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## **MEMORIAL RESOLUTION HONORING EDDIE L. LEWIS**

WHEAREAS , Almighty God, in His Infinite wisdom and judgment has called to his eternal rest Eddie L. Lewis, beloved citizen and friend, Friday, August, 24, 2011; and

WHEREAS, this august body has been informed of his passing by the Honorable Emma Mitts, Alderman of the 37thWard; and

WHEREAS, Eddie L. Lewis was born in Chicago, Illinois on November 8, 1958 to Rose Lewis and Eddie Cox; and

Eddie L. Lewis was raised in a loving and laughter-filled home in Chicago, and was educated at St. Thomas Elementary School. Further, he was a graduate of St. Mel High School.

WHEREAS, Eddie L. Lewis was an avid clothing designer who loved sewing and making outfits; he often designed his own clothes and

WHEREAS, Eddie L. Lewis was a dedicated and faithful member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church under the leadership of founding Pastor & Bishop Mahalia S. Jones; and further he proudly served in many capacities and was very active in church affairs; and

WHEREAS, it was well known that Eddie L. Lewis was also a concerned and caring caretaker of his family. He loved his mother deeply and assisted her in raising his two adopted brothers, Isaiah and Pierre, a nephew Christopher and a cousin Jasmine. He also cheerfully assisted many of the elderly, infirm and disabled individuals within the community; and

WHEREAS, Eddie L. Lewis was a vital and active member within his family and community, highly active in local government & neighborhood political activities in the 37<sup>TH</sup> Ward for many years, as an election judge for over fifteen years; and

WHEREAS, Eddie L. Lewis was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in early August 2012, that ultimately took his loving spirit away much too soon at age fifty-three.

Prior to that diagnosis, the illness was unknown to either Eddie or his physicians. Unfortunately, it was diagnosed in its later stages and quickly progressed

WHEREAS, Further, he was a 'gentle gentleman' - a strong, sweet and humble man, whose loyalty, friendship and devotion to Alderman Emma Mitts and the 37<sup>th</sup> Ward will be deeply missed.

WHEREAS, Eddie was preceded in death by his father Eddie Cox. He is survived by his loving family: mother, Rosie and four brothers: Prince, Sr.; Christopher Jr.; Isaiah and Pierre. Also mourning his passing is a favorite great aunt, Roseneal Risher of Bakersfield, California along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends; and his beloved pet terrier – Ms. Piggy. Now, therefore,

Be It Resolved, that we, the Mayor and the members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012 A.D., do hereby express our sorrow on the passing of Eddie L. Lewis and extend to his family our sincere condolences.

Be It Further Resolved, that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Mr. Eddie L. Lewis.

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**EMMA MITTS**  
**ALDERMAN – 37<sup>th</sup> Ward**

