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Tribute to late Equellia Nancy Woods

Committee(s) Assignment:

Resolution Honoring Equellia Nancy Woods

WHEREAS, Equellia Nancy Woods' living spirit left the body that we have come to know Tuesday, July 26, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Equellia Nancy Woods was born in Newman, Georgia on April 21, 1918 and was the second of ten children to Paul and Victoria Powell; and

WHEREAS, in 1942 Equellia married her husband Henry Woods and the couple participated in the Great Migration and moved to the Bronzeville area of Chicago in the late 1940's; and

WHEREAS, on June 12, 1949 she graduated from National Institute of Nursing in Chicago and excelled in her career as a nurse at Providence Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Equellia Nancy Woods was known to care for many lawyers, judges, business entrepreneurs and in the 1950's she was hired to care for philanthropist Edith B. Wells until her death in 1981; and

WHEREAS, Equellia continued to assist clients until 1986 when she officially retired; and

WHEREAS, Equellia was known throughout the community as a dedicated public servant and leader as a nurse; and

WHEREAS, she maintained her status as matriarch of the family and was a solid pillar in the Englewood community, where she treated everyone with dignity, respect and always took every chance to say "I love you"; and

WHEREAS, Equellia enjoyed the golden years of her life sharing stories and embracing those close to her with her humorous personality; and

WHEREAS, the family and friends have deep gratitude and respect for Equellia Nancy Woods for providing love, inspiration, leadership and discipline; and

WHEREAS, innumerable lives have been positively touched and impacted by the 98 years left behind on this earth by Equellia Nancy Woods from her healing hands as a nurse, encouraging words as an inspirational leader and her giving spirit as a philanthropist to many charities; and

WHEREAS, her presence in the community was such an asset and will be greatly missed by residents, children and Alderman Willie B. Cochran; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and members of the City of Chicago City Council, assembled here on the 14th day of September 2016 AD, do hereby honor Equellia Nancy Woods for the role she has played in making the world a better place for generations to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the resolution be entered into the official journal and archives of the City of Chicago as a testament of her existence, and that a suitable copy of the resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Equellia Nancy Woods.

WILLIE B. COCHRAN

Alderman – 20th Ward

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