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## **MEMORIAL RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF MILDRED LOUISE WILSON**

**WHEREAS**, Mildred Louise Wilson, beloved wife, mother, sister, and grandmother, was peacefully ushered into glory by God on May 3, 2021, at the age of 86; and

**WHEREAS**, The Chicago City Council has been informed of Mildred's passing by the Honorable Carrie M. Austin, Alderman of the 34th Ward; and

**WHEREAS**, Born on June 7, 1934 in Brookhaven, Mississippi, Mildred was the second eldest of four siblings blessed to the holy union between Hezekiah Cooke and Mary Louise Butler; and

**WHEREAS**, Mildred, or "Mill" as she was affectionately called by her closest family and friends, evolved into a witty and beautiful young lady who was well-mannered with a most delightful personality; at an early age Mill learned the virtues of individual responsibility, dedicated work ethic, duty to family, and strict discipline to following rules; and

**WHEREAS**, An observant child growing up, Mildred was mindful of her every action in a segregated and racist south; Mildred was entrusted to listen to her elder sister and look after her younger siblings, and stayed dedicated to her studies as a means to make a better life for herself and her siblings; despite the many disciplines she had to master to improve her career and housing options, she always exhibited a fun-loving, free, and humorous spirit, and was caring and kind to a fault; and

**WHEREAS**, Mildred attended Alexander High School where she met her future husband, Jimmie Lee Wilson, Sr., who began courting her; after Jimmie Lee was drafted and went to war, he returned in the 1950s and pursued Mildred; the couple married, relocated to Chicago, and began a family; and

**WHEREAS**, Mildred and Jimmie Lee were blessed with five children; Mildred ensured her children would be a family that prayed together, with each child baptized in Christ and attending church every Sunday under the leadership of Reverend C. Brooks, together with three generations of family, including her parents-in-law, siblings, and siblings-in-law, and their respective children; and

**WHEREAS**, When Mildred entered the workforce, she began working as a volunteer in a preschool, assistant teaching one of her very own children; Mildred's work life spanned over forty years, retiring from the United States Postal Service after an impressive 38 years of service, ending her career as a ZMT Operator; and

**WHEREAS**, Mildred purchased a home in Morgan Park, where she resided for over 40 years, living a full life that was centered around loving her family, playing cards, traveling, bowling, cooking the best soul food in the land, listening to music, and counting her many blessings of 86 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Mildred is preceded in death by her daughter, Beverly; her sisters Henrine Hood (Henry) of Toledo, Ohio, and Helen Williams; and her granddaughter, Camiya; she leaves to mourn her passing her children, Jacquelyn, Patricia (William), Tony Sr., and Terri (Gator); her brother, H. Cooke; her grandchildren, Nekia (Jason), Nychol, Waitari (Jennifer), Antoinette, Tony, Jr. (Tasha), Kahdmiel, and Leviticus; fourteen great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives, loved ones, and friends; and

**WHEREAS**, An honored and beloved matriarch who was greatly respected and adored by generations of family, Mildred will be deeply missed but the memories of her genuine character, compassion and strong Christian beliefs 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, gathered here this twenty-sixth day of May, 2021, do hereby extend our most heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Mildred Louise Wilson; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Mildred Louise Wilson as a sign of our honor, gratitude and respect.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Carrie M. Austin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath.

CARRIE M. AUSTIN  
Alderman, 34th Ward