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MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR WOODROW ROBINSON JR.

WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that the members of this Chamber learned of the peaceful departure of Mr. Woodrow Robinson Jr.; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed body has been informed of his passing by the Honorable Raymond Lopez, Alderman of the 15th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Woodrow Robinson Jr. was born on May 22, 1942, in Drew, Mississippi, to the late Woodrow and Willa Mae Robinson; and

WHEREAS, The family moved to Chicago in 1945, where Woodrow became a member of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church and was a member of a gospel group. He attended Wendell Phillips High School where he played baseball. Upon graduation, Woodrow enlisted in the United States Army, serving for two years in the Vietnam War and later served in the Army Reserves. He left the service upon receiving an Honorable Discharge; and

WHEREAS, He married the love of his life, Joyce Dean Robinson and together they were loving parents to five children; and

WHEREAS, Woodrow worked for the Chicago Transit Authority for thirty-two years, and later, the Chicago Bus Company for thirteen years, until his retirement. During his career, he was one of the first instructors for Megabus, being known as one of the most caring and professional drivers in the City; and

WHEREAS, A vital and dynamic member of his community, Woodrow was an active member of the Kedzie and 69th Street Bus Barn Baseball Team and the Antique Car Club; and

WHEREAS, Woodrow also a music lover and wonderful dancer, will be remembered for dancing all night with his wife to their jukebox and for his gentle smile; and

WHEREAS, Woodrow leaves to cherish his memory his beloved wife of fifty-two years, Joyce Dean; daughter, Joyce; sons, Darryl (Carol), Frankie (Linda); sisters, Emma, Faye (Gary), Sheila (Sidney), Velma, Tanya (Earl); sister-in-laws, Ruby (Bob), Janice, Katrina (Ron); brothers, Zeke (Shirley), and a host of close relatives and beloved friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Woodrow and Willa Mae; sons, Anthony, Vernon and Eddie; sisters, Willie B. and Yvonne; sister-in-laws, Mary Anne, Jessie, Patsy and Annie; brothers, Eric, Eugene, Joe, Jimmie and Roger; brother-in-laws, John, McKinley, Larry and J.R.; and

WHEREAS, Woodrow touched the lives of all who knew him through his love and lively spirit. He will be deeply missed, but the memory of his character will live on in those who knew and loved him; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this twenty-fourth day of May, 2017, do hereby extend our heartfelt condolences to the family of Mr. Woodrow Robinson Jr.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution are presented to the family of Mr. Woodrow Robinson Jr. as a sign of our honor, gratitude, and respect.

RAYMOND LOPEZ
Alderman, 15th Ward

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