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MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Thomas Jefferson, outstanding citizen and beloved friend, to his eternal rest at the age of seventy-eight; and

WHEREAS, This honorable body has been informed of Mr. Jefferson's death by the esteemed alderman of the 8th Ward, Michelle Harris; and

WHEREAS, On Tuesday, May 1, 2012, Thomas, the loving son of the late Ethel and Salters Jefferson, passed away. Born June 26, 1934 in Newberry, North Carolina, Thomas Jefferson was affectionately known as Jeff by his family and friends; and

WHEREAS, The Jefferson Family migrated to Chicago where Jeff attended Schoop Elementary School and graduated from Chicago Vocational High School; and

WHEREAS, A devout Christian, Jeff accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized. He joined the Cannan Baptist Church of Christ in February 1964 and remained a faithful member until his transition; and

WHEREAS, Jeff met and married the love of his life, the former Lucy Goolsby and they shared 49 years of wedded bliss, a love which lasted until her passing last year; and

WHEREAS, Jeff was employed at Salerno Cookie Company; the President of his Block Club at 88th and Cornell and an Honorably Discharged Veteran who served his country proudly in the United States Air Force; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Jefferson was a vital and active member of his family and community. A cherished friend and a good neighbor to all, Jeff had enriched the lives of the young and the old. He will be deeply missed, but the memory of his character, intelligence and compassion will live on in those who knew and loved him; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Jefferson leaves to cherish his memory and celebrate his life his brother-in-law, Robert Hunter; sister-in-law, Jessie Goolsby; loving nephews who were like sons, Derry, Dannier, and Drayton (Renita) Goolsby; a very close friend and neighbor, Jeanette Pitre; great-nieces and nephews; godchildren, Cassandra Crossley, Ashley Slaughter and Dawn Porter and many other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his wife, parents and brother; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved, That we, the Mayor and members of the Chicago City Council, gathered here this 6th day of June, 2012 A.D., do hereby express our sorrow on the death of Mr. Thomas Jefferson and extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends.

Be It Further Resolved, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Mr. Thomas Jefferson.

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