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RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE LIFE OF JAMES E. SHELL

WHEREAS, In His infinite wisdom, God has granted eternal rest to James E. Shell, an outstanding citizen and beloved friend, February 12, 2012; and

WHEREAS, James E. Shell started his life's journey on August 1, 1932 in Sidney, Arkansas and was raised in Brinkley, Arkansas. He was the second of five children born to Benjamin Frank Shell and Maggie Ratliff. He accepted Christ as his personal Savior at an early age and was a faithful and dedicated member of Wesley Chapel AME Church in Brinkley, Arkansas until he moved to Chicago in 1951; and

WHEREAS, James E. Shell served his country proudly in the United States Army from 1953 – 1956. On July 25, 1957, Jim and Jeffrie Shelly were united in Holy Matrimony. They enjoyed life together and shared many memorable times with family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Jim was a hardworking mechanic at Standard Oil, Walgreen's' Garage and Ryder Truck Rental Company, from where he retired in 1994 to spend more quality time with his loved one and friends; and

WHEREAS, In 1959, James E. Shell was an ordained Deacon of Galilee Missionary Baptist Church. In 1973 Brother Shell joined the Green Grove M.B. Church; served as Superintendent of the Sunday School; Chairman of the Deacon Board; member of the Trustee Board, and a Bible Teacher. He served faithfully with the Illinois Baptist District Association as District Missionary and was a committed member of the Brotherhood Union; and

WHEREAS, Brother Shell was predeceased by his parents, sister Joyce, and brother Chester. He was a vital and active member of his family and community, a cherished friend and a good neighbor to all who had enriched the lives of the young and the old. The memory of his character, intelligence and compassion will live on in those who knew and loved him; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Michelle Harris, Alderman of the 8th Ward, has brought his passing to the attention of this august body; and

WHEREAS, Brother Shell leaves to revere his memory: his beloved wife, Jeffrie Shell; two sisters, Erma Parker and Junie (Gene) Murray; sisters-in-law, Minnie Shelley and Julia (Larry) Mitchell; godchildren, Malinda Flournoy, Boncile Kimbrough, Terry Young, Rev. Daryl Johnson and a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and great, great nieces and nephews; and his extended Green Grove Church family; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this fourteenth day of March, 2011, A.D. do hereby express our sorrow on the passing of James E. Shell 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 Brother James E. Shell.

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