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Resolution

Whereas, Muhammad Ali, a legendary boxer and one of the most celebrated and beloved sports figures of all time, has gone to his eternal reward at the age of 74; and

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

Whereas, Born Cassius Clay in Louisville, Kentucky in 1942, Muhammad Ali began boxing at the age of 12 after someone stole his new bicycle which was purchased for him by his father; and

Whereas, When the young Cassius Clay vowed to fight whomever stole his bike, a police officer, Joe Martin, got him interested in boxing and became his mentor; and

Whereas, Muhammad Ali became Golden Gloves Champion in 1959 and shortly after his high school graduation became a Gold Medalist at the 1960 Rome Olympics; and

Whereas, In 1964 Cassius Clay officially changed his name to Muhammad Ali after his conversion to the Muslim faith; and

Whereas, Known as "The Greatest," Muhammad Ali was the only three-time lineal heavyweight champion and won the title in 1964, 1974, and 1978; and

Whereas, Muhammad Ali's legendary career included iconic fights such as the "Thrilla in Manila" against rival Joe Frazier and "The Rumble in the Jungle" against George Foreman; and

Whereas, In 1984 Muhammad Ali was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease and became an advocate for the cause and dedicated much of his time to philanthropy; and

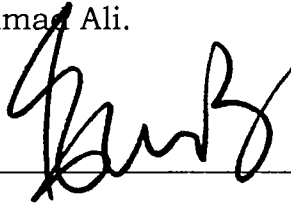
Whereas, In 2005 Muhammad Ali was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom; and

Whereas, The talent, determination and accomplishment of Muhammad Ali serve as an example to all; and

WHEREAS, To his wife, Yolanda, and his nine children, Muhammad Ali 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-second day of June, 2016, do hereby commemorate Muhammad Ali 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 Muhammad Ali.

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

Alderman – 14th Ward