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MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR LORETTA W. JONES

WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that the members of this Chamber learned of the departure of Loretta W. Jones on August 20, 2015; and

WHEREAS, This august body has been informed of Loretta W. Jones's passing by the Honorable Anthony A. Beale, Alderman of the 9th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Loretta W. Jones was born to the late Buelah Stanton and Johnny Watts in Clarksdale, Mississippi, on August 8, 1939; and

WHEREAS, Loretta moved to Chicago at the age of 17; later marrying the love of her life, Willie James Pullins. They were the proud parents of two children, Deirdre Lorrin (Dec) and Marc Antony (Tony); and

WHEREAS, Loretta spent several years working as a clerk in a stationery store, a bank teller, and a manager of several Currency Exchange locations. Loretta also had a strong entrepreneurial spirit, owning and operating a restaurant and her own liquor and convenience store, Lori's Extra Value Wine and Liquors. After 9 successful years of running her own business, Loretta decided to close the store after witnessing the deleterious impact liquor was having on her community. Loretta went on to become a successful vendor of Aloe Vera products, hosting a live two-hour infomercial on WVON radio; and

WHEREAS, Loretta accepted Jesus Christ at an early age and was a founding member of Christian Ministry Baptist Church. For the past forty years, she was a dedicated member of Life Center Church of God in Christ, formerly Mt. Zion Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Loretta leaves to cherish her memory her children, Deirdre Lorrin Pullins and Marc Antony Pullins (Lorice); brother, Maurice Campbell; sisters, Sandra Harper and Carolyn Garrett and a host of friends and extended family; and

WHEREAS, Loretta was preceded in death by her sister, Letha Franklin and cherished granddaughter, Jordyne L. Pullins; and

WHEREAS, Known for her kind heart, Loretta is remembered for her beautiful sense of humor, welcoming nature and no-nonsense personality. She touched the lives of all who knew her through her unconditional love, kindness and caring spirit. She will be deeply missed, but the memory of her character will live on in those 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, assembled this 26th day of July, 2017, do hereby extend our heartfelt condolences to the family of Loretta W. Jones.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution are presented to the family of Loretta W. Jones as a sign of our honor, gratitude, and respect.

ANTHONY A. BEALE
Alderman, 9th Ward