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TRIBUTE TO THE LATE ALBERT DAVIS CHEEKS

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom and judgment has called Albert Davis Cheeks, most beloved grandfather of Alderman Deborah L. Graham, to his everlasting reward, Sunday, November 9, 2014; and

WHEREAS, This august body has been informed of his passing by the Honorable Carrie M. Austin, Alderman of the 34th Ward and Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Government Operations; and

WHEREAS, Albert Davis Cheeks, born on April 9, 1930, one of nine children to Alice Hunter Cheeks and Sandy Cheeks. In 1954, he married his sweetheart, Dovie Leon Conway, in Canton Mississippi, and to this union together 6 children were born; and

WHEREAS, Albert was a devoted and active member of Fellowship MB Church. He loved God and supported his church by always being prepared for his Sunday School Classes; and

WHEREAS, Working hard to provide for his family, Albert Cheeks worked at International Harvest as a Master Mechanic for 35 years, retiring in 1992, but because of Albert's astounding work ethic, he was called upon for many years after retirement to help "resolve problems on the line". His kind and gentle spirit to help others led him to volunteer at the Greater Chicago Food Depository; and

WHEREAS, Albert had a multitude of talents, walking almost daily 3-5 miles, enjoyed watching Wheel of Fortune and guessing the puzzles with his wife Dovie, as well as bowling, deer hunting, cooking and planting vegetables that he later used in recipes found on the Food Network Channel. He was athletic and an avid sports fan who loved the Chicago Bears. In addition, a huge Soap Opera Fan; and

WHEREAS, Albert leaves to cherish the memory of his life; devoted wife, Dovie Leon; children, Delois Cheeks Graham, Albert Cheeks Jr., Ronald Stephen Cheeks, Darnell Cheeks and Alice Richell Cheeks-Zutant all of Chicago and Wardene Stewart of Salina, Kansas; a multitude of grandchildren, great grandchildren and great, great grand-children; and a host of nieces and nephews; his mother Alice Hunter Cheeks and father Sandy Cheeks preceded him in death; and

WHEREAS, The Bible instructs us that "Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal." I pray that this will be especially true for you and your family as you mourn this incredible loss. May you be comforted by the outpouring of love that surrounds you. God bless and keep you in His embrace; and

Be It Resolved, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 19th day of November 2014 A. D., do hereby express our heartfelt sadness at the loss of such a beloved community member as Albert Davis Cheeks, and extend our most sincere sympathy to his family and friends; and

CARRIE M. AUSTIN Alderman, 34th Ward

Be It Further Resolved, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Albert Davis Cheeks.