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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Giovinella Gonthier has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of sixty-three; and

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

WHEREAS, A native of Tanzania, Giovinella Gonthier was a former diplomat and the devoted wife of Roger Wilson; and

WHEREAS, Educated in the United States, Giovinella Gonthier earned a master's degree in Education from Harvard University, and taught at the University of Chicago Laboratory School before launching her diplomatic career; and

WHEREAS, Giovinella Gonthier served as Ambassador to both the United Nations and the United States from the Republic of Seychelles, a chain of one-hundred fifteen islands in the Indian Ocean; and

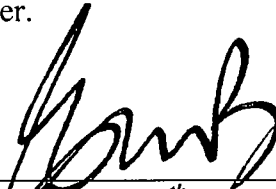
WHEREAS, A woman of dignity, grace and charm, Giovinella Gonthier was fluent in Creole, English, French, Spanish, and Swahili; and

WHEREAS, After concluding her service as Ambassador in 1987, Giovinella Gonthier returned to Chicago and was a much sought after consultant on international protocol, and became the author of a revered book on the need for civility in the workplace; and

WHEREAS, To her beloved family, Giovinella Gonthier 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 twelfth day of September, 2012, do hereby commemorate Giovinella Gonthier 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 Giovinella Gonthier.



Alderman – 14th Ward