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## MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS,** God in His Infinite Wisdom has called Mrs. Octavia Alene Cannon-Jackson, most beloved citizen to her eternal reward, March 12, 2014; and

**WHEREAS,** This august body has been informed of her passing by the Honorable Carrie M. Austin, Alderman of the 34th Ward; and

**WHEREAS,** Born on February 10, 1920 in Fitzhugh Arkansas, Octavia was the third daughter of nine children born to James and Ida Cannon. Both parents taught school and her father was known in the community as "Professor Cannon." All of her siblings preceded her in death; and

**WHEREAS,** Octavia had faith in God and believed in the Methodist principles. When she moved to Chicago, she joined, Faith Temple United Methodist, Bethel AME, and Carter Temple CME Church. She was an avid bible reader and a faithful member of the Willing Workers Club; and

**WHEREAS,** In the 1940's during World War II, Octavia worked at the Ford Motor Company in Madison, Illinois. Octavia's efforts during wartime refuted the misconception that women are incapable of manual and technical laboring. While at the Ford Motor Company, Octavia met and married Walter Jackson. They were married for over fifty years and had two children, Walter Jr. and Janette. Octavia's husband and children preceded her in death; and

**WHEREAS,** Octavia was very skilled with her hands and secured a job with the Hart Schaffner & Marx headquarters at 101 North Wacker Dr. downtown Chicago. She was a professional master seamstress and made wedding gowns. She was also a skilled hairstylist. After retirement, Octavia volunteered working in the Englewood community food pantries and the alderman's office. Later the family moved on 100<sup>th</sup> and May Street, where she was active in the 4 in 1 Block Club; and

**WHEREAS,** Octavia leaves to cherish her memories: daughter/granddaughter Dorrian, four great-granddaughters Kristina, Jacqueline, Justice, Destiny, also a grandson Jeremiah, a special relative/friend Sarah, special niece/ guardian Evelyn, special niece Dorothy and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends; and

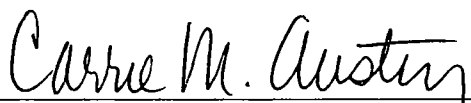
**WHEREAS,** A cherished friend and supportive family member to all, Octavia will be deeply missed but the remembrance of her character, skill and compassion will live on in those who knew and loved her; now, therefore,

**Be It Resolved,** That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this second day of April, 2014 A.D., do hereby commemorate Mrs. Octavia Alene Cannon-Jackson for her many lifetime contributions and do hereby extend to her family and many friends our sincere condolences.

**Be It Further Resolved,** That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Mrs. Octavia Alene Cannon-Jackson.

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CARRIE M. AUSTIN  
Alderman, 34<sup>th</sup> Ward

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