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3/18/2015 Graham (29) Resolution Tribute to late Joseph Edwards

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, God in His Infinite Wisdom has called Joseph Edwards, most beloved citizen, to his eternal reward; and

WHEREAS, This august body has been informed of her passing by the Honorable Deborah L. Graham, Alderman of the 29th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Edwards was born on July 22, 1927 to delighted parents, Edward and Anna Edwards. Joseph confessed to Christ at an early age and respected and worshiped God through his own vision and insight throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, Joseph earned a Bachelor's Degree in Education, and went on to earn a double Master's Degree in Advanced Education at the University of Minnesota. He spread his love of learning throughout the community by serving as a chemistry teacher in inner-city high schools for thirty-seven years, earning many certifications and accolades in the process; and

WHEREAS, Joseph was united in holy matrimony to the love of his life, Lula Edwards in 1968. Their union was blessed with two children: Fidel and Felisha; and

WHEREAS, He served his country during the Second World War as a Military Policeman; and

WHEREAS, In this time of grief, Joseph's family also celebrates his life and cherishes his memory. He leaves behind a close family and community who will miss him dearly: wife Lula, son Fidel, daughter-in-law Jamila, daughter Felisha, son-in-law Lionel, grandchildren Fidel Clayton, Darius, Nijah, Nikea, Jamari and Fatima; special cousin Josephine McKinney; sisters-in-law Ethel, Readia, Fredia and Oria; and brothers-in-law Robert, Walter and Ocie; and

WHEREAS, Joseph touched the lives of all who knew him through his generosity, unconditional love and his spirit. He will be deeply missed, but the memory of his character and compassion will live on in those who knew and loved him; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this eighteenth day of March, 2015 A.D., do hereby honor the life and memory of Joseph Edwards and extend to his family and many friends our sincere condolences.

Be It Further Resolved, that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Joseph Edwards.

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DEBORAH L. GRAHAM Alderman, 29th Ward OFFICE OF THU

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