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Title: Tribute to late Mavis Batey
Committee(s) Assignment:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Mavis Batey has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of ninety-two; and

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

WHEREAS, A resident of Petworth, England Mavis Batey was the loving wife of the late Keith; and

WHEREAS, Mavis Batey was the much-adored mother of three children; and

WHEREAS, Mavis Batey was a renowned secret code breaker who helped ensure the success of the D-Day invasion during World War II; and

WHEREAS, In late 1941, along with two colleagues, Mavis Batey broke the enigma machine, a highly complex electromechanical encryption device used by the German military and its allies to send coded messages; and

WHEREAS, Mavis Batey was also credited with decoding a communication that led to the Royal Navy's defeat of the Italian Navy during the Battle of Cape Matapan off the Greek coast; and

WHEREAS, President Dwight D. Eisenhower later credited the work of the English code breakers with shortening the war by two years; and

WHEREAS, A renowned author and English garden historian, Mavis Batey was made a Member of the Order of the British Empire; and

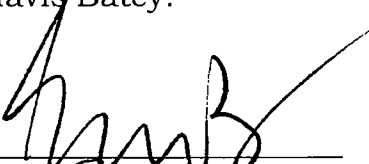
WHEREAS, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of Mavis Batey serve as an example to all; and

WHEREAS, Mavis Batey will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by her many relatives, friends and admirers; and

WHEREAS, To her beloved family, Mavis Batey 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 eleventh day of December, 2013, do hereby commemorate Mavis Batey 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 Mavis Batey.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. B.', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Alderman - 14th Ward