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Title:	Tribute to Late Reverend Dr. Ruth Theresa Williams
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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Reverend Dr. Ruth Theresa Williams has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of eighty-three; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of her passing by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

WHEREAS, A native of New Orleans, the Reverend Dr. Ruth Theresa Williams was the much-adored mother of Norman and the beloved aunt of twenty-three nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, In addition to serving as a Priest for St. Edmund's Episcopal Church, the Reverend Dr. Ruth Theresa Williams was the Chairman of the Board for Unity Funeral Parlors, Inc., and was President of Unity Limousine Service, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, The Reverend Dr. Ruth Theresa Williams earned her doctorate in Theology at the age of eighty; and

WHEREAS, Prior to ministering as a Priest and serving as a funeral director, the Reverend Dr. Ruth Theresa Williams was a medical social worker at Chicago's Cook County Hospital; and

WHEREAS, As a funeral director, the Reverend Dr. Ruth Theresa Williams formed a support group to help widows learn to manage life without their partners; and

WHEREAS, An active member of her community, the Reverend Dr. Ruth Theresa Williams sat on the boards of both the Field Museum and the Museum of Science and Industry, and was involved with numerous charitable organizations, including the Child Welfare League of America and the United Negro College Fund; and

WHEREAS, The Reverend Dr. Ruth Theresa Williams was the recipient of numerous awards, including honors from the Little City Foundation and the NAACP; and

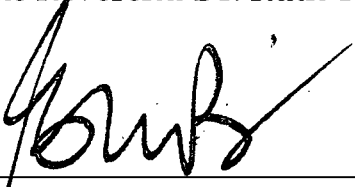
WHEREAS, The Reverend Dr. Ruth Theresa Williams was considered by many to be among the most influential African-American women in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, The Reverend Dr. Ruth Theresa Williams will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by her many relatives, friends, and colleagues; and

WHEREAS, To her beloved family, the Reverend Dr. Ruth Theresa Williams imparts a legacy of faithfulness, service and dignity; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this sixth day of July, 2011, do hereby commemorate the Reverend Dr. Ruth Theresa Williams for her grace-filled life and do hereby express our condolences to her family; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of the Reverend Dr. Ruth Theresa Williams.



Alderman - 14th Ward