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Rep. Ford Seeking Help for Family of 3-year-old Killed in West Side Fire

CHICAGO - Rep. La Shawn K. Ford (D-Chicago) and the family of the three-year-old toddler who was killed in the South Austin fire on Chicago's West Side will hold a press conference to seek support during their time of need.

The fire on the evening of February 14, 2014 took the life of Ja'Antwaion Edwards who was born January 25, 2011. The family says "he was a playful three-year-old, a sweet and energetic kid. He always had a gigantic smile on his face. His favorite color was red. Ja'Antwaion enjoyed wrestling with his older brothers Demetrius, D'Angelo, Dont'e, and Divine."

"During such dark moments, we should find ways to come together to help families in need. This horrific loss of life is a time when our stewardship could be a blessing to someone in need," Ford said. "Baby Ja'Antwaion is still in the morgue and no plans have been made to lay the baby to rest. The fire has also displaced four other people: the mother Consuelo 34, D'Angelo 17, Dont'e, 14, and Divine, 4, who is physically handicapped and is without services."

For more information, call 773-295-7388 or contact one of Ford's constituent service offices: 4800 W. Chicago Avenue in Chicago at 773-378-5902 or 239-E Stratton Office Building in Springfield at 217-782-5962.

WHAT: Press Conference to Support the Benamon Family
WHERE: 4800 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago, IL 60651
WHO: State Representative La Shawn K. Ford, (Mother) Consuelo Benamon and family
WHEN: Tuesday, February 18, 2014
TIME: 8 a.m.

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