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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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 lution***

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

ALDERMAN CHRISTOPHER TALIAFERRO  
*resented by MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL on*

IBT6US ' The Members of this Chamber were deeply saddened to learn that bur 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 Pahoia, Alabama to Willie and Eva Mae Burrell on September 18, 1938, and was the oldest of nine children; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from North Suhter 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 T966. 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  
Task Force on the City's Political Process, which was created to study the  
city's political process and to recommend ways to improve it.

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

the "Father of the Voter Registration League". Alderman Burrell worked for the City until 2002, when he  
founded Full Bur

WHEREAS, Alderman Burrell always be remembered for his strong Work  
ethic, dedication, and contributions to African-American community;  
and

WHEREAS, Alderman Burrell lives to his

daughters;

Sons William, Eric, and Charles (Barney) Burrell; many grandchildren, g  
grandchildren, niece's, nephews and a host of other family members.  
He was predeceased in death by his parents; William and  
Bernice Burrell.

As a result of his death, the City of Chicago is saddened by the loss of a  
man whose life was a testament to his faith, his family, and his community.  
His memory will live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.  
Therefore, the City of Chicago, through its Mayor and City Council, 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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