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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Dr. Paul J. Adams, III recently celebrated forty years of visionary leadership with Chicago's Providence-St. Mel School; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this accomplishment by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

WHEREAS, A native of Alabama, Dr. Paul J. Adams, III came to Providence-St. Mel in 1971 as Director of Guidance, and was named principal of the school one year later; and

WHEREAS, In the spring of 1978, the Chicago Archdiocese withdrew funding from Providence-St. Mel, and it fell to Dr. Paul J. Adams, III to rally the students, parents, and the entire school community to keep the institution alive; and

WHEREAS, The fundraising campaign launched by Dr. Paul J. Adams, III received national attention, earning him a reputation as one of America's modern-day freedom fighters; and

WHEREAS, In the fall of 1978, Providence-St. Mel reopened as an independent, nonprofit school which today serves over six-hundred students; and

WHEREAS, Over the next two decades, Dr. Paul J. Adams, III focused on maintaining discipline while creating strong academic standards, thereby transforming Providence-St. Mel into one of Chicago's premiere learning institutions; and

WHEREAS, Since 1978, one-hundred percent of Providence-St. Mel's graduating seniors have been accepted to college; and

WHEREAS, In addition to receiving four honorary doctorates and numerous professional awards, Dr. Paul J. Adams, III was named an American Hero in Education by Reader's Digest and was voted Man of the Year by the Chicago Urban League; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Paul J. Adams, III and the entire Providence-St. Mel staff believe that passion and hard work can quash all obstacles, making clear a path for student dreams; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this eighteenth day of January, 2012, do hereby express our appreciation to Dr. Paul J. Adams, III for his dedication to the exemplary education of urban students and do hereby declare this to be officially recognized as *Dr. Paul J. Adams, III Day* throughout the City of Chicago; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Paul J. Adams, III.

Alderman – 14th Ward