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Sponsor(s): Burke (14)
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Title: Tribute to late Amelia Boynton Robinson
Committee(s) Assignment:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Amelia Boynton Robinson has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 104; and

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

WHEREAS, A native of Savannah, Georgia, Amelia Boynton Robinson was a legendary civil rights activist; and

WHEREAS, Amelia Boynton Robinson was among those beaten while attempting to march across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama in 1965; and

WHEREAS, Amelia Boynton Robinson was clubbed in the neck and beaten unconscious as Alabama state troopers and a sheriff's posse tear-gassed and brutally attacked the peaceful demonstrators; and

WHEREAS, A newspaper photograph of a badly injured Amelia Boynton Robinson drew national attention and became a symbol of the sacrifices made by so many during the civil rights movement; and

WHEREAS, Fifty years after the "Bloody Sunday" march, President Barack Obama held Amelia Boynton Robinson's hand as she was pushed in a wheelchair across the bridge during an event marking its 50th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, A key figure in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Amelia Boynton Robinson was a fearless and dedicated champion of the civil rights movement whose courage sustained its growth and success; and

WHEREAS, A 1927 graduate of Tuskegee University, Amelia Boynton Robinson donated much of her memorabilia to the school; and

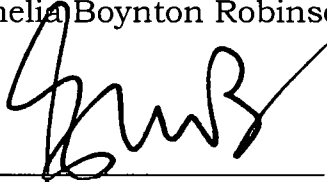
WHEREAS, The bravery, sacrifice and determination of Amelia Boynton Robinson serve as an example to all; and

WHEREAS, Amelia Boynton Robinson will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by her many relatives, friends and admirers; and

WHEREAS, To her beloved family, Amelia Boynton Robinson 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-fourth day of September 2015, do hereby commemorate Amelia Boynton Robinson 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 Amelia Boynton Robinson.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'GWB', written over a horizontal line.

Alderman - 14th Ward