



# City of Chicago



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| <b>Meeting Date:</b>            | 6/27/2018                        |
| <b>Sponsor(s):</b>              | Burke (14)                       |
| <b>Type:</b>                    | Resolution                       |
| <b>Title:</b>                   | Tribute to late Dr. Billy Cannon |
| <b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b> |                                  |

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Billy Cannon has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 80; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Billy Cannon was a legendary professional football player and the loving husband of Dorothy; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Billy Cannon was the much-adored father of five children to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities that he possessed in abundance; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Billy Cannon won the Heisman Trophy for Louisiana State University in 1959 and was the school's only Heisman winner; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Billy Cannon enjoyed a highly successful career and was the Number 1 overall selection in both the AFL and the NFL drafts in 1960; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Billy Cannon began his professional career with the Houston Oilers and played in the Super Bowl for the Oakland Raiders before retiring from the Kansas City Chiefs at the close of the 1970 season; and

**WHEREAS**, After leaving football, Dr. Billy Cannon attended dental school at Loyola University of Chicago and the University of Tennessee and earned both D.D.S. and M.S. degrees; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Billy Cannon went into private practice and later provided quality dental care to inmates at the Louisiana State Penitentiary where inmates called him "Legend"; and

**WHEREAS**, The talent, sacrifice and dedication of Dr. Billy Cannon serve as an example to all; and

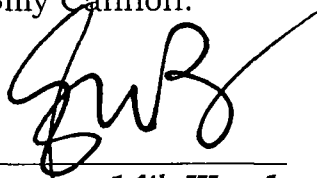
**WHEREAS**, His love of life and ability to live it to the fullest endeared Dr. Billy Cannon to his family members, friends and all who knew him, and enabled him to enrich their lives in ways they will never forget; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Billy Cannon was an individual of great integrity and accomplishment who will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives, friends and admirers; and

**WHEREAS,** To his beloved family, Dr. Billy Cannon 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-seventh day of June, 2018, do hereby commemorate Dr. Billy Cannon 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 Dr. Billy Cannon.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'GWB', is written over a horizontal line.

**Alderman - 14<sup>th</sup> Ward**