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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Joe Frazier has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of sixty-seven; and

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

WHEREAS, A native of South Carolina, Joe Frazier was a boxing legend and the much-adored father of eleven children to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities which he possessed in abundance; and

WHEREAS, His athletic talent and fierce determination made Joe Frazier one of the most formidable fighters in the history of boxing; and

WHEREAS, Joe Frazier won thirty-two fights over the course of his career and was defeated only four times; and

WHEREAS, The youngest of twelve children, Joe Frazier left school at the age of thirteen to pursue his dream of becoming a heavyweight boxing champion; and

WHEREAS, Joe Frazier moved to Philadelphia at age sixteen to begin training, and by the age of twenty had earned a Golden Gloves Championship and a heavyweight gold medal at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics; and

WHEREAS, Joe Frazier turned professional in 1965, and by 1968 held a record of twenty-one wins and no losses; and

WHEREAS, His epic rivalry with boxer Muhammad Ali commenced on March 8, 1971, when over three hundred million people worldwide watched Joe Frazier defeat Ali after fifteen rounds of competition; and

WHEREAS, Following his 1971 championship, Joe Frazier purchased a large estate near his boyhood home and became the first African-American man since Reconstruction to address the South Carolina legislature; and

WHEREAS, Joe Frazier officially retired from boxing in 1976 at the age of thirty-two; and

WHEREAS, To his beloved family, Joe Frazier 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 sixteenth day of November, 2011, do hereby commemorate Joe Frazier 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 Joe Frazier.

Alderman - 14th Ward