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## **Memorial Resolution for Geneva Cage**

**WHEREAS**, It is with great sadness that this Chamber learns of the unfortunate departure of Geneva Cage on June 22, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, This esteemed body has been notified of her passing by the Honorable Toni Foulkes, Alderman of the 16<sup>th</sup> Ward; and

**WHEREAS**, Born on December 19, 1946, in Jeffersonville, Georgia, Geneva Cage was the adored daughter of (the late) Fred Carswell, Jr. and Elousie Daye-Lewis. Geneva attended elementary school in Jeffersonville before moving to Chicago where she graduated high school from Dunbar Vocational; and

**WHEREAS**, In August of 1968, Geneva married her beloved husband, Michael Cage, Sr. Together they were blessed with one son, Michael Cage, Jr.; and

**WHEREAS**, Geneva was a dedicated worker at Potash Bros on the North Side of Chicago for thirty-three years as a Meat Wrapper. She retired in 2003 and decided to work part-time for Moo & Oink for two years as a Meat Wrapper and Assistant Butcher on the West Side of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, Attending church and serving others were some of her greatest joys. In 1967, Geneva joined St. John Baptist Temple. There she served on the Usher Board and eventually became President of the Young Matrons Church Auxiliary. She also helped with the food pantry and delivered food to the sick and shut-ins. In April 2008, Geneva became a member of West 95<sup>th</sup> Oakdale Missionary Baptist Church where she continued her missionary work; and

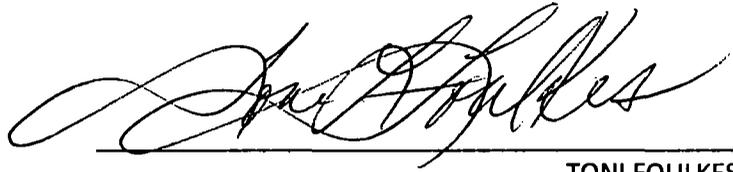
**WHEREAS**, Geneva loved her Chicago community. She adored baseball and frequently attended Chicago White Sox games. She was a very engaged citizen and enjoyed working with her Alderman, Toni Foulkes, to better her neighborhood. She also was a beloved member of the 66 and Hoyne Block Club and had a passion for keeping her community safe and clean; and

**WHEREAS**, Geneva leaves to cherish her memory her son, Michael Cage Jr.; daughter-in-law, Nicole Cage; granddaughter, Micah Geneva Cage; grandson, Nicolas Long-Cage; mother, Elousie Daye-Lewis; and a host of extended family and treasured friends; and

**WHEREAS**, She was a lighthearted woman who enjoyed the presence of her family and friends. She loved celebrating special occasions with them and especially took pride and joy in being a grandmother. She will be sorely missed by many but fondly remembered for her kindness, generosity and spirit by those who knew her; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this twenty-fifth day of July, 2018, do express our sorrow on the passing of Geneva Cage and extend to her family our sincerest condolences.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Geneva Cage as a token of our respect.



TONI FOULKES  
Alderman, 16<sup>th</sup> Ward

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