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TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF EDWARD LEE WASHINGTON

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His Infinite Wisdom, has granted Edward Lee Washington eternal life on September 9, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Edward Lee Washington was born October 31, 1942, in Terry, Mississippi to the late Elbert Washington and Josephine Bargin. He was the eldest of six children, two of whom preceded him in death; and

WHEREAS, At an early age, Edward Lee Washington accepted Christ, and was baptized at the St. James Missionary Baptist Church, in Jackson, Mississippi under the late Rev. O .D. Brown. He attended Isabelle Elementary School. In 1961, he graduated from Jim Hill Jr./Sr. High School where he was a member of the football team and the choir. He pursued higher education to better himself and graduated from Jackson State University in 1965 with a Bachelor Degree of Science in Education; and

WHEREAS, Edward Lee Washington moved to Chicago with hope of a better future and began a business with his grandfather, the late Joseph Walker. He also taught in the Chicago Public School System .During 1971, he was drafted into the U.S. Army. After his active tour of duty was completed, he returned to Chicago and became President/CEO of Walker Standard Service Station and Hawk Detective Services; AND

WHEREAS, While President/CEO of Hawk Detective Services, Edward Lee Washington became one of the first African Americans to obtain a security contract with Oprah Winfrey's HARPO Studios as well as one of the first African Americans to secure a security contract with the U.S. Department of Justice. He excelled in his businesses for more forty years; and

WHEREAS, Edward Lee Washington was active in Kiwanis International Association for more than 35 years, serving as President of the Southeast Area Chapter and was the first African American Lieutenant Governor of the Greater Illinois and Iowa Districts. He was also an active member of the Jackson State Alumni Association; and

WHEREAS, Edward Lee Washington leaves behind to mourn his loss and celebrate his life a loving and devoted wife of 31 years, Patricia; three children, Antoinita Quigley, Edward Jr., and Laura, two sisters Peggy Orey and Bonnie Varnado .two brothers Willie Roy Washington and Lee Arthur McPherson, two grandchildren, two great grand children; and

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the city of Chicago City Council, assembled here this 3rd day of November, 2010 AD, do hereby express our sincere sorrow at the passing of Edward Lee Washington and the extent our deepest condolence to his family, friends, and people whose lives he has touched.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Edward Lee Washington.