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CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

October 16, 2013

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith a resolution honoring the life and memory of former Chicago Police Superintendent, LeRoy Martin.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Mayor

Very truly yours,

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*adopud by Tlie Qity Gouncil of** Qity of Qkicago, Illinois*

'Presented by MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL

on OCTOBER 16. 2013

^OII BTBOIS • Tne Members of fhis Chamber were deeply saddened to learn of the death on August 31, 2013, at age 84, of LeRoy Martin, a former Superintendent of the Chicago Police Department; and

WHEREAS, An alumnus of Crane Technical High School, Superintendent Martin received a Bachelor's degree in psychology in 1972 and a Master's degree in public administration in 1976 from Roosevelt University; and

WHEREAS, Superintendent Martin was imbued with a sterling work ethic. In his youth, he earned a living shining shoes on the City's West Side, then became a bus driver before joining the Chicago Police Department in 1956, where he started as a patrolman on a beat in the Burnside district on the City's South Side; and

WHEREAS, A 36-year veteran of the Chicago Police Department, Superintendent Martin, through diligence and dedication, rose through the ranks within the Department and was promoted to several distinguished positions, including Sergeant in 1965, Lieutenant in 1975 and Superintendent in 1987; and

WHEREAS, LeRoy Martin was appointed Superintendent of the Chicago Police Department by the late Mayor Harold Washington, the position he held until his retirement in 1992. A tough, fair and visionary leader, Superintendent Martin was credited for vigorously fighting gang violence and drug crimes, promoting professionalism and initiating collaborations with state and federal law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, After his retirement from the Chicago Police Department, Superintendent Martin served as the director of public safety at the Chicago Housing Authority and the chief of investigations at the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office; and

WHEREAS, An extraordinary man, whose commitment to public service never waned, Superintendent Martin will always be remembered for his many contributions to the City of Chicago, and for his inspiration, courage, and hope; and

WHEREAS, Superintendent Martin is survived by his loving wife, Constance; his daughter, Dawn; his sons, LeRoy, Jr., and Ron; his three grandchildren, and a host of other dear relatives and friends; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this sixteenth day of October, 2013, do hereby honor the life and memory of Superintendent LeRoy Martin, and extend our heartfelt condolences to his family; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the family of Superintendent LeRoy Martin, as a sign of our sympathy and good wishes.