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CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

November 1, 2016

TO THE HONORABLE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith, together with Aldermen Taliaferro and Mitts, a resolution honoring the life and memory of our former colleague Sam Burrell.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Mayor

Very truly yours,

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*adopted by City Council
of the City of Chicago, Illinois*

ALDERMAN CHRISTOPHER TALIAFERRO

resented by MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL on

The Members of this Chamber were deeply saddened to learn that our former colleague, Alderman Samuel Frye Burrell of the 29th Ward, passed away on September 28, 2016 at the age of 78; and

WHEREAS, Alderman Burrell was born in Pahlia, Alabama to Willie and Eva Mae Burrell on September 18, 1938, and was the oldest of nine children; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from North Side High School in 1957, Alderman Burrell enlisted in the United States Army. After completing army warfare training at Fort Benning, Georgia and medical training at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, he served as an Army Paramedic; and

WHEREAS, Alderman Burrell was honorably discharged from the service in 1960, and then relocated to Chicago to begin his career of public service as a Chicago Transit Authority bus operator; and

WHEREAS, After moving to Chicago, Alderman Burrell became politically active; joining a number of African-American civil rights organizations, including the Pan African Students Organization, the Black Panther Party, the NAACP, and independent political movements on Chicago's West Side; and

WHEREAS, Alderman Burrell married the love of his life, Rosie L. Key, in 1966. The couple went on to have nine children together; and

WHEREAS, While in Chicago, Alderman Burrell. began his education in electrical engineering at DeVry University, and in 1977 he was certified as a Master Mechanic, Electrician, and Locomotive Engineer. Alderman Burrell subsequently received a degree in Finance from Roosevelt University; and

WHEREAS, During his time in Chicago, Alderman Burrell held positions with North American Phillips and General Motors Electromotive Division; and

WHEREAS, In 1984, Alderman Burrell joined Mayor Harold Washington's
Chicago Police Department, upon the start of his political career began his
service as an

WHEREAS, During his time in office, Alderman Burrell founded the
Voter Registration League, which registered more than 56,066 voters for the 1992
presidential election, which caused the president of the NAACP to hail him as

WHEREAS, Alderman Burrell worked for the City of Chicago until 2002, when he
founded Full Bur

WHEREAS, Alderman Burrell will always be remembered for his strong work
ethic, dedication, and contributions to African-American Chicago;
and

WHEREAS, Alderman Burrell leaves to his
daughters;

Sons William, Eric, and Willie (brothers) and
Charles (Barney) many grandchildren, grandchildren, niece's, nephews and a host of
grandchildren, He was predeceased in death by his parents; Willie
and

As a result of his death, the lives of all who knew him through
his activism, vision, advocacy and dedication to his city. He will be deeply
missed but the memory of his character will live on in those who knew
and loved him. Therefore, the City of Chicago, 77% of the City of Chicago, do hereby

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the
City of Chicago, assembled this first day of November, 2016, do hereby

the passing of Alderman Samuel Frye Burrell, and do hereby Extend our 7' most sincere condolences to his family and friends; dn^^^

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