



# City of Chicago



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<b>Sponsor(s):</b>	Burke (14)
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<b>Title:</b>	Tribute to late James William Meeks
<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, James William Meeks has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 90; and

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

**WHEREAS**, A resident of South Holland, James William Meeks was the loving husband of Esther; and

**WHEREAS**, James William Meeks was the much-adored father of the Reverend James T., Annie, Delores and William, the grandfather of ten, the great-grandfather of fifteen and the great-great grandfather of one to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities that he possessed in abundance; and

**WHEREAS**, Raised in Carrollton, Mississippi, James William Meeks moved north to Chicago to join relatives in the early 1950s; and

**WHEREAS**, James William Meeks worked for Kentile Floors as a forklift operator from 1952 to 1992; and

**WHEREAS**, James William Meeks became a Deacon in 1957 at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church and is credited with encouraging the Reverend James T. to become a preacher; and

**WHEREAS**, James William Meeks served as a Deacon at the Salem Baptist Church, founded by his namesake son; and

**WHEREAS**, Salem Baptist Church has grown over the years to become the largest African-American church in Illinois with 15,000 members; and

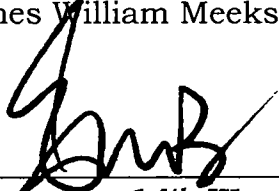
**WHEREAS**, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of James William Meeks serve as an example to all; and

**WHEREAS**, James William Meeks was an individual of great integrity and accomplishment who will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives, friends and admirers; and

**WHEREAS,** To his beloved family, James William Meeks 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 seventeenth day of January, 2018, do hereby commemorate James William Meeks 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 James William Meeks.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. B. Meeks', written over a horizontal line.

**Alderman - 14<sup>th</sup> Ward**