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2011 American Legion Resolution
Anthony Bingham, III – Promotion to Commander, 5th District-1st Division
Chicago City Council

WHEREAS, **Mr. Anthony Bingham III**, a sixteen-year member of the **American Legion**, and proud long-time resident of the 37th Ward, has consistently been able to positively impact the lives of American Legion members, veterans and their families and staff on a more comprehensive and broad-based scale; and;

WHEREAS, The **American Legion** was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is the nation's largest veteran's service organization, committed to mentoring and sponsorship of youth programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting a strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow service members and veterans; and

WHEREAS, the **Four Pillars** of the **American Legion** are: ***Veteran's Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Protecting Children and Youth***; and

WHEREAS, every year since 1986, the **American Legion** has chosen outstanding leaders to receive commendations based on their service and accomplishments, and

The **American Legion** selects leaders like **Anthony Bingham, III** who exemplify the highest standards and practices of the United States Military related and affiliated organizations. These qualities include but are not limited to demonstrating distinguished, as well as a high level of professionalism and cooperation; and

WHEREAS, the **American Legion** has bestowed upon **Anthony Bingham, III** the distinguished honor and promotion to the rank of Commander, of the 5th District, in the 1st Division, in the State of Illinois. This prestigious award promotion is seen as a great achievement by fellow **American Legion** members, city and state officials and the entire community; and

WHEREAS, Over the last decade and a half of committed excellence he's given to the **American Legion**, **Mr. Anthony Bingham, III** has provided considerable leadership and opportunity to serve the diverse needs of U.S. veterans in order to develop their various capacities; and

WHEREAS, I am deeply honored, as Emma Mitts, the Alderman of the 37th Ward, to salute the **Mr. Anthony Bingham, III** -- as the **new Illinois 5th District Commander**, who lives in **OUR COMMUNITY** -- the 37th Ward -- to be saluted this year, with this well-deserved distinction -- **Mr. Anthony Bingham III**; and

WHEREAS, the 37th Ward is blessed with individuals like Mr. Bingham, III, who work every day to help us build a stronger Chicago and assist our brave veterans in fulfilling their full potential in life. Therefore, we as elected officials, concerned residents and the entire community must continue to support the **American Legion**; and

WHEREAS, the general community praises **Mr. Anthony Bingham, III** for his vital assistance in facilitating a strong sense of pride and professional accomplishment among the residents of Chicago's West Side; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his community-building activities, and the fact that **Mr. Anthony Bingham, III** is one of the first local 37th Ward residents to receive the prestigious **POST OF 5th DISTRICT COMMANDER** from the **American Legion**; and

WHEREAS, I Emma Mitts, Alderman of the 37th Ward would like to wish **Mr. Anthony Bingham III** the very best as he celebrates his exciting promotional honor; and

WHEREAS, We the members of the Chicago City Council would like to extend greetings and congratulations to **Mr. Anthony Bingham III**, as he and his family celebrates this high honor; and

WHEREAS, *American Legion* member **Anthony Bingham III** is also a Manager of Vehicle Maintenance in the city's Department of Fleet Management; and started his educational journey as an honors graduate of Malcolm X College; and therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago gathered here the 5th day of October in 2011, do hereby congratulate **Mr. Anthony Bingham III** for his promotion to the prestigious post of 5th District Commander in the 1st District of the *American Legion*, and for his many years of outstanding and dedicated service to the U.S. Military, the American Legion, the Austin Community and the City of Chicago;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be prepared and presented to **Mr. Anthony Bingham III**.

Emma Mitts – 37th Ward Alderman

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