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Tribute to late Dr. Debra Parrish-Hooks

Committee(s) Assignment:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Dr. Debra Parrish-Hooks has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of fifty-nine; and

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

WHEREAS, A resident of Flossmoor, Dr. Debra Parrish-Hooks was a widely admired educator and the loving wife of the Honorable William H. Hooks; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Debra Parrish-Hooks was the much-adored mother of Mariah and Ashley and the grandmother of two to whom she imparted many of the fine and noble qualities that she possessed in abundance; and

WHEREAS, Born in Chicago, Dr. Debra Parrish-Hooks was the daughter of Grace and the late Cornelius Parrish; and

WHEREAS, A highly educated and brilliant individual who was known for her highly-honed listening skills, Dr. Debra Parrish-Hooks graduated from DePaul University and earned three post graduate degrees, including a doctorate; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Debra Parrish-Hooks ably served for more than thirty years as a teacher, counselor, psychologist and administrator; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Debra Parrish-Hooks most recently served as the Executive Director of South Holland-based ECHO, a special education cooperative serving seventeen school districts; and

WHEREAS, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of Dr. Debra Parrish-Hooks serve as an example to all; and

WHEREAS, Her love of life and ability to live it to the fullest endeared Dr. Debra Parrish-Hooks to her family members, friends and all who knew her, and enabled her to enrich their lives in ways they will never forget; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Debra Parrish-Hooks was an individual of great integrity and accomplishment who will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by her many relatives, friends and admirers; and

WHEREAS, To her beloved family, Dr. Debra Parrish-Hooks 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 fifth day of February, 2014, do hereby commemorate Dr. Debra Parrish-Hooks 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 Dr. Debra Parrish-Hooks.

Alderman - 14th Ward