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TRIBUTE TO CHARLES PERKINS

WHEREAS, Charles Perkins, a most beloved citizen and friend, has been called to Eternal Life by the Wisdom of God, Friday, August 5, 2016; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been notified of his transition by the Honorable Michelle A. Harris, Alderman of the 8th Ward; and

WHEREAS, On February 18, 1933 in Memphis, Tennessee, Mr. Osborne Perkins and Ms. Lizzy Seay became the proud parents of their loving son, Charles. He was the eldest of the two children who brought happiness and laughter into the Perkins Home. At an early age, Charles was baptized and accepted Christ as his Savior and rejoiced in Him. His faith carried him through the trials and tribulations of life; and

WHEREAS, Charles moved to Chicago at the young age of sixteen, enlisted in the United States Army at the age of twenty and after serving his country proudly he received an Honorable Discharge. For over eighteen years, Charles was a dedicated employee with DeSoto Chemical Paint Company, and for the next thirty years, Charles enjoyed his job as a cab driver, especially when Oprah Winfrey would be his passenger; and

WHEREAS, Charles and the former Elizabeth Valentine were united in holy matrimony on July 25, 1964 and to this union two children were born and two daughters were added, Yvette Monique and Charlene Tezena. Charles and Elizabeth shared fifty-two wonderful years together; and

WHEREAS, Charles was an active and vital member of his family and community, he will be deeply missed, but the memory of his character, amazing sense of humor and his exceptional kindness will live on in those who knew and loved him; and

WHEREAS, The loving husband of Elizabeth Valentine Perkins; dear father of Derek Terrell (Monique) Perkins, Dierdre (Christopher Hal); grandfather of Kay Monet Perkins; brother of Mary Jean (Willie) Seay-Andrews; nephew of Bobbie Seay; brother-in-law of Willie T. (Dr. Gwendolyn) Valentine, Queen Esther (Theodis) Young, Dr. Annie Ruth (Johnnie) McClain, Martha (Henry) Haynes, Charlotte (Larry) Shearry and Mary (C.J.) Thomas; a very special long-time friend of Anthony Gant, a wonderful uncle to many nephews and nieces and a great friend to many, Charles leaves a legacy of faith, compassion, dignity and love. Charles has exchanged time for everlasting life and will be reunited with his father, mother, grandmother and two beloved brothers-in-law, Sol Valentine and Frank Valentine; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this fourteenth day of September 2016 A.D., do hereby express our sorrow on the passing of Charles Perkins 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 Charles Perkins.

MICHELLE A. HARRIS
Alderman – 8th Ward

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