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Special Meeting--Wednesday, April 25, 1990

at 9:30 A.M.

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

OFFICIAL RECORD.

RICHARD M. DALEY Mayor WALTER S. KOZUBOWSKI City Clerk 4/25/90

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Attendance At Meeting.

Present -- The Honorable Richard M. Daley, Mayor, and Aldermen Roti, Tillman, T. Evans, Bloom, Steele, Beavers, Caldwell, Shaw, Vrdolyak, Huels, Fary, Burke, Carter, Langford, Streeter, Kellam, Sheahan, J. Evans, Garcia, Krystyniak, Henry, Soliz, Gutierrez, E. Smith, Bialczak, Davis, Figueroa, Gabinski, Mell, Austin, Kotlarz, Banks, Giles, Cullerton, Laurino, Pucinski, Natarus, Eisendrath, Hansen, Levar, Shiller, Schulter, M. Smith, Orr, Stone.

Absent -- Aldermen Rush, Madrzyk, Butler, O'Connor.

Call To Order.

On Wednesday, April 25, 1990 at 9:30 A.M., The Honorable Richard M. Daley, Mayor, called the City Council to order. Mr. Daniel J. Burke, Deputy City Clerk, called the roll of members and it was found that there were present at that time: Aldermen Roti, Beavers, Caldwell, Shaw, Vrdolyak, Huels, Fary, Burke, Carter, Langford, Kellam, Sheahan, Krystyniak, Henry, E. Smith, Davis, Bialczak, Figueroa, Mell, Austin, Kotlarz, Banks, Giles, Cullerton, Laurino, Natarus, Eisendrath, Hansen, Levar, Schulter, M. Smith, Stone -- 32.

Quorum present.

Invocation.

Alderman Keith Caldwell (8th Ward) opened the meeting with prayer.

Placed On File -- CALL FOR SPECIAL MEETING.

The following call for a special meeting was filed in the Office of the City Clerk on April 17, 1990 at 12:48 P.M.:

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR CITY OF CHICAGO

April 17, 1990.

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

DEAR MR. KOZUBOWSKI -- I hereby call a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Chicago for the sole purpose of considering a resolution honoring the life and memory of our friend and colleague, The Honorable Ernest Jones, Alderman of the 20th Ward.

The meeting is to be convened on Wednesday, April 25, 1990, at 9:30 A.M., in the City Council Chamber, second floor, City Hall, Chicago, Illinois.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) RICHARD M. DALEY, Mayor.

Rules Suspended -- RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF THE HONORABLE ERNEST JONES, ALDERMAN OF THE TWENTIETH WARD.

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

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR CITY OF CHICAGO

April 25, 1990.

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

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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN -- I transmit herewith a resolution honoring the memory of the late Alderman Ernest Jones.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) RICHARD M. DALEY, Mayor.

The following is said proposed resolution:

WHEREAS, Ernest Jones, Alderman of the 20th Ward, departed this life on April 13, 1990; and

WHEREAS, Alderman Jones was first elected to the City Council in 1987, and proudly served the people of his community; and

WHEREAS, Alderman Jones was proud of his service in the United States Marine Corps during World War II and the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, Prior to his election Alderman Jones proudly served as a police officer for more than 20 years, and was known and respected as a defender of law and order; and

WHEREAS, Alderman Jones was a tireless advocate for the underdog, speaking out in behalf of "the little people"; and

WHEREAS, Alderman Jones is survived by his beloved wife, Georgia; his mother, Mollie Jones; six children, his grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, All who worked with Alderman Jones in public service will recall with sincere appreciation his dedication and contributions to his community and the City of Chicago; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved, That we, the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this 25th day of April, 1990, do hereby mourn the passing of our dear friend and colleague, Ernest Jones, and extend our most sincere condolences to his wife and family; and

Be It Further Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to Mrs. Georgia Jones and Mrs. Mollie Jones as a sign of our sorrow at their loss, and a sign of our esteem for our friend and colleague, Ernest Jones.

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

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On motion of Alderman Shaw, seconded by Aldermen Roti, Tillman, T. Evans, Beavers, Caldwell, Burke, Carter, Langford, Streeter, Sheahan, J. Evans, Henry, E. Smith, Davis, Bialczak, Gabinski, Mell, Austin, Giles, Pucinski, Natarus, Shiller, and Stone, the foregoing proposed resolution was *Adopted* by a rising vote.

EXPRESSION OF CONDOLENCES BY THE HONORABLE RICHARD M. DALEY, MAYOR.

Emphasizing many of the unique qualities characteristic of Alderman Jones and described by his colleagues in their eulogies, Mayor Daley spoke of the inherent pride which was a hallmark of Alderman Jones' personality -- pride in his native Arkansas and its people, pride in the United States Marine Corps and the Chicago Police Department which he had honorably served and pride in that body in which his service constituted the realization of a long held dream -- the Chicago City Council.

Mayor Daley also reflected upon Alderman Jones' dedication to public service. While an untiring and vigorous spokesperson for the common people, Alderman Jones always had time for and was prepared to offer assistance to people, whether colleagues, constituents or any person who sought his counsel.

Speaking on behalf of the Daley family and the people of the City of Chicago, Mayor Daley then extended condolences and sympathy to the Jones family and the residents of the 20th Ward.

Alderman Burke moved to Suspend the Rules Temporarily to permit State's Attorney Cecil Partee and the son and daughter of Alderman Jones, Reginald and Jacqueline, to address the Council. The motion Prevailed.

EXPRESSION OF CONDOLENCES BY THE HONORABLE CECIL PARTEE, STATE'S ATTORNEY.

Thanking the City Council and the Jones family for the opportunity to participate in the memorial meeting, State's Attorney Partee noted that while the proceedings were marked by solemnity, it was appropriate that many of the eulogies contained remembrances that

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produced laughter, for Alderman Jones was a person who liked to laugh and who enjoyed life. In reminiscing about his own long standing professional and personal relationship with Alderman Jones, State's Attorney Partee cited the particular impact the Alderman had upon children and the elderly; an impact he ascribed to the special concern Alderman Jones unfailingly demonstrated for both groups. State's Attorney Partee further observed that while few are able to live out their dreams, hopes and ambitions, Alderman Ernest Jones did. On behalf of his family, State's Attorney Partee then wished the family of Alderman Ernest Jones peace and contentment.

ACCEPTANCE OF CONDOLENCES BY MR. REGINALD JONES AND MS. JACQUELINE JONES.

Mr. Reginald Jones remembered his father as a man who established sincere relationships with people in all walks of life and demonstrated compassion and concern for those less fortunate than he. Devoted to and active in the 20th Ward organization, Alderman Jones relished his service in the City Council. Declaring that the Alderman left his family with "fond memories of a man who fought a good fight for a good cause", Mr. Reginald Jones then thanked Mayor Daley, members of the City Council, residents of the 20th Ward and many others for their sympathy and kindness.

Speaking on behalf of the mother of Alderman Jones, Mrs. Molly Jones, and his children, Donald, Sherry, Reginald and herself, Ms. Jacqueline Jones then extended her thanks to all those who had expressed their sympathy.

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Adjournment.

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

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WALTER S. KOZUBOWSKI, City Clerk.