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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,

reso

Resolution

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

ALDERMAN CHRISTOPHER TALIAFERRO
presented by MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL on

That 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 i 984, Alderman Burrell joined Maypr-Haroid ^^hir4gton's TP: 9diriinifrat!ori, Vytier^upon: his political career beg^^ h6 ^wa^lected-q's - A^^rr^an fr©^P^r

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'(^WfiERiA^S, Alderr^qn Burrell tbuchejdthe lives :pf ; all who kri^W him through ' - his,;activism, vision, advocacy dnd dedicdton tp his city. Hfe wilMbe deeply ^ but the memory of his chardcter q live on in those whd knew and 7.X loy^d hirriv-now, therefore^ },■ - :,:-\\r;j 7 7 ; 77% V'7 i 7f^7;77;'V,. \>. ■;■*.

; , BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of ; 7 the City; of Chicago, assembled this first .day of November, 2016, do hereby . .. mourn 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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