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<b>Meeting Date:</b>	9/12/2012
<b>Sponsor(s):</b>	Lane, Lona (18)
<b>Type:</b>	Resolution
<b>Title:</b>	Tribute to late Bobby Weir
<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	

**WHEREAS**, On Sunday, August 12, 2012, the Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom called to his eternal journey, Bobby Weir; and

**WHEREAS**, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this by 18<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman Lona Lane; and

**WHEREAS**, Bobby was born on January 8, 1921 in Dancy, Alabama, he was the youngest of six children born to the union of Fannie Bell and John Weir. He accepted Jesus Christ as his savior at an early age and church attendance was always an important part of his life. His church membership at St. Edmonds Episcopal Church was where he served on the vestry under the leadership of the late Reverend James P. Tillman. His Christian witness was evident on his service to intense dedication and love for his family. Bobby had a good heart. He was a loving, kind-hearted, selfless and humble man; and

**WHEREAS**, At a very young age he was briefly married and to this union his daughter Barbara was born. He later moved to Chicago where he met Essie Chamberlain at Ebenezer Baptist Church. They courted four years and on the first day of Spring on March 20, 1950, Bobby and Essie were united in holy matrimony. They were inseparable for 62 years. From this union, three daughters were born, Veronika, Meredyth and Fifi; and

**WHEREAS**, Bobby and Essie enjoyed going to the Parkway Ballroom. The times they shared dancing, traveling and just sitting out on the lake together was pure enjoyment for them. They were committed to each other's happiness; and

**WHEREAS**, Bobby was a veteran in the United States Navy serving as Cook on the ship. He possessed an exceptional work ethic that he acquired from his rearing on a farm in the south as well as the various jobs during his years of work. He was employed at International Harvester for ten years. He later chose to become a business owner. For over 15 years he owned and operated a barber shop. When he re-entered the work force, he accepted a position with RR Donnelly and Company. After many years of dedicated and faithful service, Bobby retired in 1991 from RR Donnelly looking forward to spending more time with his wife Essie; and

**WHEREAS**, Bobby was preceded in death by his parents, Fannie Bell and John Weir; four of his sisters, Laura Windham, Hattie Windham, Bessie Lawery and Mattie Weir; and leaves to cherish his memories, his loving and devoted wife, Essie; four daughters, Veronika Grange (Albert), Meredyth Weir, Fifi Weir, and Barbara Shotwell; four grandchildren, Meredyth Grange, Gabriella Grange, Jason Shotwell and James Shotwell; one sister, Ruth Hodo; nieces, Bernice Johnson, Lona (J.W.) Lane; nephews, Willie Windham, Billie Hill; and a host of family and friends; now therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here in assembly this twelfth day of September, 2012 A.D., do hereby express our sorrow in the passing of Bobby Weir and extend to his family and friends our deepest sympathy; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Bobby Weir's family.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lona Lane", is written over a horizontal line.

Lona Lane  
18<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman