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2/9/2011 Adopted Brookins, Howard (21) Resolution Tribute to Late Joseph Ramsey Irving

<u>CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF A EXTRAORDINARY MAN</u> <u>"JOSEPH RAMSEY IRVING"</u>

WHEREAS, Joseph Ramsey Irving affectionately known as Big Joe, Pops, Big Popino, Daddy and Granddaddy was called home by the "Great J AM" on Wednesday, January 19, 2011. Joseph Ramsey Irving answered his Redeemer's call, "Come for I have prepared a place specifically for thee, a mansion designed to shelve every photograph of the lives you have touched." As the tears fell from the eyes of Joseph Ramsey Irving he extended his hand upward to connect with his "Heavenly Father." Every Angel in Heaven shouted, "GOD'S CHOSEN IS ON HIS WAY HOME!"

WHEREAS, the scriptures states, "my sheep know my voice and they follow me," Joseph Ramsey Irving's lifestyle was the prime example of a man that had a relationship with the "Father." The Lord groomed him and carved out each of his assignments and he fulfilled each of them in the spirit of excellence. Joseph Ramsey Irving carried his cross and followed Jesus.

WHEREAS, the scriptures states, "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord," I must say, "Joseph Ramsey Irving fits the biblical description perfectly; both his spiritual and natural dwellings were built by the Lord." Because of Mr. Irving and the few like him, I understand the sacredness of marriage; the distinction between a Father and a Daddy; the real meaning of perseverance and the importance of having compassion for God's people.

WHEREAS, at this very moment, I speak with great confidence, when I say, "Joseph Ramsey Irving name meant much more than you average name." His name exemplified integrity in every area of his life. Though we cried often for the life of Joseph Ramsey Irving, we look forward to the day that we shall all meet him again. From this day forward, I salute to the "Hills From Whence Cometh My Help;" for placing such an EXTRAORDINARY MAN like Joseph Ramsey Irving in our lives; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, will gather together on the 9th Day of February, 2011, A.D., to express their sorrow on the passing of the Joseph Ramsey Irving and extend to his family and friends their sincere condolences; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of the Joseph Ramsey Irving.

HOWARD B. BROOKINS, JIL. Alderman - 21st Ward