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<b>Title:</b>	Tribute to late Michael J. Burkes
<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	

**CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF A EXCEPTIONAL MAN**  
**"MICHAEL J. BURKES"**

**WHEREAS**, on Friday, July 13, 2012, Michael J. Burkes responded to the voice of God, "Come for I have prepared a place specifically for thee, it's a resting place for your soul. " Instantly, Mr. Burkes surrendered his spiritual body to his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. His beloved mother Lether, younger brother Albert Randolph IV (Randy), grandparents, and uncles who preceded him in death greeted him at Heaven's Gate saying, Welcome Home; and

**WHEREAS**, Michael J. Burkes unselfishly gave of himself so that others would benefit from the generosity of his heart. Every firm handshake, warm embrace, friendly smile and time spent volunteering at LaRabida Hospital will forever be remembered; and

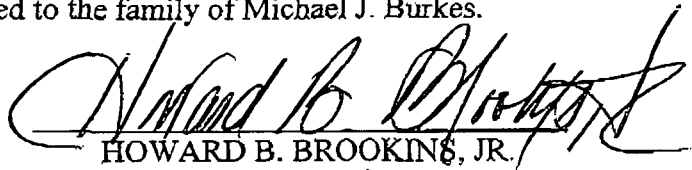
**WHEREAS**, the scripture states, "the steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord " Michael J. Burkes fits the biblical description perfectly. He exemplified a man who understood the sacredness of marriage; the distinction between a Father and a Daddy; and the real meaning of perseverance.

**WHEREAS**, Michael J. Burkes fought a good fight and kept his faith despite his trials and tribulations. He remained unwavering in his Salvation, unstoppable in his message about the Gospel and depended on God to carry him along the journey of life; and

**WHEREAS**, he leaves to treasure his memories his loving wife and best friend Carolyn; son, Michael II; daughter, Myeko; father, Albert III; brother, Gregory Eugene (Constance); godmother, St. Claire Jordan; godson, Joshua Brooks; mother-in-law, Rosalyn Jones; sister-in-law: Nedra (Lew) Patterson, Sandra Smith, Audrey White, Zwazi Sowu; brother-in-law: Anthony (Morticia) Jones, Frederick (Jackie) Jones, Cepheus Jaxon; nieces: Amber Elizabeth, Laurel, Ginger, Nicole (Joe); nephews: Ronald Michael, Christopher Byron, Albert Anthony, V, Malcolm and Toussaint; and a host of great nieces, nephews, cousins and friends; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, will gather together on the 25<sup>th</sup> Day of July, 2012, A.D., to express their sorrow on the passing of Michael J. Burkes and extend to his family, friends, and to the members and pastor of St. Marks United Methodist Church their sincere condolences; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Michael J. Burkes.

  
HOWARD B. BROOKINS, JR.  
Alderman - 21<sup>st</sup> Ward