



# City of Chicago



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**Title:** Tribute to late Laurantita Taylor Dugas  
**Committee(s) Assignment:**

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Laurantita Taylor Dugas has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 88; and

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

**WHEREAS**, A resident of the Kenwood neighborhood, Laurantita Taylor Dugas was a widely admired educator and the loving wife of the late Lester; and

**WHEREAS**, Laurantita Taylor Dugas was the much-adored mother of Dr. Jeffrey, Gail and Lauren, the grandmother of five and the great-grandmother of three; and

**WHEREAS**, Laurantita Taylor Dugas was the dear sister of Barbara; and

**WHEREAS**, Raised in a prominent Chicago family, Laurantita Taylor Dugas was the daughter of Robert Rochon Taylor, the Chairman of the Chicago Housing Authority during the 1940s after whom the Robert Taylor Homes was named; and

**WHEREAS**, Laurantita Taylor Dugas' grandfather, Robert Robinson Taylor, was the nation's first academically-trained African-American architect and was honored by the United States Postal Service with a limited-edition stamp celebrating black heritage; and

**WHEREAS**, An advocate for early childhood education, Laurantita Taylor Dugas enjoyed a career as an educator and taught at the Chicago Child Care Society; and

**WHEREAS**, Laurantita Taylor Dugas was a member of the Board of Visitors for the University of Wisconsin School of Human Ecology from 1999 to 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, Laurantita Taylor Dugas was a Founding Member of the Museum of Science and Industry's Black Creativity Committee; and

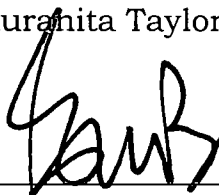
**WHEREAS**, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of Laurantita Taylor Dugas serve as an example to all; and

**WHEREAS**, Laurantita Taylor Dugas will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by her many relatives, friends and admirers; and

**WHEREAS,** To her beloved family, Laurantita Taylor Dugas 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 seventeenth day of June, 2015, do hereby commemorate Laurantita Taylor Dugas 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 Laurantita Taylor Dugas.



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**Alderman - 14<sup>th</sup> Ward**