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Bridge
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**RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE DEDICATION
OF THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BRIDGE**

WHEREAS, A ceremony and commemorative march dedicating the bridge stretching across the Bishop Ford Expressway from 99th Street to 100th Street on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive will take place Sunday, August 28, 2011 on the 48th anniversary of the historic "I Have A Dream" speech that Dr. King made in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, This ceremony will also mark the 55th anniversary of the Montgomery Bus Boycott from 1955 to 1956 (381 days) that sparked the beginning of Dr. King's non-violent movement; and

WHEREAS, This event will inaugurate the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Gateway Initiative that, in cooperation with the Roseland Heights Association and Developing Community Projects, seeks to create memorials on both ends of this bridge thereby commemorating a symbol of racial unity in the 9th Ward community; and

WHEREAS, The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Gateway Initiative will endow the 9th Ward community with a symbol of racial unity and collective action to bring about peace and justice and will serve to everyone entering and exiting Roseland and its surrounding communities as a reminder of Dr. King's devotion to racial peace and harmony; and


WHEREAS, The Honorable Anthony A. Beale, Alderman of the 9th Ward, has informed this august body of this noteworthy civic event initiating a praiseworthy project culminating in a public gateway of community pride and a heritage of racial peace and harmony; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED That we, the Mayor and members of the City of Chicago City Council, gathered together this 8th Day of September, 2011 AD, do hereby commend the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Gateway Initiative and extend our very best wishes for their success in fulfilling their noble mission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Gateway Initiative.



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