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<b>Title:</b>	<b>Tribute to Late Johnson W. Torrey</b>
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TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF JOHNSON W. TORREY

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, has granted his devout servant, Mr. Johnson W. Torrey, to his everlasting reward; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson W. Torrey was born October 11, 1939 in Chicago to the late James and Polly Torrey. At a young age, he attended St. Paul Church of God and Christ and gave praise to the Lord. He also became a member of Zion Lutheran Church; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson W. Torrey received his elementary education at Brownell School and graduated from Parker High School. He attended Northwestern University and received his Bachelor of Science Degree. Serving his country proudly in the United States Army from April 23, 1963 to 1965, Mr. Johnson W. Torrey received an Honorable Discharge; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson W. Torrey and the former Jerline Everett were united in holy matrimony and to this union they were blessed with the birth of two children, Jarrett Kendall and Jessica Kara; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Torrey was a dedicated worker at Central in Communications for the past twenty years, prior to that he was employed at Harris Bank and was employed with the Board of Education and worked at Corliss and Warren Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Torrey retired to spend more quality time with his family and friends, but he was an active individual who volunteered to help within his community. Mr. Torrey remained busy with the CAPS Program, DAC meetings with the police department, Court Advocacy and the Silver Eagles Senior Group, and he was the Block President. Every school year, he enjoyed putting packets of school supplies for the children. Mr. Torrey enjoyed traveling, the highlight of his travels was to Vietnam and China; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson W. Torrey had a passion for shopping, food, clothes and estate sales. He was a very considerate man who would not only do his own shopping but would help others by shopping for them; and

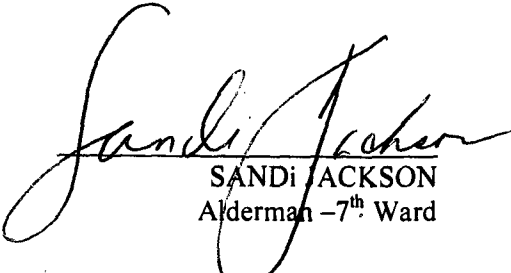
WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson W. Torrey was loved very much by everyone that knew him. The memory of his quiet contentment and comforting presence will forever last in the many hearts he touched. He leaves to cherish his legacy; his loving wife, Jerline; son, Jarrett Kendall, daughters, Jessica Kara; sister, Bertha Bertha (Chauncey); niece, Charisse Bums (David); nephew, Davis Berta; great nephew, Ryan Bums; great niece Lauren Bums, and a host of other relatives and many friends; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Sandi Jackson, Alderman of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ward has informed this august body of the passing of this outstanding member of the community; now therefore,

Be It Resolved, That we, the Mayor and members of the City of Chicago City Council, assembled here this ninth day of March, 2011 AD, do hereby extend our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Johnson W. Torrey, and express our sincere sorrow on the loss of this respected and cherished individual.

Be It Further Resolved, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Mr. Johnson W. Torrey.

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