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of the
CITY COUNCIL
of the
CITY of CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

Special Meeting--Friday, January 19, 1990

at 9:30 A. M.

(Council Chamber--City Hall--Chicago, Illinois)

OFFICIAL RECORD.

RICHARD M. DALEY
Mayor

WALTER S. KOZUBOWSKI
City Clerk

Attendance At Meeting.

Present -- The Honorable Richard M. Daley, Mayor, and Aldermen Roti, Rush, Tillman, T. Evans, Bloom, Steele, Beavers, Caldwell, Shaw, Vrdolyak, Huels, Fary, Burke, Carter, Langford, Streeter, Kellam, Sheahan, Jones, J. Evans, Garcia, Krystyniak, Henry, Soliz, Gutierrez, Butler, E. Smith, Davis, Bialczak, Gabinski, Mell, Austin, Kotlarz, Banks, Giles, Cullerton, Laurino, O'Connor, Pucinski, Natarus, Eisendrath, Hansen, Levar, Shiller, Schulter, M. Smith, Orr, Stone.

Absent -- Aldermen Madrzyk, Figueroa.

Call To Order.

On Friday, January 19, 1990, at 9:30 A.M., The Honorable Richard M. Daley, Mayor, called the City Council to order. The clerk called the roll of members and it was found that there were present at that time: Aldermen Roti, Rush, Bloom, Steele, Beavers, Caldwell, Shaw, Huels, Fary, Burke, Langford, Streeter, Kellam, Jones, J. Evans, Krystyniak, Henry, E. Smith, Bialczak, Gabinski, Mell, Kotlarz, Banks, Giles, Cullerton, Laurino, Pucinski, Eisendrath, Hansen, Schulter, M. Smith, Orr, Stone -- 33.

Quorum present.

Invocation.

The Most Reverend Wilton D. Gregory, Auxiliary Catholic Bishop of the Archdiocese of Chicago, opened the meeting with prayer.

Placed On File -- CALL FOR SPECIAL MEETING.

The clerk informed the City Council that the following call for a special meeting was filed in the Office of the City Clerk on January 5, 1990, at 9:28 A.M.:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

January 3, 1990.

The Honorable Walter S. Kozubowski
City Clerk
City Hall, Room 107
121 North LaSalle Street
Chicago, Illinois 60602

DEAR MR. KOZUBOWSKI -- I hereby call a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Chicago to be convened on January 19, 1990, at 9:30 A.M. in the City Council Chamber, 2nd floor, City Hall, for the sole purpose of honoring the memory of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) RICHARD M. DALEY,
• Mayor.

Rules Suspended -- RESOLUTION HONORING MEMORY OF
LATE REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The Honorable Richard M. Daley, Mayor, submitted the following communication:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

January 19, 1990.

To the Honorable, The City Council of the City of Chicago:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN -- I transmit herewith a resolution honoring the great leader and humanitarian, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) RICHARD M. DALEY,
Mayor.

The following is said proposed resolution:

WHEREAS, January 15, 1990, marked the 61st anniversary of the birth of Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King, recipient of the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize for leading nonviolent civil rights demonstrations, led the way to the Civil Rights Act, the Voting Rights Act and a more equitable society; and

WHEREAS, He preached that distinctions like race, religion and ethnic background are not as important as the bonds that unite us as human beings, and that equality can be achieved only if we "rise above the narrow confines of individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of humanity"; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King's memory and example served as an inspiration -- not just to the African-American community -- but to all Americans and to people throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, His struggle for peace, justice and equality lives on today, 22 years after his death; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved, That the Mayor, members of the City Council, and the citizens of the City of Chicago honor the memory of Martin Luther King, Jr. and pay tribute to him as one of the greatest civil rights leader of our time.

Alderman Rush moved to *Suspend the Rules Temporarily* to permit immediate consideration of and action upon the foregoing proposed resolution. The motion *Prevailed*.

On motion of Alderman Rush, seconded by Aldermen Tillman, T. Evans, Bloom, Caldwell, Shaw, Langford, Jones, J. Evans, Henry, E. Smith, Davis, Austin, O'Connor, Pucinski, Natarus, Eisendrath, Shiller and Orr, the foregoing proposed resolution was *Adopted* by a rising vote.

At this point in the proceedings, The Honorable Richard M. Daley, Mayor, expressed his admiration of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by noting his great love for humanity manifest in the strong conviction he had for social justice and equality through the eradication of segregation, racism, poverty and war. It was this effort, Mayor Daley noted, which challenged the country to live up to its moral heritage and eventually led the way for passage of the Civil Rights Act and the Voting Rights Act, and which continues today in

Chicago, some twenty-two years later, in the passage of the Human Rights Ordinance, the fight for school reform, and efforts to develop an affirmative action ordinance. In closing, Mayor Daley stated that Chicagoan's must work together in a spirit of cooperation if the city is to realize its true potential.

Alderman Burke then requested leave of the body to permit publication of written remarks in the Journal of the Proceedings of the City Council. Leave was granted.

WRITTEN REMARKS.

Martin Luther King, Jr., was born at the dawn of the Depression . . . raised in a segregated culture . . . and at the age of 26 . . . convinced thousands of frustrated, angry people . . . to refuse to ride the bus in Montgomery, Alabama . . . for a whole year.

He founded the Southern Christian Leadership Conference . . . staged a historic march on Washington . . . where he gave one of the most famous speeches in American history . . . about his dream . . . and he filled an entire generation with hope.

When he won the Nobel Peace Prize the following year . . . it was clear that a truly heroic American had risen in our midst . . . with a mission to lead America into a non-racial age . . . and one can only speculate about what he might have achieved . . . had he not been shot down in 1968.

His place in history has grown over time . . . he will forever be recognized as an American Leader . . . and his contribution to the betterment of our society . . . finds few equals and no measure.

Years from now, when historians look back at the 20th century, Martin Luther King, Jr.'s name will be inscribed along with the other significant leaders of our century, like Gandhi, Churchill, Roosevelt, De Gaulle, Salk, Kennedy, Thatcher, Walesa, Gorbachev -- men and women whose accomplishments changed human events forever.

(Signed) EDWARD M. BURKE,
Alderman, 14th Ward.

CLOSING MUSICAL SELECTION.

The All City Elementary Youth Chorus, accompanied by Ms. Josephine Poelimitz, conductor; Mr. Irving Burton, administrator with the Bureau of Music; and Mr. Mark Jordan, pianist, performed musical renditions of *American Dream* and *My Country Tis of Thee*.

Adjournment.

Thereupon, Alderman Burke moved that the City Council do *Adjourn*. The motion *Prevailed* and the City Council *Stood Adjourned*.



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