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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Auxiliary Bishop Agustin Roman has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of eighty-three; and

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

WHEREAS, Auxiliary Bishop Agustin Roman was the first Cuban to be appointed to serve as a Roman Catholic Bishop in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Auxiliary Bishop Agustin Roman was expelled from Cuba in 1961, arrived in Miami in 1966 and became a spiritual leader for exiled Cubans and other refugees; and

WHEREAS, Auxiliary Bishop Agustin Roman served as a mediator during the 1980 Mariel boatlift when Fidel Castro allowed more than one-hundred thousand Cubans to flee by sea to the United States; and

WHEREAS, Auxiliary Bishop Agustin Roman helped to negotiate a peaceful end to a 1986 riot of Cuban detainees at federal prisons in Georgia and Louisiana; and

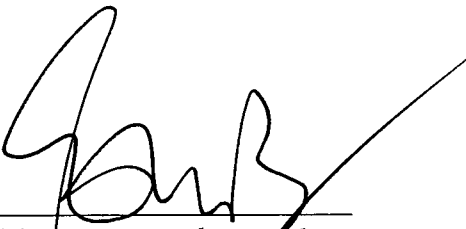
WHEREAS, Auxiliary Bishop Agustin Roman became active at the Shrine of Our Lady of Charity, a Florida gathering point for Cubans during times of political crisis, where he continued to minister after his retirement; and

WHEREAS, Auxiliary Bishop Agustin Roman will be remembered as a tireless evangelizer and a great patriot; and

WHEREAS, To his beloved family, Auxiliary Bishop Agustin Roman 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 twenty-fourth day of April, 2012, do hereby commemorate Auxiliary Bishop Agustin Roman 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 Auxiliary Bishop Agustin Roman.



Alderman - 14th Ward