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Title: Tribute to late Alvin Boute Sr.

Committee(s) Assignment:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Alvin Boutte, Sr., has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of eighty-two; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of his passing by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

WHEREAS, Alvin Boutte, Sr., was a widely respected member of Chicago's business community and the loving husband of Barbara; and

WHEREAS, Alvin Boutte, Sr., was the much-adored father of Janice, Jeanette, Al Jr., and Gregory and the grandfather of four to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities which he possessed in abundance; and

WHEREAS, A native of Lake Charles, Louisiana, Alvin Boutte, Sr., earned a degree in pharmacy from Xavier University and moved to Chicago to open a drugstore and later expanded his venture into a successful chain of stores; and

WHEREAS, Along with African-American business leader George Johnson, Alvin Boutte, Sr., created the Independence Bank which became the largest minority-owned bank in the United States; and

WHEREAS, A proponent of racial equality and social justice, Alvin Boutte, Sr., raised funds to support the civil rights efforts of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and others; and

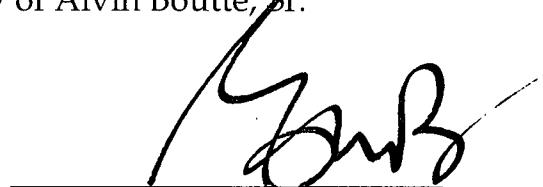
WHEREAS, Alvin Boutte, Sr., learned perseverance from his father who was rebuffed time and again when he attempted to vote in the South; and

WHEREAS, The leaders of Chicago's business community will remember Alvin Boutte, Sr., as an innovator who transformed the City's African-American business community; and

WHEREAS, To his beloved family, Alvin Boutte, Sr., imparts a legacy of faithfulness, service and dignity; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this eighteenth day of April, 2012, do hereby commemorate Alvin Boutte, Sr., for his grace-filled life and do hereby express our condolences to his family; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Alvin Boutte, Sr.



Alderman - 14th Ward