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<b>Title:</b>	Tribute to late Yung Sook Lee
<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	

## *MEMORIAL RESOLUTION*

WHEREAS, Yung Sook Lee, born on August 14, 1926, was called by God to her eternal reward on August 19, 2012, at the age of 86; and

WHEREAS, The City Council has been informed of her passing by The Honorable Margaret Laurino, Alderman of the 39<sup>th</sup> Ward; and

WHEREAS, Yung Sook Lee was an active and vital member of her community. The loving wife of Byung Yoon Suh; beloved mother of two daughters and two sons; cherished grandmother of eight; treasured great-grandmother of seven, Yung Sook Lee leaves a legacy of faith, compassion, dignity and love; and

WHEREAS, Yung Sook Lee, the eldest of five children, was born in Gyeonggi-do province, South Korea; and

WHEREAS, Yung Sook Lee had three sisters and one brother; and

WHEREAS, Yung Sook Lee married Byung Yoon Suh in 1944, a man she had never met prior to their wedding day, to avoid being drafted by the Japanese as a "comfort woman"; and

WHEREAS, Yung Sook Lee had survived three wars: the Soviet-Japanese War in 1945, the Pacific War from 1941 to 1945, and the Korean War from 1950 to 1953; and

WHEREAS, Yung Sook Lee came to Chicago from Korea in 1986; and

WHEREAS, Yung Sook Lee converted from Buddhism to Christianity, shortly after emigrating to the United States; and

WHEREAS; Yung Sook Lee, as a show of faith, paid for the construction of a church in Uzbekistan to help nurture the faith of other Christians and continued to support the church financially after the completion of construction; and

WHEREAS, Yung Sook Lee was known amongst her family and peers to help friends, neighbors and strangers whenever they came to her in need; and

WHEREAS, Yung Sook Lee was very active in her church, attending every service, bible study and prayer group, which lead to her being recognized as a deaconess; and

WHEREAS, Yung Sook Lee was always happy and made every effort to live a frugal life; and

WHEREAS, Yung Sook Lee often spoke of her love for America and her appreciation of everything that the country provided for her; and

WHEREAS, Yung Sook Lee will be deeply missed, but the memory of her character, intelligence and compassion will 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, gathered here this twelfth day of September 2012, do hereby express our sorrow on the death of Yung Sook Lee and extend to her family and friends our deepest sympathy; and

*Be It Further Resolved*, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Yung Sook Lee.

  
MARGARET LAURINO  
Alderman, 39<sup>th</sup> Ward

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