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MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR ELLEN H. MCGOWAN

WHEREAS, God in his Infinite Wisdom has called Ellen H. McGowan, most beloved citizen, to her eternal reward on July 13, 2019; and

WHEREAS, This august body has been informed of her passing by the Honorable Sophia King, Alderman of the 4th Ward; and

WHEREAS, The adored daughter of the late Harrison and the late Catherine Houston, she had five siblings. She leaves behind a legacy of faith, dignity and love; and

WHEREAS, Ellen attended Marshall High School for four years and after completing high school, she married her first husband, Edward Allen. After their loving marriage ended, she married her second husband, Thomas McGowan. After giving birth to three wonderful children, Ellen became a dedicated mother who stayed home to watch over them closely; and

WHEREAS, Ellen had a great passion for jazz music and travel. She was a devoted member of the First Church of Deliverance, under the leadership of Reverend Clarence H. Cobbs. As a mother, she made it her mission to pass on her passion for community engagement onto her children. Ellen stayed engaged in the community by inviting the alderman to functions and maintained a positive relationship with public officials as a way to best serve her neighborhood; and

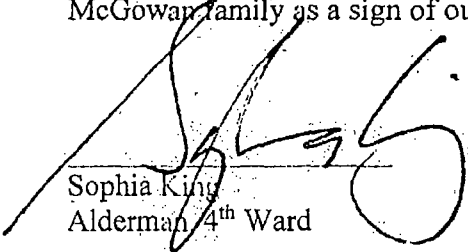
WHEREAS, Ellen McGowan leaves to cherish in her memory her children Kennard Allen and Nathaniel McGowan. She also leaves her best friend of over 70 years, Marion James, to mourn her loss.

WHEREAS, Preceding her in death, were her three sisters and two brothers, Shirley, Alvira, Thelma, Delano, and James, and her daughter Rene; and

WHEREAS, Ellen touched the lives of all who knew her through her unconditional love and vivacious spirit. She will be deeply missed; but the memory of her character and compassion will live on in those who new and love her; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City council of the City of Chicago, assembled this twenty-fourth day of July, 2019, do hereby extend our heartfelt condolences to the family of Ellen McGowan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution are presented to the McGowan family as a sign of our sympathy and respect.


Sophia King
Alderman, 4th Ward

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