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MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, God in His Infinite Wisdom and Judgment, has granted Otha Jack Thomas, an outstanding citizen and beloved friend, to eternal life on Saturday July 7, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Born in Chicago April 27, 1949, Otha Jack was the loving son of Willie and Mary Thomas. He accepted Christ as his Savior and was baptized at Mount Carmel Baptist Church. Otha graduated from Wendell Phillips High School and attended Alcon State University in Laurel, Mississippi, one of the nation's Historical Black Colleges and Universities; and

WHEREAS, Otha Jack Thomas served his country proudly in the U.S. Navy. While he was stationed at Porte Hueneme, California he met the love of his life, Jewel Williams. After his marriage to Jewel, nearly thirty-five years, the couple made their home in Oxnard, California. They were blessed with two loving children, Otha Jack II and Olivia Jewel; and

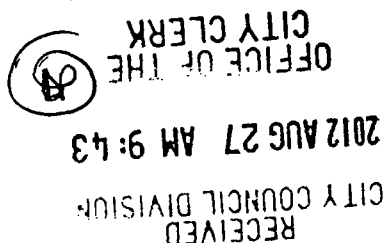
WHEREAS, After more than two decades of dedicated service to the United States Postal Service, Otha retired and relocated his family to Queen Creek, Arizona where he was employed as a bus driver with Desert Choice Transport; and

WHEREAS, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of Otha Jack Thomas served as an example to all. His love of life and ability to live it to the fullest endeared Otha 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, Otha Jack Thomas imparted a legacy of faithfulness, service and dignity. Leaving to celebrate his life and cherish many wonderful memories are his wife, Jewel, son, Otha Jack II, daughter, Olivia Jewel and her fiancé, John Reed, grandson, Otha Jack III, mother, Mary Thomas, brother Michael Thomas (Camille), Sister Shari Thomas Henry (Lee) and a host of other relatives and friends. Otha's father, Willie Thomas, and sisters, Terri Thomas and Barbara Thomas Owens preceded him in death; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved that we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this twelfth day of September, 2012 A.D., do hereby express our sorrow on the passing of Otha Jack Thomas, and extend to his family and friends our deepest sympathy.

Be It Further Resolved that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Otha Jack Thomas.



ANTHONY BEALE
Alderman – 9th Ward