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MEMORIAL RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF
JIMMIE LEE SAWYER

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in his infinite wisdom and judgment has called to his eternal rest Mr. Jimmie Lee Sawyer, beloved citizen and friend, on Monday, March 23, 2011; and

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

WHEREAS, Jimmie Lee Sawyer was born in Mariana, Arkansas on November 6, 1944, to Minnie and John Wesley Sawyer, both who preceded him in death. Furthermore, he was a loving and devoted son; and

WHEREAS, Jimmie Lee Sawyer accepted Christ as his personal savior at an early age, and known as "Big Jim", who was deeply respected and loved by all who knew him; and

WHEREAS, Jimmie Lee Sawyer was a proud, dedicated and long-time resident of the Austin community on Chicago's west side; and

WHEREAS, Jimmie Lee Sawyer attended Farragut High School and showing his deep love and devotion for his country, Mr. Sawyer enlisted in the U.S. Navy, where he attained the rank of Gunner's Mate. He received an honorable discharge in 1966. Always industrious, Mr. Sawyer was self-employed, a self taught 'jack-of-all-trades' and excelled in the fields of

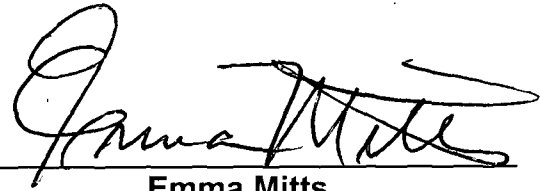
construction, landscaping and plumbing. In 1991 he fulfilled his dream of becoming licensed barber, starting his own business after graduating from Rivas Barber School; and

WHEREAS, Jimmie Lee Sawyer completed his life's mission and departed this life on Monday, March 21, 2011 at 12:10 p.m. The brother of eight (Edward Lee and Sylvester preceded him in death), he leaves to mourn his passing six siblings: Nancy B. Sawyer, Oscar Lee Sawyer, Willie Mae Williams, Vivian Sawyer, Carolyn Sawyer and Carl Sawyer; one son, Lamont Stanton and daughter-in-law Lori, one grandson, Jimi, two step-sons, Billy Stanton and Goldie Barr, 18 nieces and nephews, 22 great-nieces and nephews, 8 great-great nieces and nephews, three very special lady friends, Joan Austin, Denise (Niecy) Thomas, and Diane Wagner, and a host of other loving family members and friends; and

WHEREAS, Jimmie Lee Sawyer will be laid to eternal rest on Saturday, April 2, 2011 in Chicago; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and 37th Ward Alderman Emrna Mitts, a member of the city council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this thirteenth day of April, 2011, A.D., do hereby express our sorrow on the passing of Jimmie Lee Sawyer 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 Jimmie Lee Sawyer.



Emma Mitts
Alderman, 37th Ward

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