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## ***RESOLUTION***

**WHEREAS**, Helen Chavez has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 88; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Helen Chavez was the widow of the late labor leader Cesar Chavez; and

**WHEREAS**, Born in Brawley, California near the Mexican border, Helen Chavez met her future husband in the mid-1940s and the couple were married in 1948; and

**WHEREAS**, Beginning in the early 1960s, Helen and Cesar Chavez began organizing farm workers in Central Valley; and

**WHEREAS**, While Helen Chavez helped to build the movement, she chose to remain in the background and was known for her quiet humility and perseverance; and

**WHEREAS**, Helen Chavez raised a close and loving family of eight children in Delano, California while her husband organized farm workers, traveled and made speeches on behalf of the farm labor movement; and

**WHEREAS**, Cesar Chavez, along with Dolores Huerta, founded the National Farm Workers Association which later became known as the UFW; and


**WHEREAS**, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of Helen Chavez serve as an example to all; and

**WHEREAS**, Helen Chavez will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by her many relatives, friends and admirers; and

**WHEREAS**, To her beloved family, Helen Chavez 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 twenty-second day of June, 2016, do hereby commemorate Helen Chavez 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 Helen Chavez.



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**Alderman - 14<sup>th</sup> Ward**