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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Ernie Terrell has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 75; and

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

WHEREAS, A longtime resident of the Roseland community, Ernie Terrell was a World Boxing Association champion and the loving husband of Maxine; and

WHEREAS, Ernie Terrell was the much-adored father of David Anderson and Deborah Anderson to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities that he possessed in abundance; and

WHEREAS, One of ten children of sharecropper parents, Ernie Terrell was born in Belzoni, Mississippi, and moved to Chicago where he attended Farragut High School; and

WHEREAS, Ernie Terrell became a professional boxer in 1957 and was feared in the ring for his towering reach and lightning fast left jab; and

WHEREAS, During his highly renowned boxing career, Ernie Terrell won 46 of his 55 fights, 21 by a knockout punch; and

WHEREAS, Ernie Terrell most famously survived 15 rounds in a widely televised punishing loss to Muhammad Ali in 1967; and

WHEREAS, Known to his neighbors simply as "Champ," Ernie Terrell lived for decades near 111th and Halsted Streets and twice ran for Alderman of the 34th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Following his boxing career, Ernie Terrell worked as a fight promoter, singer and record producer and founded a janitorial company that employed 100 workers; and

WHEREAS, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of Ernie Terrell serve as an example to all; and

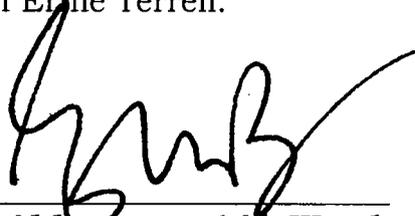
WHEREAS, His love of life and ability to live it to the fullest endeared Ernie Terrell to his family members, friends and all who knew him, and enabled him to enrich their lives in ways they will never forget; and

WHEREAS, Ernie Terrell will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives, friends and admirers; and

WHEREAS, To his beloved family, Ernie Terrell 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 twenty-first day of January, 2015, do hereby commemorate Ernie Terrell 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 Ernie Terrell.



Alderman - 14th Ward