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## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS,** Carlos "Caribe" Ruiz was one of Chicago's Puerto Rican community civic leaders. He founded the civic organization, The Puerto Rican Congress of Mutual Aid in 1952, which became a focal point for the community; and,

**WHEREAS,** This organization supported residents of Chicago's Puerto Rican community by organizing athletic events for adults and youth, as well as social events Baseball teams, music, dance, banquets and coronations were just some of the activities which helped young and old alike; and,

**WHEREAS,** In the 1970's, Caribe initiated a music academy where many Puerto Rican youngsters enrolled and took advantage of the programs by becoming musicians. As a result of this music program, Caribe organized several music ensembles consisting of young Puerto Rican musicians, i.e. La Justicia, La Solucion, La Union; and,

**WHEREAS,** On April 21, 1987, at the age of 60, Carlos "Caribe" Ruiz died of a heart attack. At the time of his death, the Puerto Rican Congress band Tipica Leal "79" had won national recognition and the Lasting Impression Dance Company had won several awards; and,

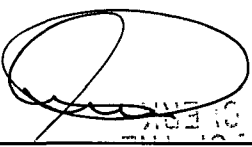
**WHEREAS,** Throughout his life, his goal was to pass on the spirit of "can do." He had a saying, "make your dream a reality and do not let it disappear." He felt that the youth was the future and maintained that creed throughout every program in which he was involved. To this day, the Lasting Impression Dance Company continues the legacy instilled by Carlos "Caribe" Ruiz who believed in teaching the Puerto Rican culture through music; and,

**WHEREAS,** To all those who knew him, he will be remembered for his vitality in which he faced life. Carlos "Caribe" Ruiz will be remembered as a man who knew that all people know one universal language, music; and,

**WHEREAS,** On Friday, April 27, 2012, the Puerto Rican Congress held the 25<sup>th</sup> memorial celebration honoring the life and music of Carlos "Caribe" Ruiz; and now therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED,** That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May 2012 A.D., do hereby express our appreciation to the family of Carlos "Caribe" Ruiz on his dedication and service to the Puerto Rican community; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared for the family of Carlos "Caribe" Ruiz.

  
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