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Tribute to late Willie Lee Hunter and John Lee Hunter

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RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Willie Lee Hunter, 31, and his brother, John Lee Hunter, 25, have gone to their eternal reward; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of their passing by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

WHEREAS, Willie Lee Hunter and his brother, John Lee Hunter, were the nephews of State Senator Mattie Hunter (D-3rd) tragically lost their lives in a fatal shooting and car accident on the South Side; and

WHEREAS, Willie Lee Hunter and his brother, John Lee Hunter, were in Chicago visiting from Jefferson City, Missouri where they both worked at *Scholastic*, the children's publishing company; and

WHEREAS, Willie Lee Hunter and John Lee Hunter were victims of gun violence over the 4th of July weekend in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, The brothers were shot while sitting in a car parked at 89th Street and Paulina Avenue when an unknown gunman walked up to their vehicle and shot them; and

WHEREAS, As John Lee Hunter drove away in an attempt to escape the gunfire, the vehicle crashed into a building housing a veteran's organization; and

WHEREAS, State Senator Mattie Hunter, in memorializing her nephews, said that no family is immune to gun violence and urged mourners to "consciously commit" to changing their community by seeking to end the cycle of violence and despair; and

WHEREAS, The brothers were considered hard workers by their co-workers in Missouri who they always treated well with their kindness and concern; and

WHEREAS, The hard work and enthusiasm of Willie Lee Hunter and John Lee Hunter serve as an example to all; and

WHEREAS, To their mother, Angela, Willie Lee Hunter and his brother, John Lee Hunter, impart a legacy of faithfulness, service and dignity; now, therefore **BE IT RESOLVED,** That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this twenty-ninth day of July, 2015, do hereby commemorate Willie Lee Hunter and his brother, John Lee Hunter for their grace-filled lives and do hereby express our condolences to their families; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the families of Willie Lee Hunter and his brother, John Lee Hunter.

Alderman – 14th Ward