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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Frank Gardner has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of eighty-eight; and

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

WHEREAS, Frank Gardner was a widely admired leader in the field of education and the loving husband of Elaine; and

WHEREAS, Frank Gardner was the much-adored father of Craig, Glenn, and Susan and the grandfather of six to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities which he possessed in abundance; and

WHEREAS, A career educator, Frank Gardner passionately believed in the power of education to transform lives; and

WHEREAS, A student of the Chicago public schools, Frank Gardner was one of the first African-Americans to enroll at Fenger High School; and

WHEREAS, Frank Gardner attended Chicago Teachers College before earning a master's degree from DePaul University and a doctorate from Northwestern University; and

WHEREAS, Frank Gardner served as President of the Chicago Board of Education from 1987 through 1989, where he worked to increase both accountability and parental involvement; and

WHEREAS, Frank Gardner held teaching and administrative positions at several institutions, including Gillespie, Betsy Ross, and William H. Ray elementary schools, prior to becoming District Superintendent in Chicago's Hyde Park community; and

WHEREAS, In 1968 Frank Gardner was the first African-American appointed to the Chicago Board of Examiners that at the time certified Chicago teachers; and

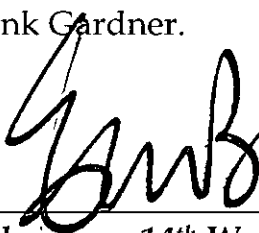
WHEREAS, Frank Gardner will be remembered as a supportive and unflappable individual who believed in a collaborative approach to education; and

WHEREAS, Frank Gardner will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives, friends, and colleagues; and

WHEREAS, To his beloved family, Frank Gardner 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 eighteenth day of January, 2012, do hereby commemorate Frank Gardner 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 Frank Gardner.



Alderman - 14th Ward