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WHEREAS, On Tuesday, July 17, 2012, the Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom called to her eternal journey, Juliette M. Heard; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this by 18th Ward Alderman Lona Lane; and

WHEREAS, Juliette was born on March 1, 1926 in Atlanta, Georgia. She was the middle child of three children born to the union of Willard and Bessie Davenport, and was affectionately called "Judy or "Sister". Her parents died at an early age, therefore Juliette and her siblings were cared for by their grandfather until his death later the same year. Juliette and her two brothers were than raised by their grandmother Addie, also known as "Big Momma"; and


WHEREAS, Juliette was baptized and received her spiritual teaching at Warren Memorial (United) Methodist Church in Atlanta. She graduated from Ashby Street Elementary School and Booker T. Washington High School in Atlanta, and then attended Clark College for one year. In 1946, Sister and her brothers moved to Chicago, Illinois, to live with their cousin, Melanie Johnson. They looked upon Melanie Johnson as their mother; and

WHEREAS, She married Walter L. Heard, a World War II veteran, in 1949 and from that union a son was born, he was the love of their life. Her love of children was woven into her life's work. She opened a child care center in her home, and she later worked in the child care center at her church, the Greater Institutional A.M.E. Church; and

WHEREAS, Juliette was preceded in death by her husband, Walter Heard; her brother, Dempsey Davenport; and leaves to cherish her memories, her loving son, Michael and daughter-in-law Beverly; grandsons, Drake, Willie, and Malik; great-grandchildren, Devin, Jordan, Jonathan, Cardeair and William; brother, Oscar (Vilma) Davenport; nephews, Montell (Gail) Davenport, Keith (Linda) Davenport, Geraldine Stokes, Thelma Holliman; and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here in assembly this twelfth day of September, 2012 A.D., do hereby express our sorrow in the passing of Juliette M. Heard and extend to her family and friends our deepest sympathy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Juliette Heard's family.


Lona Lane
18th Ward Alderman

