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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Born in Loiza, Puerto Rico, Jose Antonio Betancourt moved to Manhattan, New York at the age of two months. After living in New York during his early childhood years, Jose moved back to Puerto Rico for a brief time. Shortly after returning to New York, Jose moved to Chicago and attended Lakeview High School, however he returned back to Puerto Rico, where he graduated. After attending two years of college there, Jose finally decided to settle in one city, Chicago. Jose attended three years of theology school and became a minister; and,

WHEREAS, Growing up, Jose developed a fondness for music and became a self taught musician. Loving the beat, he was a percussionist with the Bongos, Congas, and other traditional Puerto Rican instruments. Jose's love for music landed him in several bands, including the church; and,


WHEREAS, Jose was also the Vice President of the Youth group at Rehoboth Pentecostal Church, where he met his future wife, Wanda Roman, whom he married in June of 1979. Shortly thereafter they began their family. For thirty two years, Jose and Wanda have raised their daughters, Abigail, Jennifer, and Jasmine, and now their loving grandson, Anthony; and,

WHEREAS, Jose Betancourt was a police officer with the Illinois Police Reserve for six years, a librarian for the city of Chicago and has worked for the Bureau of Electricity. After thirty three years of being a conscientious and dedicated employee, Jose is retiring as a Foreman of the Motor Truck Drivers Bureau of Electricity; and,

WHEREAS, Throughout his life and career, Jose has earned the friendship, respect and gratitude of his fellow employees, community, and family. Although he is retiring as a Chicago employee, Jose will be keeping busy with his current extracurricular activities as a Trustee member of the Northwest Fellowship Baptist Church, Vice President of the Puerto Rican Parade Committee of Chicago, and will be volunteering at Children's Memorial Hospital; and 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 January, 2012 A.D., salute Jose Antonio Betancourt on his retirement and may he enjoy his future years; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Jose Antonio Betancourt.



Ariel E. Reboyras
Alderman, 30th Ward

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