



# City of Chicago



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## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS,** George Sams has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 87; and

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

**WHEREAS,** A resident of the Bronzeville neighborhood, George Sams was a widely admired member of the law enforcement community and the loving husband of LaVerne; and

**WHEREAS,** Born in Meridian, Mississippi, George Sams enlisted in the United States Navy during World War II and served in both the European and Pacific Theaters of Operation; and

**WHEREAS,** George Sams remained in the Navy until 1951 when he transferred to the Coast Guard, a move which brought him to Chicago; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1955 George Sams was hired as a motorman for the Chicago Transit Authority and according to a local newspaper was a hardworking individual "who never went a day without a job"; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1957 George Sams joined the Chicago Police Department where he displayed strong leadership ability and was a stickler for following procedure; and

**WHEREAS,** George Sams served during his long and illustrious career as the Commander of the Wentworth Area Violent Crimes Unit and the Commander of the Grand Crossing District before retiring in 1990 as an Assistant Deputy Superintendent in charge of the Internal Affairs Division; and

**WHEREAS,** George Sams was an active member of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE); and

**WHEREAS,** The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of George Sams serve as an example to all; and

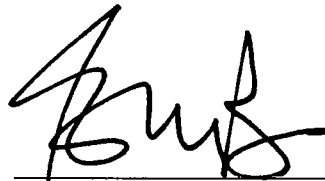
**WHEREAS,** His love of life and ability to live it to the fullest endeared George Sams to his family members, friends and all who knew him, and enabled him to enrich their lives in ways they will never forget; and

**WHEREAS,** George Sams was an individual of great courage, intelligence and loyalty who will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives, friends and admirers; and

**WHEREAS,** To his beloved family, George Sams 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 twenty-fourth day of September 2015, do hereby commemorate George Sams 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 George Sams.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R. S. S.', is written over a horizontal line.

**Alderman – 14<sup>th</sup> Ward**