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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Ray Manzarek has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of seventy-four; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of his passing by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

WHEREAS, Ray Manzarek was a founding member of *The Doors*, the iconic band that changed the face of rock and roll; and

WHEREAS, Raised on Chicago's South Side, Ray Manzarek graduated from St. Rita High School and earned an economics degree from DePaul University before moving to Los Angeles, California; and

WHEREAS, While attending UCLA film school, Ray Manzarek first met poet Jim Morrison, and shortly after graduation ran into him at Venice Beach when they decided to start a band; and

WHEREAS, *The Doors*, formed in 1965, included Ray Manzarek on keyboard, Morrison as the group's lead singer, Robby Krieger on guitar and John Densmore on drums; and

WHEREAS, Ray Manzarek brought to the band a unique blend of classical, jazz and blues influences and established the keyboard as a powerful force in rock music; and

WHEREAS, *The Doors* enjoyed a meteoric rise to fame and are best known for chart-topping songs such as "Light My Fire," "L.A. Woman," "Hello, I Love You" and "Break on Through to the Other Side;" and

WHEREAS, The group recorded six successful albums before Morrison died in France in 1971 and Ray Manzarek took over as lead singer; and

WHEREAS, *The Doors* continued to play and record until disbanding in 1973, but their legend and popularity continued to capture the imagination of future generations; and

WHEREAS, Ray Manzarek later enjoyed a solo career and was a producer, film director and author; and

WHEREAS, In 1993 the band was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, In 2002 Ray Manzarek reunited and toured with Krieger;
and

WHEREAS, The creative talent and dedication of Ray Manzarek serve as
an example to all; and

WHEREAS, His love of life and ability to live it to the fullest endeared
Ray Manzarek to his family members, friends and all who knew him, and
enabled him to enrich their lives in ways they will never forget; and

WHEREAS, Ray Manzarek will be dearly missed and fondly remembered
by his many relatives, friends and admirers; and

WHEREAS, To his loving wife, Dorothy, his son, Pablo, and his two
brothers, Rick and James, Ray Manzarek imparts a legacy of
faithfulness, service and dignity; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago
City Council, assembled this fifth day of June, 2013, do hereby
commemorate Ray Manzarek for his grace-filled life and do hereby
express our condolences to his family; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
presented to the family of Ray Manzarek.



Alderman - 14th Ward