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Tribute to late Munir Muhammad

Committee(s) Assignment:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Members of this Chamber were deeply saddened to learn of the death at age 69 of Munir Muhammad, a highly respected community activist and co-founder and business manager of The Coalition for the Remembrance of The Honorable Elijah Muhammad ("C.R.O.E"); and

WHEREAS, Born on March 27, 1950 to Mary Henley Waller and Robert L. Waller, Mr. Muhammad was raised in Birmingham, Alabama, where he graduated from Wenonah High School. Following his father's death in 1968, Mr. Muhammad moved to Chicago, where he first worked in the shipping and receiving department of DeMert & Dougherty, a hair care product and grooming supply company. In 1970, Mr. Muhammad became an assistant code enforcer for the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, In 1972, Munir Muhammad's life fundamentally changed when a friend brought him to a local mosque and introduced him for the first time to the teachings of Nation of Islam founder Elijah Muhammad. Profoundly impressed by Elijah Muhammad's message of moral and spiritual renewal, at age 22 Munir Muhammad officially joined the Nation of Islam; and

WHEREAS, Following Elijah Muhammad's death in 1975, Munir Muhammad left the Nation of Islam. Twelve years later, in 1987, he co-founded C.R.O.E., an institution dedicated to preserving the name, ideas and accomplishments of The Honorable Elijah Muhammad; and

WHEREAS, Initially consisting of a small group of individuals meeting at Munir Muhammad's South Side home to study and discuss Elijah Muhammad's teachings and speeches, C.R.O.E. quickly grew in size and moved to a building near 71st Street and Western Avenue; and

WHEREAS, In 1994, C.R.O.E launched C.R.O.E T.V. with Munir Muhammad as its executive director; and in 1997, C.R.O.E T.V. established a production studio in West Englewood. As C.R.O.E T.V.'s executive producer, Munir Muhammad hosted several television programs, including *The Munir Muhammad Show* and *Muhammad and Friends*, in addition to radio programs *Political Talk* and *The Muhammad Speaks Radio Show*. Today, C.R.O.E. TV programming is broadcast in cities throughout the United States, including Atlanta, New York City and Charlotte; and

WHEREAS, Over the span of his 21-year career self-producing C.R.O.E.'s television and radio shows, Mr. Muhammad conducted more than 8,000 lengthy interviews broadcast all over the world with prominent elected officials, foreign dignitaries, community-, business- and faith-based leaders, and average citizens from all walks of life; and

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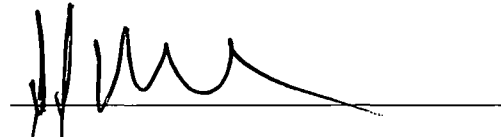
WHEREAS, An engaging, tenacious and passionate man, who was widely admired for his endless quest for information, for his unique ability to reach alternative audiences, and for his many efforts to help people living in marginalized communities, Mr. Muhammad served on the Illinois Human Rights Commission, Cook County Board of Corrections, Sheriff's Committee on Religious Tolerance, Chicago Police Department Forum to Strengthen Relations between Police and Diverse Communities, and Superintendent of Police Multi-Cultural Forum; and

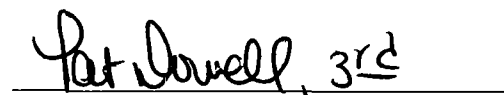
WHEREAS, Munir Muhammad will always be remembered as a man who loved people and for his extraordinary personal commitment to preserving the legacy of The Honorable Elijah Muhammad of the Nation of Islam; and

WHEREAS, Munir Muhammad is survived by his beloved wife of 49 years, Aminah Muhammad; his two sons, Jamil and Carlos; and his daughter, Aginah; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this twenty-fourth day of July, 2019, do hereby honor the life and memory of Munir Muhammad, and extend our heartfelt condolences to his family; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Munir Muhammad, as a sign of our sympathy and good wishes.



DAVID MOORE
Alderman, 17th Ward

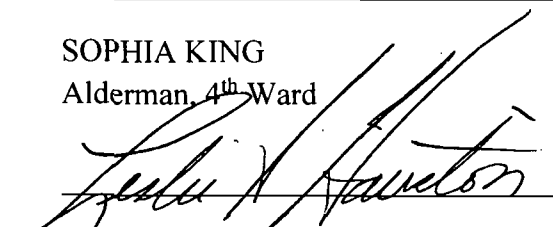
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