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Committee(s) Assignment:

Memorial Resolution for Henrietta Harrell

- **WHEREAS,** God in His infinite wisdom and mercy called Henrietta Harrell to her eternal home on July 17, 2017, at 8:59 a.m.; and
- **WHEREAS**, This esteemed body has been notified of Henrietta Harrell's passing by the Honorable Raymond Lopez, Alderman of the 15th Ward; and
- WHEREAS, Henrietta Burrows was the eldest of three children born to the late Rose and John Burrows on June 2, 1936. She had two sisters, Bonnie and Hattie Mae; and
- WHEREAS, Henrietta moved to Chicago and shortly thereafter married Charles Maurice Harrell. They had six children: Lorraine, Lorenzo, Ronald, Charlene, Robert and Gerlaine. She worked at the Chicago Housing Authority for many years. Upon retirement, she became a foster mom through Catholic Charities. She eventually adopted one of her foster children, Anthony Dean Goldberg-Harrell. Henrietta was called Grandma by her grandchildren; and
- **WHEREAS,** Henrietta Harrell joined Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church in 1990. She was a devoted member and served on the Pastor's Aid Committee; and
- WHEREAS, Henrietta was very involved in her community. She served as an Election Judge for over fifty years. She was an active member of the 7th District's Neighborhood Watch and CAPS; and
- WHEREAS, Henrietta often read several books in a week. She had a good sense of comedic irony. Henrietta was strong-willed with a wealth of survivor techniques developed as she persevered through hardships. She had a fertile imagination and old fashioned common sense; and
- WHEREAS, Henrietta was preceded in death by her parents, Rose and John Burrows; her sisters, Bonnie Burrows and Hattie Mae Burrows; and her husband, Charles Maurice Harrell; and
- WHEREAS, Henrietta Harrell leaves to cherish her memory her children, Lorraine Harrell, Lorenzo Harrell, Ronald Harrell, Charlene Harrell-Jones, Robert Eugene Harrell, Gerlaine Candace Harrell-Wilcoxon (Leesundo); grandchildren, Eugene L. B. Harrell, Rachi Harrell, Tasha Harrell, Tameka Denea, Femi London (Tommy), Zigmond Warren, Nicole Warren, Keith Warren (Paula) and Christopher Warren; and numerous great-grandchildren; nieces; nephews; cousins and friends; 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 July, 2017, do hereby express our sorrow on the passing of Henrietta Harrell and extend to her family and friends our sincere condolences.
- **Be It Further Resolved**, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Henrietta Harrell.

RAYMOND LOPEZ Iderman, 15th Ward