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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
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RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

April 19, 2017

TO THE HONORABLE, THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith, together with Aldermen Burke and Scott, a resolution honoring the life and memory of our friend and colleague Alderman Michael Chandler.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rahm Emanuel".

Mayor



A resolution

adopted by *The City Council*
of the *City of Chicago, Illinois*

Presented by Alderman Edward M. Burke and Mayor Rahm Emanuel on April 19, 2017

Whereas, This Body wishes to extend its deeply felt sympathies and condolences to the family and friends of our former colleague and friend, Michael D. Chandler, upon his passing; and

WHEREAS, Former 24th Ward Alderman Michael D. Chandler passed away in Glendale, Arizona on March 23, 2017. He was 64 years old; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Chicago, Alderman Chandler inherited his spirit of service and community involvement from his parents, Minnie and Kermit, who were among the first African-American residents of this city to own a grocery store; and

WHEREAS, The youngest of seven children, Michael D. Chandler attended Presentation Catholic School; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from high school and serving in the Air Force in California as a jet engine mechanic, Michael D. Chandler returned to Chicago to raise his two sons, and dedicated himself to leading grass-roots environmental and anti-crime efforts by founding Community in Action, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, A supervisor of building inspectors for thirteen years in the Chicago Department of Buildings, Alderman Chandler familiarized himself with the inner workings of City government and used his experience to improve his West Side ward, which services the Austin, West Garfield Park, East Garfield Park and North Lawndale neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Widely admired for his leadership and vision, Alderman Chandler significantly improved the quality of life in the 24th Ward through his efforts to halt illegal dumping there and to attract new businesses, including a community center and movie theater; and

WHEREAS, First elected to the Chicago City Council in 1995; Alderman Chandler was an active member of the Committees on the Budget and Government Operations; Committees, Rules and Ethics; Energy, Environmental Protection and Public Utilities; Finance; Historical Landmark Preservation; Housing and Real Estate; and Human Relations; and

WHEREAS, Alderman Chandler served four terms as Alderman of the 24th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his distinguished career as a public servant, Alderman Chandler combined great passion for his job with attention to duty, and worked tirelessly to inspire his constituents to take pride in their neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Following his last term in office, which ended on May 18, 2015, Mr. Chandler and his lovely wife Lea moved to Glendale, Arizona, where they bought a house in July 2015; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this nineteenth day of April, 2017, do hereby honor former Alderman Michael D. Chandler and extend our sympathies to his family and friends; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the family of Michael D. Chandler as a token of our sympathy and esteem.



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MAYOR

Andrea M. Valencia

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