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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Barbara Boutte has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 86; and

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

WHEREAS, A Chicago Public Schools teacher who was active in civic and business affairs, Barbara Boutte was the loving wife of the late Alvin; and

WHEREAS, A native of Alexandria, Louisiana, the former Barbara Gonzaque married her future husband while she was attending St. Xavier University in New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Boutte led an accomplished life and resided for many years in Chicago and Hazel Crest; and

WHEREAS, Along with her husband, Barbara Boutte established a chain of stores called Independent Drug Stores Inc., and later founded Independence Bank; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Boutte became a Chicago Public Schools teacher in her late 40s and for many years taught music and art; and

WHEREAS, Among her many civic endeavors, Barbara Boutte was a benefactor of the Lyric Opera of Chicago as a member of the Bravo Chapter, a group of African-American women who provided financial support; and


WHEREAS, Barbara Boutte was also active in the United Negro College Fund and the Women's Auxiliary of Provident Hospital; and

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

WHEREAS, To her sons, Alvin Jr. and Gregory, her daughters, Janice and Jeanette, her seven grandchildren and her five great-grandchildren, Barbara Boutte 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 sixth day of September, 2017, do hereby commemorate Barbara Boutte 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 Barbara Boutte.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. B.', is written over a horizontal line.

Alderman - 14th Ward