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MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, God in His Infinite Wisdom has called Willie Russell Jackson, most beloved citizen to his eternal reward, August 28, 2013; and

WHEREAS, This august body has been informed of his passing by the Honorable Emma Mitts, Alderman of the 37th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Russell, fondly known as "Billy", was born on November 21, 1947 in Waukegan, Illinois to the late Russell and Daisy Bell Jackson; and

WHEREAS, Russell accepted Christ into his life at an early age. He later joined Soul Saving Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend Ronald Wilks; and

WHEREAS, Russell was a devoted family man, active in the community, and dedicated his life to the youth as a counselor. One of his proudest accomplishments was participating in the *Million Man March for Civil Rights on October 16, 1995*; and

WHEREAS, He leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Dorothy Jackson; children, Shawana Jackson and Rozele Lacy; grandchildren, Daichan, Kierra and Raiven; his siblings, Barbara Holmes, Bernice Thompson, Mamie Jackson, Frank Jackson (Annette), Earl Jackson, Mary Philips, Theresa Jones (Edward), Clisby Jackson (Patricia), and Bettye Jackson; along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and loving friends; and

WHEREAS, A heartfelt poem from your loving wife, daughters and granddaughters;


"A Million Times"

*A million times we will miss you, A million times we will cry
If love alone could have saved you, you never would have died
In death we love you still, in our hearts you hold a place no other can fill
The golden gates stood open, God saw you needed rest
God's garden must be beautiful, for he always picks the best!!*

WHEREAS, A dedicated family member and cherished friend to all, Russell will be deeply missed but the remembrance of his character, dedication and compassion will live on in those who knew and loved him; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this twenty fifth day of June, 2014 A.D., do hereby commemorate Mr. Willie Russell Jackson for his many lifetime contributions and do hereby extend to his family and many friends our sincere condolences.

Be It Further Resolved, that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Willie Russell Jackson.


EMMA MITTS
Alderman, 37th Ward

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