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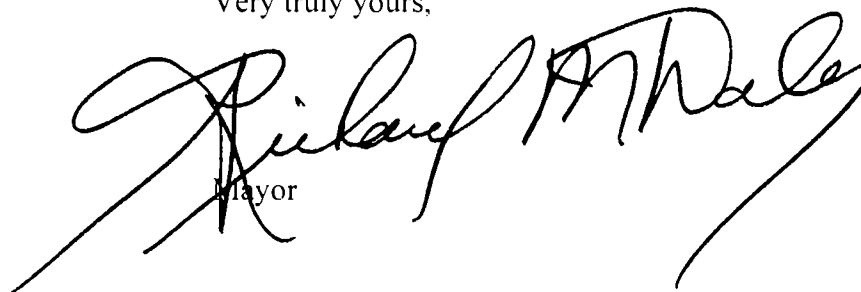
TO THE HONORABLE, THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith a resolution honoring the life and memory of Kathryn Louise Dowell.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,


Mayor

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, The Members of this Chamber learned with great sadness that Kathryn "Kay" L. Dowell, the mother of our friend and colleague, 3rd Ward Alderman Patricia Dowell, passed away on January 26, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Born Kathryn McFarland in Norristown, Pennsylvania, to Samuel and Mary McFarland, Mrs. Dowell moved with her family at an early age to Jamaica, New York; and

WHEREAS, After completing her grammar and high school education in Jamaica, New York, Mrs. Dowell decided to pursue a career in nursing and graduated with honors from New York City Community College and Long Island University; and

WHEREAS, A dedicated nurse renowned for her professionalism and compassion, Mrs. Dowell worked for more than 30 years for the New York City Health Department before she retired and moved to Pikesville, Maryland, where she joined the Union Bethel A.M.E. Church and served in the Nurse's Guild; and

WHEREAS, In July 1995, Mrs. Dowell moved to Illinois to be near her family, and she lived a virtuous life in devotion to Christ as a member of the Daniel Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, where she gave selflessly of her time to the Health Ministry and Missionary Society, and served as its President for one and one-half years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Dowell was a proud member of the Chi Eta Phi Sorority, a professional association of registered and student nurses of diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds, started in 1932 at Howard University Hospital to elevate the plane of nursing and increase interest in the profession; and

WHEREAS, On October 14, 1952, Mrs. Dowell was united in marriage with Norman T. Dowell, and they were the proud parents of one daughter, Patricia; and

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

WHEREAS, Although her warm and caring nature will be deeply missed by all who were fortunate to know her, her memory will live in their hearts forever; and

WHEREAS, The passing of this devoted wife, and loving mother and grandmother will be deeply felt by her family and friends, especially her daughter, Patricia; her grandson, Justin; her friend, Al Cook; her numerous nieces and nephews; and a host of other relatives and friends; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this ninth day of February, 2011, do hereby commemorate Kathryn L. Dowell for her fruitful life and do hereby extend our most sincere condolences to her family; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the family of Kathryn L. Dowell as a sign of our sympathy and good wishes.