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Title: Congratulations extended to Wade Watson on 99th birthday and on honorary street designation as "Watson Street"

Committee(s) Assignment:

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING WADE WATSON

WHEREAS, Mr. Wade Watson was born on May 28, 1917, and therefore turned 99 years old last month; He is truly a testament of time, having experienced some of the most memorable periods of American history; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Toni L. Foulkes, Alderman of the 16th Ward, has apprised this august body of this remarkable man's auspicious milestone; and

WHEREAS, Wade Watson was born in 1917 in the Carolinas. His parents relocated Wade at the age of 5, along with his two brothers and a sister, to the Englewood community where he still lives; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Watson attended Copernicus Elementary School, Lindblom High School, and Wilson Junior College; and

WHEREAS, in 1941, Mr. Watson married fellow Englewood resident Fayette A. LaCroix. They had three very successful children: Wade Jr., Wayne and Katherine. After 64 years of marriage Mrs. Watson passed away in 1995; and

WHEREAS, Wade Watson was a great provider to his family. He frequently worked multiple jobs in order to enable his family to have the necessities as well as educational opportunities. He retired from Commonwealth Edison after more than 40 years. He also worked more than 30 years for the Chicago Park District. In addition, he worked in the slaughterhouse in the Back of the Yards neighborhood; and

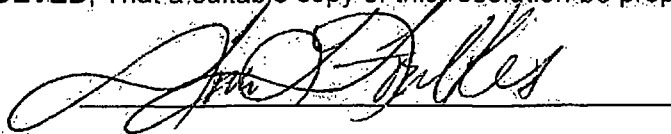
WHEREAS, Mr. Watson loves sports. When he was younger he enjoyed playing basketball and tennis. He liked to wrestle, including with his grandson; and

WHEREAS, Wade Watson is active in his community. He was president of his block club and a precinct captain; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of Wade Watson's contributions to his community 64th and Sangamon is being named Honorary Watson Street; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City of Chicago City Council, gathered together this 22nd Day of June, 2016, do hereby congratulate Mr. Wade Watson on his 99th birthday and the naming of Watson Street and extend our very best wishes for many more birthdays to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Wade Watson.



Toni L. Foulkes
Alderman, 16th Ward