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### **RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Dr. Samuel Huffman was called to eternal life by the wisdom of God on the sixteenth of March, 2013 at the age of eighty; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of his passing by Alderman Matthew J. O'Shea; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Samuel Huffman was the loving and devoted husband to the late Sallie R. Huffman; and

WHEREAS, As a man who valued family over all else, Dr. Huffman was greatly admired by his sons, Michael and Craig, cherished by his sister Sarah Baker, and adored by his four grandchildren, many nieces, nephews, and other relatives; and

WHEREAS, Raised in Troy, Alabama, Samuel was a member of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church. He received his bachelors and masters degrees in education from Alabama State University in Montgomery, where he was an active member of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity and later received his doctorate in education; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Huffman began a long, distinguished career in education as a high school teacher in Union Springs and Montgomery, Alabama. After moving to Chicago in 1963, Samuel taught in the Chicago Public Schools, and later served as Vice President, and President of Malcolm X College. While there, Dr. Huffman increased enrollment and refocused the curriculum on employment based training; and

WHEREAS, A dedicated public servant, Samuel also worked for the Gary, Indiana Urban League and Chicago Model Cities Program. At both organizations, Dr. Huffman sought strategies for addressing poverty and other urban ills that threatened many major cities. Most recently, he served as President of Options for People, a public / private partnership that the longtime unemployed could

be brought back into the labor force in a meaningful way; and

WHEREAS, His unending compassion for others endeared Dr. Samuel Huffman to his family, friends and all who knew him, and enabled him to enrich their lives in ways they will never forget; and

WHEREAS, To his beloved family, Dr. Samuel Huffman imparts a legacy of faithfulness, service and dignity; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this tenth day of April, 2013, do hereby commemorate

the life of Dr. Samuel Huffman for his grace-filled life and do hereby express our condolences to his family; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Dr. Samuel Huffman.

Matthew^Jj. O'Shea Alderman, 19th  
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