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TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF EVELYN IRIS BROWN

WHEREAS, In His Infinite Wisdom, Almighty God has called Evelyn Iris Brown, an outstanding citizen and member of her community, to her eternal rest, March 19, 2015; and

WHEREAS, In Northport, Alabama on April 25, 1940, Robert Mayfield and Estella Juanita Mayfield held their newborn daughter, Evelyn Iris; and

WHEREAS, In 1943, Evelyn along with her parents and her uncle Clinton Mayfield, moved to Chicago and into their new community on Chicago's Westside. The family prospered and within this warm and loving home two more children were born; Helen and Kathy; and

WHEREAS, In 1957, Evelyn Iris 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 husband, Henderson Brown. Symbolic of the strength and solidity of family life, Evelyn was joined in Holy Matrimony to Henderson Brown and to this union three children were born; Rodney, Robin and Rory. The Brown Family moved to Chicago's Southside in 1965 and became faithful and active members of St. Ailbe's Parish. Shortly after the move, Evelyn began her career at the U.S. Post Office in downtown Chicago. She started as a mail clerk and retired as the Finance Director. After thirty years of dedication on the job, Evelyn retired to spend more quality time with her family; and

WHEREAS, Evelyn's most enduring legacy is her family. She believed that a quality education was the foundation for a successful future and made certain that her children took advantage of every opportunity afforded them. Evelyn received a B.A. in Accounting from Chicago State University in 1983, while she also worked full-time and raised three young children. She continued her education and received a Master's degree in Public Administration from Roosevelt University; and

WHEREAS, Evelyn Iris Brown, a devout Christian and active member of St. Ailbe Catholic Church, was a faithful servant in the Horizon Ministry, Communion Ministry, and Bereavement Ministry. She enjoyed traveling, spending special times with her family and friends and her membership in the exclusive Chi-Town Line Dancers. She was known to twist the night away. Evelyn's most enjoyment came from her grand and great grandchildren to whom she would whisper "Mama loves her babies" and she always made her home their haven for fun and good food; and

WHEREAS, Her love of life and ability to live it to the fullest endeared Evelyn Iris Brown to her family members, friends and all who knew her and enabled her to enrich their lives in ways they will never forget; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Michelle A. Harris, Alderman of the 8th Ward and Chairman of the Committee on Committees, Rules and Ethics, has informed this august body of the passing of this good and decent citizen; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved, That we, the Mayor and members of the City of Chicago City Council, assembled this 15th day of April 2015 A.D., do hereby express our sincere sorrow at the passing of Evelyn Iris Brown and extend our deepest condolence to her family, friends and people whose lives she touched.

Be It Further Resolved, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Evelyn Iris Brown.


MICHELLE A. HARRIS
Alderman – 8th Ward

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