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TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF ELIZABETH PETERD STANDFIELD

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His Infinite Wisdom, has called to her eternal reward Elizabeth Peterd Standfield, beloved friend, outstanding public servant and member of her community; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Peterd Standfield started on her life journey in Athens, Alabama on May 20, 1910 as the eldest of four children born to the union of the late O'Fella and Mitchell Gilbreath. The Gilbreath Family moved to Mt. Pleasant Tennessee where Elizabeth, and her siblings, Mattie Frank Wilkins (deceased), Mitchell Gilbreath (deceased) and George Gilbreath (deceased) were all home schooled; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth and the late Thomas Bynum were married at a young age and were blessed with two children, Thomas Hill Bynum (deceased) and Elizabeth Thomas Bynum Butler (deceased); and

WHEREAS, In 1932, Elizabeth and her children moved to Rockford, Illinois. They lived with her aunt. Elizabeth worked hard to support her family, during the day she cleaned houses and in the evening she took in laundry to make a living and support her children. She and Felton Louis Peterd were married and two children, Richard Louis (deceased) and Wanda Jean Clark were born; and

WHEREAS, The Peterd Family were faithful members of Bethel Baptist Church and participated joyously with the congregation. In 1944 Mr. Peterd was called to eternal rest. Elizabeth's' family was increased with two godchildren, Felicia Webster (deceased) and Barbara Hemby. In 1946 Elizabeth helped organize Providence Missionary Baptist Church and the first meeting was held in her living room at 2004 Green Street; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth's entrepreneurial skills shone as: the owner of a hat and dress business, a restaurant, and a rooming house and she also ran the first kitchen at Booker T. Washington Center. She was a member of The American Business Women's Association and The National Council of Negro Women. She was the recipient of the Bertha Palmer Award, and the Lifescapes Super Senior Award; and

WHEREAS, In a long and productive life, Elizabeth Peterd Standfield reached out to touch many and typified the strength and solidity of family life. She will always be remembered as a loving wife, mother, godmother, good neighbor and caring friend who enriched their lives in countless ways. She provided her family with an abundance of love; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Michelle A. Harris, Alderman of the 8th Ward has informed this august body of the passing of this redoubtable and worthy woman; now therefore,

Be It Resolved, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this ninth day of May 2012 A.D., do hereby express our sorrow on the passing of Elizabeth Peterd Standfield, 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 Elizabeth Peterd Standfield.



MICHELLE A. HARRIS
Alderman – 8th Ward