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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Rosie Lee “Big Ma” Atchison was born on August 15, 1911, a child of Rosanna Ford and Henry Liner, and sibling to twenty-six others, and,

WHEREAS, “Big Ma” had three children with her first husband, before migrating to Chicago in 1935; and,

WHEREAS, in starting her journey as a Chicagoan, “Big Ma” became a faithful, God-serving member of Greater Salem Baptist Church, including her joyous participation in Dr. Watt’s Choir; and,

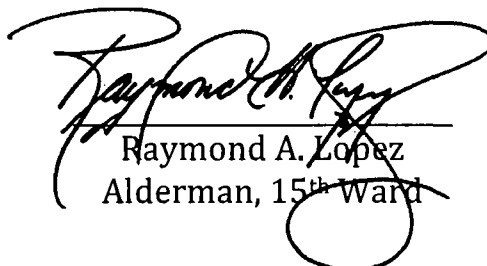
WHEREAS, “Big Ma” married Andrew Atchison in 1937, raising their growing family at the Mecca Building for fourteen years; and,

WHEREAS, over decades of struggle, adversity and perseverance Rosie Lee Atchison eventually purchased her own home in the West Englewood community on November 2, 1970; and,

WHEREAS, the contribution “Big Ma” had on the community has been felt on generations families for the last five decades, with the seeds of her love growing on for decades more to come; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, at the request of her alderman, the Honorable Raymond Lopez, hereby honor & recognize life, faith & impact of Rosie Lee Atchison; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be given to the family of Rosie Lee Atchison in remembrance of her spirit.



Raymond A. Lopez
Alderman, 15th Ward