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Tribute to late Charlotte Rapoport

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A resolution

adopted by The City Council
of the City of Chicago, Illinois



Presented by ALDERMAN MARGARET LAURINO on JULY 6, 2011

Whereas, Charlotte Rapoport, nee Hiken, born September 21, 1927, was called by God to her eternal reward on March 18, 2011; and

WHEREAS, The City Council has been informed of her passing by the Honorable Margaret Laurino, Alderman of the 39th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Charlotte Rapoport, was an active and vital member of her community. The beloved wife of the late Alec; loving mother of Simeon, Aaron (Eileen), Esther (Jeffrey) Craven and Tzippy Frances (Yoel) Oppenheimer; dear Bubbee of ten and great-grandmother of two; cherished aunt of Gay Eisen; fond sister of the late Virginia Levine. Charlotte Rapoport leaves a legacy of faith, compassion, dignity and love; and

WHEREAS, Charlotte Rapoport, born in Chicago, the second daughter of ~~Francis Edna~~ and Samuel Hiken, graduated from Senn High School, attended Wright Junior College, and began to train as a nurse at ~~Mr.~~ Sinai Hospital until her father's death curtailed her education, as she then devoted her time assisting her mother with the family dry cleaning and tailor shop; and

WHEREAS, Charlotte Rapoport, married her husband Alec on July 4, 1955, moved into the Hollywood Park neighborhood, and gave birth to her children Sim, Aaron, Esther and Tzippy; upon Alec's untimely passing in ~~1976~~, Charlotte gathered her strength and provided for her family by working part-time at Handelman Photography Studio allowing her to be home after school each day; as the children grew older she worked full time as secretary to the president of Atlantis Matchbook Company; and

WHEREAS, Charlotte Rapoport, personified civic duty, as an active board member of Congregation Shaare ~~Tikva~~, a longtime officer of the Hollywood North Park Community Association and tremendous contributor to the strong fabric of her neighborhood; she was referred to by her children as a "True Chicago Girl" due to her deep familiarity with the City and her preference for traveling by public transportation; and

WHEREAS, Charlotte Rapoport had a positive outlook on life and an extraordinary energy and determination that enabled her to work in order to support her family, excel as a mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother in the face of enormously difficult challenges, and, at the same ^{time} making a lasting impact on her community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago gathered here this sixth day of July 2011, do hereby express our sorrow on the death of Charlotte Rapoport and extend to her family and friends our deepest sympathy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Charlotte Rapoport.



Ral Emanuel
MAYOR

Susana A. Mendoza
CITY CLERK