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Title:	Congratulations extended to Bernice Bolden Goodwin Robie on 101st birthday.
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RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING BERNICE BOLDEN GOODWIN ROBIE ON HER 101st BIRTHDAY

WHEREAS, Bernice Bolden Goodwin Robie recently celebrated her 101st birthday; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Michael Scott, Jr., Alderman of the 24th Ward, has apprised the members of the chamber of this remarkable woman's auspicious milestone; and

WHEREAS, Bernice Bolden was born on August 16, 1916, in England, Arkansas. She was the ninth of twelve children born to Pearl and George Bolden. Bernice attended a one-room school house in Arkansas. In 1930, the family became part of the "Great Migration" and moved to Chicago, where she attended Smith W. Elementary School and Madill Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Bernice married Elijah Goodwin in 1933. From this union there were three children: Marvin, Alvin and Patricia. After only eight years of marriage Elijah passed away and Bernice was left to raise three young children. In 1957, Bernice married John Robie. Their marriage lasted for about thirty years until he went to his final resting place; and

WHEREAS, At the age of sixteen Bernice went to work at a company making handkerchiefs. As a young widow she became an employee of the Campbell's Soup Company. After two years she went to work at the TB Sanitarium where she was employed for eighteen years. Mother Robie then worked at Rush Presbyterian Hospital for eight years until her retirement; and

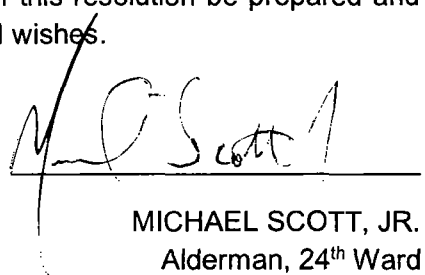
WHEREAS, She was a devout member of All Nations Church for more than thirty years. Mother Robie then joined her son Elder Marvin Goodwin's church, Pembroke Bible Church. Bernice moved with him to Grace Pentecostal Church where her daughter-in-law Anne Goodwin is the pastor. She continues to be a faithful member of Grace Pentecostal; and

WHEREAS, Bernice is very involved in her building and at Merrilac House; and

WHEREAS, Bernice's three children have passed away, Marvin (Ann Hudson), Alvin (Mildred Epps Smith) and Patricia (Clint Davis and Phillip Reames). She has ten grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren and six great-great grandchildren; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City of Chicago City Council, gathered together this sixth day of September, 2017, do hereby congratulate Bernice Bolden Goodwin Robie on her 101st birthday and extend our very best wishes for many more birthdays to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Bernice Robie as a token of our esteem and good wishes.


MICHAEL SCOTT, JR.
Alderman, 24th Ward

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