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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, LeRoy Walker has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of ninety-three; and

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

WHEREAS, A pioneer in the field of athletics, LeRoy Walker was the first African-American to lead the United States Olympic Committee; and

WHEREAS, The grandson of slaves, LeRoy Walker was raised in the segregated South before relocating to New York's Harlem neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, LeRoy Walker led the United States Olympic Committee from 1992 through 1996 during both the summer games in Atlanta and the awarding of the 2002 Winter Olympic Games in Salt Lake City; and

WHEREAS, LeRoy Walker coached Olympic teams from Ethiopia, Israel, Jamaica, Kenya, and Trinidad and Tobago; and

WHEREAS, The 1976 United States track and field team coached by LeRoy Walker earned twenty-two medals at the Olympic games in Montreal, including six gold medals; and


WHEREAS, LeRoy Walker first coached track at North Carolina Central College where he produced forty national champions and twelve Olympians; and

WHEREAS, Though he held a doctorate from New York University, LeRoy Walker preferred the title of coach to that of doctor; and

WHEREAS, To his beloved family, LeRoy Walker 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 ninth day of May, 2012, do hereby commemorate LeRoy Walker 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 LeRoy Walker.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'L. Walker', written over a horizontal line.

Alderman - 14th Ward