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Title:	Declaration of October 12, 2019 as Doris Miller Day for WWII maritime heriocs
Committee(s) Assignment:	



WHEREAS, Dorie Miller Post 915, The American Legion, Department of Illinois is an organization of wartime veterans who have dedicated themselves to the service of the community, state and nation and also dedicated to building a proper monument to honor Navy seaman Doris “Dorie” Miller; and

WHEREAS, the DORIE MILLER DAY was celebrated at the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center on June 12, 2019 to recognize his valiant devotion to duty December 7, 1941; and

WHEREAS, Doris “Dorie” Miller, now known all over the country for his heroic action aboard the USS West Virginia December 7, 1941, accepted a request for him to join the direct marketing effort to raise war bonds for desperate military battles and successfully encouraged supporters nationwide to contribute; and

WHEREAS, Dorie Miller, a U.S. Navy Messman aboard the USS West Virginia when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor in 1941, without any formal training in naval gunnery and after pulling a wounded officer and several of his fellow shipmates to safety, he manned an anti-aircraft machine gun and shot down four enemy planes while damaging several others. For this action and his heroic efforts, Dorie Miller was awarded the Navy Cross by Admiral Chester Nimitz; and

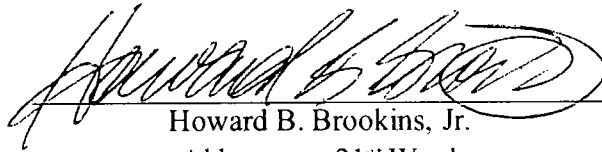
WHEREAS, Dorie Miller was one of the first heroes of WWII and his heroism, in part, helped the movement to desegregate the Armed Forces by proving that African Americans were suitable for combat duty; and

WHEREAS, Dorie Miller, after serving in the effective capacity of helping to raise financial support, he gallantly requested to be transferred back to active battle; and

WHEREAS, Dorie Miller was assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Liscome Bay where he joined the cons as a result of his ship being torpedoed by the Japanese Navy; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Chicago, Illinois recognizes October 12, 2019, A.D. as DORIS (DORIE) MILLER DAY, with the expressed hope this honor will encourage the ultimate mission of the Chicago Dorie Miller American Legion Post which is to secure the Congressional Medal of Honor for Doris (Dorie) Miller, posthumously.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of City Council agree this resolution should take effect 30 days after its passage and publication.



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