of Wrigley Field, Ernie Banks made his major league debut with the Chicago Cubs in 1953 and became the team’s first African-American player; and

*Whereas*, Regarded as one of the best baseball players of all time, Ernie Banks played with the Chicago Cubs for 19 seasons from 1953 to 1971; and

*Whereas*, During his long and illustrious professional baseball career, Ernie Banks hit 512 home runs, made 2,583 hits and boasted 1,636 runs batted in; and

*Whereas*, Ernie Banks played in 14 All-Star games and was renowned above all else for his infectious love of the sport to which he dedicated his life; and

*Whereas*, When Ernie Banks ended his baseball career in 1971, the Chicago Cubs bestowed upon him the distinction of being the first player to have his jersey retired by the organization; and

*Whereas*, Ernie Banks was officially inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1977, his first year of eligibility, and in 2008 a statue of Ernie Banks was unveiled outside Wrigley Field to honor his remarkable career; and

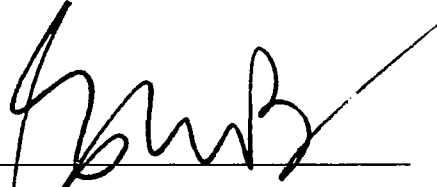
*Whereas*, In 2009 the Library of Congress declared Ernie Banks “a living legend,” a designation recognizing his significant contributions to America’s diverse cultural and social heritage; and

*Whereas*, In 2013 President Barack Obama presented Ernie Banks with the Presidential Medal of Freedom for his contributions to sports; and

*Whereas*, A star both on and off the field, Ernie Banks will always be remembered as a true gentleman, a fan favorite and an ambassador for the game of baseball; now, therefore

*Be It Resolved*, That we, the Mayor, and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015, do hereby commemorate Ernie Banks for his grace-filled life and do hereby express our condolences to his family; and

*Be It Further Resolved*, That a suitable parchment copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Ernie Banks.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. B.', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

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