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RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF MRS. CLAUDIA MAE WILKERSON

WHEREAS, We the members of the Chicago City Council would like to extend special greetings and congratulations to **Mrs. Claudia Mae Wilkerson**, as her family celebrates the occasion of her upcoming 100th birthday, marking a century of life on this earth; and

WHEREAS, I, **Alderman Emma Mitts**, would like to wish **Mrs. Claudia Mae Wilkerson** a very Happy Birthday as she celebrates 100 years of existence on **Friday, April 6, 2012**; and

WHEREAS, It has often been said that, “...*Something special happens on your birthday each year. The same energy that God invested in you at birth is present once again...*” A birthday celebration is a time in which a person celebrates and honors their past and acknowledges their present; surrounded with the spirit of love from friends and relatives in joyous abundance; and

WHEREAS, **Mrs. Claudia Mae Wilkerson**, is one of ten (10) children born to the loving union of her parents, **Mr. and Mrs. Andrew and Millie Avery**, in Brent, Alabama in 1912. **Mrs. Wilkerson** has six sisters: **Ida, Pearly Mae, Annie Mae, Leteha, Nealy and Hannia**. She also has three (3) brothers: **Maine, Marc, and Willie**. All of her siblings preceded her in death. She married **Jerry Wilkerson, Sr.** (who preceded her in death) in 1929. They relocated to Chicago in 1965. **Mr. and Mrs. Wilkerson** are the proud parents of nine (9) children: (1) **J. C.** (2) **U. L.** (3) **Willie** (4) **Jerry Jr.** (5) **Nathaniel** (these five preceded her in death) and (6) **Booker T.** (7) **James** (8) **Robert** (9) **Clara**; (these four children are still living); and

WHEREAS, **Mrs. Wilkerson** is the devout Grandmother of forty-five (45); and she has eighty-three (83) Great-grandchildren; and fifty (50) Great-great grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Claudia Mae Wilkerson is a faithful member of ***Helping Hand Baptist Church***, under the blessed Pastor Tommie Woodridge, which is located in the 37th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Claudia Mae Wilkerson is a faithful woman of God, who taught her family adherence to God's word in all things, is a pleasant and kind woman who enjoys cooking, loves all varieties of flowers and the color red, as well as listening to Gospel music and spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, The Wilkerson family, along with a host of friends and community members, have reserved April 7, 2012 as the day they will express their unconditional love, gratitude, and to create an aura of unwavering support of one another and most importantly to their Mom, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother and Great-Great Grandmother during her 100th Birthday Celebration; and

BE IT RESOLVED, That the **Mayor** and we the members of the **Chicago City Council** assembled during its meeting on Wednesday, the fourteenth day of March 2012, and on behalf of all the citizens of the City of Chicago, we do hereby express and do hereby recognize and congratulate family and friends during the **Centennial 100th Birthday Celebration of Mrs. Claudia Mae Wilkerson**, and do hereby extend our best wishes for a successful natal date and many more years of life; and

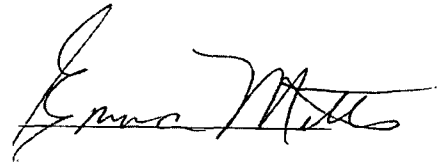
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to **Mrs. Claudia Mae Wilkerson**, and her family as she is so duly celebrated for living One-Hundred Years, as a token of our esteem and good wishes.



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