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Tribute to late Ellis H. Davis

**Committee(s) Assignment:** 

TRIBUTE TO LATE ELLIS H. DAVIS

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom and judgment has called Ellis H. Davis, an outstanding

citizen and beloved friend, from this life to eternity, January 15, 2017; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of his passing by the Honorable Michelle A. Harris,

Alderman of the 8th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Ellis H. Davis, the loving son of Otis and Frankie (Varnado) Davis, was born September 25, 1939

in Magnolia, Mississippi. Ellis accepted Christ as his Savior at an early age and was a devout member of the

New Home Baptist Church, later moved his membership to Lilydale Progressive M.B. Church in Chicago.

After Ellis graduated he moved to Chicago and began working for the Container Corporation of America as a

machinist. In 1961, Ellis and his soul mate Catherine (Ginn) were united in Holy Matrimony and became the

proud and loving parents of two children, Serena and Arthell; and

WHEREAS, Ellis H. Davis served his country proudly in the United States Army and received an Honorable

Discharge in 1967. Ellis was the Union Steward at Container Corporation and in the early 1980's he became

an officer for the Graphic Communications Conference International Union, Local #415, where he dedicated

his service for more than 20 years before retiring in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Ellis H. Davis, the cherish husband and life partner of Catherine (deceased); devoted father of

Serena Davis Ivery (Darryl) and Arthell Davis; loving grandfather of Ayanna, Amani, Athena and Gianina;

brother of Otis Davis (deceased), Clyde Davis (Bessie), Charlestine Powell, Hazel Boyd, Beatrice Johnson

and Lynette Nickels; a special friend of Helen Pegues, and a loyal and trusting friend of many, will be deeply

missed; and

WHEREAS, To his loving children, grandchildren, and siblings Ellis H. Davis imparts a legacy of love,

faithfulness, service and dignity; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here

this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2017 A.D., do hereby commemorate Ellis, H. Davis for his grace-filled life and do

hereby express our condolences to his family and loved ones.

Be It Further Resolved, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Ellis

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Alderman - 8<sup>TH</sup> Ward