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Tribute to late Florence D. Mrowca

**Committee(s) Assignment:** 

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, God in His Infinite Wisdom has called Florence D. Mrowca to her eternal reward; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of her passing by the Honorable Marty Quinn, Alderman of the 13<sup>th</sup> Ward; and

WHEREAS, Florence D. Mrowca (nee Klaslo) died at home Monday, March 15, 2021. She was 96; and

WHEREAS, Born in the Bridgeport neighborhood in St. Bruno's parish, she was a lifelong Chicagoan and later longtime member of St. Turibius Catholic Church on the city's Southwest side. Together with her husband, the late John J. Mrowca, she raised six children and was active in the St. Turibius School Mother's Club. She led the church's Ladies Sodality of Blessed Virgin Mary group in the late 1940s. She later was active in the mothers' clubs for Brother Rice and Mother McAuley high schools when her children attended them in the 1970s and 1980s; and

WHEREAS, Florence was a true pioneer for women, working as head bookkeeper for Vessley's Ford automotive dealerships through the 1950s after attending business college. She also encouraged her five daughters to pursue the careers and families they wanted, and all six children completed college; and

WHEREAS, She was the ultimate caregiver: She cared for her parents, the late Louis D. and Veronica (nee Skopek) Klaslo, while raising her children. She was the mom on the block who welcomed all children in the back yard and had homemade cookies or Wyler's lemonade ready; and

WHEREAS, She lived a long service-oriented life. She knitted scarves and hats for the troops in World War II; and

WHEREAS, Florence was the loving mother of James (Jacqueline) Mrowca, Maryann (Timothy Pirkl) Mrowca, Lori Ann Mrowca, Juli Ann Mrowca, Rita Ann (Gregory) Hatfield and JoAnn (Michael) Louer; and

WHEREAS, She also was the treasured grandmother of Daniel (May Tabol), Thomas, Emily and the late Linda Pirkl; Joseph and Michael Mrowca; John, Sarah and Nicholas Hatfield; and Kate Louer; and dear great-grandmother of Cameron Pirkl; and

WHEREAS, Besides her parents, husband and granddaughter, she was preceded in death by brothers August (late Marian) Klaslo, Adolph (late Laura) Klaslo; and sisters Bernice (late Steve) Stec, and Marie (late Casimir Mazurek); and

WHEREAS, She was a loving mother, aunt, cousin and friend of many. Later in life, she was known to all as "Grandma Flo"; and

WHEREAS; Florence D. Mrowca leaves a legacy of faith, dignity, compassion and love; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the Chicago City Council gathered here this twenty-fourth day of March 2021, do hereby express our sorrow on the death Florence D. Mrowca and extend to her family and friends our deepest sympathy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Florence D. Mrowca.

Marty Quinn

Alderman, 13th Ward