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RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE LIFE OF CLARETHA JONES RAYNER

WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom has chosen to call His precious child, Claretha Jones Rayner, home to her eternal reward after an eventful and rewarding life of forty-seven years; and

WHEREAS, Claretha Jones Rayner, a most beloved citizen, friend and towering figure in Chicago's great eighth ward community was called home by our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ, Monday, July 11, 2011; and

WHEREAS, A precious flower born April 29, 1964 to loving parents in our great city of Chicago, was named Claretha. She was the fourth child born to the late Ivory Bell and Solomon Jones, Sr., and was predeceased by one brother, Michael Anthony; and

WHEREAS, Claretha accepted Christ as her personal Savior at a young age and was baptized at Calvary Baptist Church by Rev. C.R. Philips. She attended Charles P. Caldwell Elementary School and graduated from Bowen High School, where she participated in the Cooperative Work Training Program. Claretha was a dedicated employee for the Federal Government for more than twenty years. She worked for the Veterans Administration, Railroad Retirement Board and the Internal Revenue Service; and

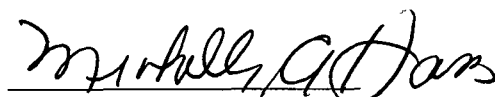
WHEREAS, Claretha Jones captured the heart of a young man William Todd Rayner, the man who became her loving husband and soul mate. Claretha and William shared a multitude of memorable times together and with other family members and friends. Claretha reached out and touched many, she will be remembered as a loving wife, daughter, sister, aunt, niece, friend and neighbor who enriched the lives of all who knew her in countless ways; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been notified of Claretha Jones Rayner's transition by the Honorable Michelle A. Harris, Alderman of the 8th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Her parents and brother, Michael Anthony, having predeceased her, Claretha Jones Rayner leaves to celebrate her life and cherish her memory her loving husband, William Todd Rayner; grandmother, Claretha Day; grandfather, Roby Carter; brother, Solomon Jones, Jr.; sisters, Dianne Bullock (Comell) and Linda Brown; one niece, nine nephews and a host of other relatives and many friends; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved, That we, the Mayor and members of the Chicago City Council, gathered here this twenty-eighth day of July, 2011 A.D., do hereby offer our most heartfelt sympathy to those who loved and cherished Claretha Jones Rayner and extend our sincere wishes that the coldness of their grief be soon replaced by the warmth of their memories of her life.

Be It Further Resolved, That a suitable copy of the resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Claretha Jones Rayner.


MICHELLE A. HARRIS
Alderman – 8th Ward

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