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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, God in His Infinite Wisdom has called Melvin Flowers, most beloved citizen, to his eternal reward on January 30th, 2017; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed body has been notified of his passing by the Honorable Carrie M. Austin, Alderman of the 34th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Born on February 16, 1949 in Clarksdale, Mississippi, Melvin Flowers, fourth of thirteen children, was the adored son of Edgar and Sammie Flowers. Melvin accepted Christ at an early age and a faithful servant to the Lord; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Hirsch High School, Melvin enlisted in the United States Air Force where he rose to the rank of Sergeant. He ended his Military Service with an honorable discharge; and

WHEREAS, In 1970, Melvin married Velma Flowers and together were blessed with two children, Donita and Keith. His second union with Lolita Jones consecrated them with Kharis and Damon making Melvin's legacy complete; and

WHEREAS, Melvin was naturally gifted in many areas and always remained true to himself, if there was life to live and work to be done, he made it happen. He earned professional certifications in mechanics, air conditioning & refrigeration, and culinary arts. His adeptness in mechanics was recognized by Ford Motor company, where he worked until his retirement; and

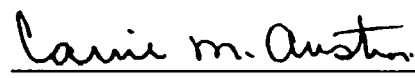
WHEREAS, Left to cherish his loving memories and legacy are his children, Donita, Keith, Kharis, and Damon; sisters, Louise, Marcella (Lafayette), Shirley (Julius), Maxcine, Georgia, Queenie (Richard), and Shelia; brothers, Robert and Curtis; grandchildren, Sekia, Decory, Toyia, Kamyia, Jamie, Lorenzo, Kayla, and Karri; great grandchild, KazeLeigh of Pontotoc, MS; a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and treasured friends whom he all loved dearly; and

WHEREAS, Melvin Flowers was preceded in death by his sisters, Josephine and Debra; brother, Edgar Jr.; grandchildren, Keith Jr. and Katya; and

WHEREAS, Melvin touched the lives of all who knew him through his kindness, generosity, and spirit. A true man of god who will be sorely missed but fondly remembered for his compassion, character, intelligence, great integrity and accomplishments; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this twenty-fourth day of May, 2017, do hereby express our sorrow on the passing of Melvin Flowers and extend to his family our sincere condolences.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Melvin Flowers as a sign of our sympathy.


CARRIE M. AUSTIN
Alderman, 34th Ward