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TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF MARGARET ESTELLE WILLIAMS

WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom and judgment has called His precious daughter, Margaret Estelle Williams home to her eternal reward, Friday, December 16, 2011, after an eight year battle with Alzheimer's; and

WHEREAS, The honorable body has been informed of her transition by the esteemed Alderman of the 8th Ward, Michelle A. Harris; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Estelle, the loving daughter of Maxine and Carroll Williams was born October 11, 1932 in Leavenworth, Kansas. The Williams Family moved to Chicago when Margaret was 7 years old; and

WHEREAS, In 1951 Margaret began working for Illinois Bell of Bell Telephone Company and in 1956 was appointed as the first African American in the new Plant Operations Division. In 1983 Margaret retired from Illinois Bell after 32 years of dedicated service, and began volunteering at the Chicago Urban League in an adult literacy program. Margaret went back to school to further her education after her youngest son left for college. She attended Loop Junior College and received an associate's degree, a bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois-Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Margaret matured into a young woman with an abundance of grace, charm, patience and wisdom and she soon captured the heart of the man who was to become her soul mate, John T. Clark, Jr. On June 20, 1964, the former Margaret Estelle Williams and John T. Clark, Jr. were joined in Holy Matrimony and to this union four sons were born, Phillip, Dennis, John and Eric. Margaret and John T. Clark, Jr. blissfully shared forty-seven years of happiness and togetherness with each other and their wonderful sons; and


WHEREAS, Margaret enjoyed traveling, golf, playing cards with friends and spending quality time with loved ones. She was a member of the Chicago's Women's Golf Club and played for many years. She donated her clubs to the Chicago Women's Golf Club shortly before her battle with Alzheimer's began; and


WHEREAS, Mrs. Margaret Estelle Clark will be greatly missed, but the memory of her character, intelligence and compassion will live on in those whose life she touched in countless ways; and

WHEREAS, The Eighth Ward has suffered greatly with the death of such an outstanding citizen and vital member of her community. She will be deeply missed by those who knew and loved her: her devoted husband, John T. Clark, Jr., loving sons, Phillip Clark, Dennis Clark, John T. Clark, III and Eric R. Clark, Sr., brothers, Carroll Williams and Joseph Williams, and sisters, Anita Ross and Elva Williams, daughter-in-law, Michelle Harris, grandchildren, Devin Clark, Aaron Clark, Christine Clark, Jordan Clark, Dana Clark, Eric Clark, Jr., Caiyah Clark, Tasia Clark, Justice Clark, Zyra Clark, and Andrew Clark, many great-great grandchildren and a host of other relatives and many friends; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this eighteenth day of January, 2012, A.D., do hereby offer our heartfelt sympathy to the family, friends and loved ones of Mrs. Margaret Estelle Clark and express our hope that the coldness of their grief be soon replaced by their warm memories of her.

Be It Further Resolved, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Mrs. Margaret Estelle Clark.


MICHELLE A. HARRIS
Alderman – 8th Ward


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