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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Ronald Wallace Sr. has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 70; and

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

WHEREAS, Ronald Wallace Sr. was a widely admired member of the law enforcement community and the loving and devoted husband of Carmen; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Wallace Sr. was the much-adored father of Ronald Jr. and Angela and the grandfather of four to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities that he possessed in abundance; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Wallace Sr. lived for many years in the Back of the Yards community on the Southwest Side; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Wallace Sr. was raised near 63rd and Troy and attended Marquette Elementary School and Harper High School; and

WHEREAS, After serving as a member of the United States Marine Corps, Ronald Wallace Sr. joined the Chicago Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Wallace Sr. served as a police officer protecting some of Chicago's toughest neighborhoods and public housing developments, including Cabrini Green, Robert Taylor Homes and Stateway Gardens; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Wallace Sr. often worked undercover arresting drug dealers and other criminals; and

WHEREAS, One day during the course of his duties Ronald Wallace Sr. discovered a bible in a trash can which led to his conversion and that of his wife; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Wallace Sr. played harmonica and encouraged people to discover the joy of music; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Wallace Sr. loved serving in the role of "Officer Friendly" and gave away harmonicas to children as he patrolled his beat; and

WHEREAS, Following a long and distinguished career, Ronald Wallace Sr. retired from the Chicago Police Department in 2000; and

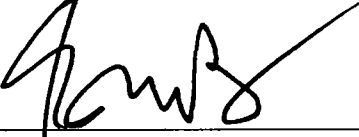
WHEREAS, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of Ronald Wallace Sr. serve as an example to all; and

WHEREAS, His love of life and ability to live it to the fullest endeared Ronald Wallace Sr. 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, To his beloved family, Ronald Wallace 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 twenty-second day of February, 2017, do hereby commemorate Ronald Wallace 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 Ronald Wallace Sr.



Alderman - 14th Ward