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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR CITY OF CHICAGO

RICHARD M. DALEY

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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 Jacqueline M. Gray.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS, The Members of this Chamber were deeply saddened to learn of the passing on January 12, 2011, at age 61, of Jacqueline M. Gray, Assistant Deputy Commissioner of the Commission on Human Relations for the City of Chicago; and
- WHEREAS, Mrs. Gray was born in Chicago on March 13, 1949 to Arthur Mines, Sr. and Mary Martinez-Mines; and
- **WHEREAS**, Lovingly referred to as "Jaci," Mrs. Gray grew up on the South Side of Chicago; and
- WHEREAS, Jacqueline M. Gray attended Bennett Elementary school, where she was so popular that she was overwhelmingly elected "Mayor of Bennett City." Afterwards, she graduated from Harlan High School and later received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Roosevelt University in Chicago; and
- WHEREAS, Jacqueline M. Gray had a distinguished career, first being employed with the Santa Fe Railroad before going on to work for the Community Renewal Society. Mrs. Gray also worked for the Field Museum of Natural History, where she won an award as "Woman of the Year"; and
- WHEREAS, Mrs. Gray's most enjoyable and challenging position was as Assistant Deputy Commissioner of the Commission on Human Relations for the City of Chicago. She held that position until she retired in 2008; and
- WHEREAS, In her leisure time, Mrs. Gray enjoyed selling Mary Kay products. She was also a long-distance runner, who ran two marathons, her first when she was fifty years old. Most of all, Mrs. Gray loved spending time with family members and friends; and
- WHEREAS, Known and admired for her thoughtfulness, generosity and optimism, Jacqueline M. Gray was graced with a sunny disposition that enabled her to brighten every room she entered; and
- WHEREAS, Jacqueline M. Gray was the loving wife of Kenneth D. Gray; the caring mother of Akai, Waverly, and twins Wesley and Warren; the devoted sister of Arthur, Brenda and Marianne; and the loving grandmother of David, Michaella, Samuel and Sean. Jacqueline M. Gray will also be missed and fondly remembered by many other loving 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 honor the life and memory of Jacqueline M. Gray, and extend our heartfelt condolences to her family; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED. That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the family of Jacqueline M. Gray as a sign of our sympathy and good wishes.