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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Odas Nicholson has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of eighty-seven; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of her passing by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

WHEREAS, A highly respected member of the legal community, Odas Nicholson served for fourteen years as a Judge for the Circuit Court of Cook County, and was the first African-American President of the Women's Bar Association of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Prior to her role as Judge, Odas Nicholson worked as a trial lawyer and the Chief Legal Officer for the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; and

WHEREAS, Odas Nicholson served as Secretary to the Sixth Illinois Constitutional Convention and helped to write the state's 1970 constitution; and

WHEREAS, Odas Nicholson earned her law degree from DePaul University and was the only woman in her class and the first African-American to graduate from the institution; and

WHEREAS, The youngest of seven children, Odas Nicholson was raised on a farm in Mississippi before moving to Chicago at the age of thirteen; and


WHEREAS, Odas Nicholson's colleagues will remember her as a trailblazer with a formidable mind and a healthy dose of common sense; and

WHEREAS, In 1995 Odas Nicholson was inducted into the National Bar Association Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, To her beloved family, Odas Nicholson imparts a legacy of faithfulness, service and dignity; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this eighteenth day of April, 2012, do hereby commemorate Odas Nicholson for her grace-filled life and do hereby express our condolences to her family; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Odas Nicholson.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'LWB', is written over a horizontal line.

Alderman - 14th Ward