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**Committee(s) Assignment:**

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Samuel Watts has gone to his eternal reward at the age of twenty; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Samuel Watts was the cherished son of Thomas and Susan Watts; and

**WHEREAS**, Samuel Watts was the beloved brother of Sarah, Andrew, and Abigail; and

**WHEREAS**, Samuel Watts graduated from Wheaton North High School in 2010, after which he joined the United States Army and attended airborne school at Fort Benning, Georgia; and

**WHEREAS**, Samuel Watts was deployed to Afghanistan as a member of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division; and

**WHEREAS**, A specialist with the United States Army, Samuel Watts was struck by the blast of an improvised explosive device on April 25, 2012 and died of his injuries a month later at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland; and

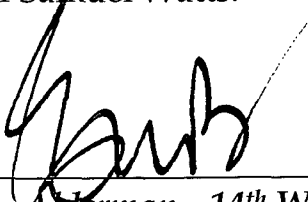
**WHEREAS**, Samuel Watts lived an extremely active life and was an individual of remarkable promise who hoped to become a firefighter after his military service; and

**WHEREAS**, Samuel Watts was honored with numerous service awards, including the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star; and

**WHEREAS**, To his beloved family, Samuel Watts 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 sixth day of June, 2012, do hereby commemorate Samuel Watts 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 Samuel Watts.



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