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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Honorable Robert Gilliam has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 69; and

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

WHEREAS, The Honorable Robert Gilliam was the longest-serving member of the Elgin City Council and the loving husband of Marianne; and

WHEREAS, A wise counselor, friend and mentor to many, the Honorable Robert Gilliam cared deeply about his community; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Robert Gilliam enjoyed a long and highly successful career as an educator and administrator for District U-46 from which he retired in 2002 as an Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Robert Gilliam was credited during his tenure with recruiting bilingual educators and creating more diversity in the district's teaching staff; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Robert Gilliam ran for election to the Elgin City Council in 1973 and was elected as its first African-American member; and

WHEREAS, During a remarkable career of public service which spanned forty years, the Honorable Robert Gilliam became a legendary trailblazer renowned for his vision and commitment to public service; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Robert Gilliam was a peacemaker who never missed an opportunity to turn a potential adversary into an ally; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of his widely regarded integrity and many achievements in office, the City of Elgin renamed its municipal complex in honor of the Honorable Robert Gilliam on September 11, 2014; and

WHEREAS, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of the Honorable Robert Gilliam serve as an example to all; and

WHEREAS, His love of life and ability to live it to the fullest endeared the Honorable Robert Gilliam to his family members, friends and all who

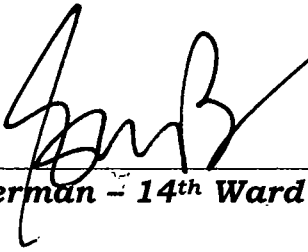
knew him, and enabled him to enrich their lives in ways they will never forget; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Robert Gilliam will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives, friends and admirers; and

WHEREAS, To his beloved family, the Honorable Robert Gilliam imparts 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-first day of January, 2015, do hereby commemorate the Honorable Robert Gilliam for his grace-filled life and do hereby express our condolences to his family; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of the Honorable Robert Gilliam.



Alderman - 14th Ward