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## TRIBUTE TO HENRY T. CHANDLER, JR.

WHEREAS, On September 13, 2011, Almighty God, in His Infinite Wisdom, has granted eternal rest to Henry T. Chandler, Jr., an outstanding advocate for the disabled and champion for social justice, and

WHEREAS, Harry Chandler started life in 1954 as the son of Henry, Sr. and Clarissa Chandler. His family lived in Indiana, Tennessee, and Ohio before moving to Lake Forest, Illinois, where he graduated at the top of his class from the prestigious Lake Forest Country Day School. In 1972, he graduated from Saint Paul's Boarding School in Concord, Massachusetts and spent the next year studying and traveling in Europe, and

WHEREAS, In 1973, Harry Chandler enrolled at Occidental College in Los Angeles, California but, in his sophomore year, while body surfing at Santa Monica Beach, he broke his neck and spent the rest of his life confined to a wheelchair. He rehabilitated from the injury at Rancho Los Amigos in Los Angeles and at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago before moving back to Lake Forest, where, in 1980, he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy degree at Lake Forest College

WHEREAS, An internship led Harry Chandler to full time employment with Allstate Insurance Company in their Programming Department and Claims Department. After 12 years of service with Allstate, he enrolled at DePaul University and obtained a Masters degree in Math and Computer Science, and

WHEREAS, In 1996, Harry Chandler joined the board of Access Living, one of this city's most noteworthy disability rights service organizations. His talent and passionate commitment to their mission was demonstrated by his service as the chair of Access Living's board from 2003 until 2008, successfully guiding this eminent eleemosynary institution through a capital campaign and carrying forward its mission to give people with disabilities the ability to lead independent and productive lives, and

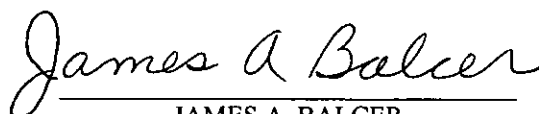
WHEREAS, Throughout the first half of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Harry Chandler also had an activist's commitment to social justice issues. He joined the board of the Crossroads Fund, a community foundation that advances racial, social and economic justice and served on their Fundraising and Communications Committee as well as acted as their Treasurer. He was also active on the boards of the American Civil Liberties Union, the Chicago Transit Authority, OpenLands and the Advisory Board for the Persons with Disabilities Fund of The Chicago Community Trust; and

WHEREAS, Harry Chandler leaves behind a legacy of accessibility, empowerment and independence for thousands of individuals with disabilities today and for years in the future. He also leaves behind, to mourn his loss and celebrate his productive life his parents, his sisters Laura and Phoebe, his brother Edward; and his step-daughters Elaine Delany Frei and Rachel Delany; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable James A. Balcer, Alderman of the 11<sup>th</sup> Ward, has informed this august body of the transition of this remarkable and praiseworthy activist; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council gathered together this 5<sup>th</sup> Day of October, 2011 AD, do hereby express our sincere sorrow at the passing of Henry T. Chandler, Jr. and extend our deepest condolences to his family and the many thousands of persons whose lives he touched by his work.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and given to the family of Henry T. Chandler, Jr.



JAMES A. BALCER  
Alderman – 11<sup>th</sup> Ward