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## MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR BARBARA JEAN BLOXTON

**WHEREAS**, God in his Infinite Wisdom has called Barbara Jean Bloxton, most beloved citizen, to her eternal reward on February 11, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, this august body has been informed of her passing by the Honorable Toni Foulkes, Alderman of the 16<sup>th</sup> Ward; and

**WHEREAS**, Born on September 10, 1936 in Mobile, Alabama, Barbara was the adored daughter of the late Norris and the late Autherine Smith. She was the second eldest of five siblings. She leaves behind a legacy of faith, dignity and love; and

**WHEREAS**, Barbara attended the Shrine of the Holy Cross Elementary Catholic School in Daphne, Alabama, and continued her education at The Most Pure Heart of Mary High School in Mobile, Alabama, where she met and married (the late) Willie F. Bloxton; and

**WHEREAS**, Barbara and Willie settled in Chicago to begin their life together and raise a family. They were blessed with seven children. They owned and operated Willie's Liquors located at 4300 S. Drexel. Barbara was also employed with the United States Postal Service; and

**WHEREAS**, Barbara was known to be an excellent cook and drew neighbors in for a bowl of her famous seafood gumbo. Her door was always open and made everyone feel at home. But what she loved most was nurturing, caring for and spending time with her family. Barbara enjoyed listening to music and dancing; and

**WHEREAS**, Barbara Jean Bloxton leaves to cherish her memory: her children, William (Doris), Caryn (Ozzie), Gerald Sr. (Candice), Kimberly (George), Wanda (Terrell), Stephanie, and Patrice (Anthony); 24 dedicated grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren; loving siblings, Carol A. Shoots, and Terry W. Smit; 1 devoted sister-in-law, Hannah Smit; and a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and an entire neighborhood who cherished and loved her dearly; and


**WHEREAS**, Preceding her in death were; her brothers Norris Smith Jr. and Arthur Richard Smith, Sr. and two of her sons Richard E., Sr. and Carl A. Bloxton; and

**WHEREAS**, Barbara touched the lives of all who knew her through her unconditional love and vivacious spirit. She will be deeply missed, but the memory of her character and compassion will live on in those who knew and loved her; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this thirteenth day of March, 2019, and do hereby extend our heartfelt condolences to the family of Barbara Jean Bloxton; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a suitable copy of this resolution will be presented to the family of Barbara Jean Bloxton as a sign of our sympathy and respect.

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