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**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION HONORING
THE LIFE OF BIRDIE MAE TUCKER**

WHEREAS, Birdie Mae Tucker, loving wife, mother, and grandmother, and longtime Beverly resident, made her heavenly transition on June 4, 2021, at 96-years-old, just three weeks shy of her 97th birthday; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of Birdie's passing by the Honorable Matthew J. O'Shea, Alderman of the 19th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Birdie was born on June 27, 1924, and has been a Beverly resident since 1997; and

WHEREAS, A devoted wife, Birdie was married to James B. Tucker, Sr. for 63 years, until he preceded her in death in 2010 at the age of 93; the couple had four children: Sheila Tucker, Janice Tucker Shepard, James B. Tucker, Jr., and Carolyn Tucker; and twin grandchildren: James A. Shepard, Jr. and Alicia Janine Shepard; and

WHEREAS, A woman of faith, Birdie was a member of the Church of God in Christ under Bishop Louis H. Ford, a deaconess and vacation bible school teacher at Canaan Missionary Baptist Church, and a member of Trinity United Church of Christ under senior pastor the Reverend Dr. Otis Moss, III; and

WHEREAS, Birdie was civically minded – she was a faithful voter and always made sure she voted by mail in all elections; she was also an advocate for Chicago Public School students, and was active in the PTA at her children's schools; and

WHEREAS, Birdie and James felt education was the key to having options and being successful in life; making their mother proud, all four of Birdie's children went to college and earned their bachelor's degrees, with two of the children going on to earn Masters Degrees as well; and

WHEREAS, In her free time, Birdie loved gardening and always maintained beautiful and colorful front yard and backyard gardens – she was especially fond of roses and orchids; Birdie also loved to travel, having visited Hawaii, London, Paris, and Madrid; and

WHEREAS, Birdie will be greatly missed by her family and all who knew and loved her; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this twenty-third day of June, 2021, do hereby extend our most heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Birdie Mae Tucker; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Birdie Mae Tucker as a sign of our honor and respect.



MATTHEW J. O'SHEA
Alderman, 19th Ward