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Tribute to late Iola McGowan

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Iola McGowan has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of seventy-five; and

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

WHEREAS, A longtime resident of Chicago's Austin neighborhood, Iola McGowan was the loving and devoted wife of the late Adam; and

WHEREAS, Iola McGowan was the much-adored mother of Gregory, Rhonda, and Allison to whom she imparted many of the fine and noble qualities which she possessed in abundance; and

WHEREAS, Iola McGowan was the beloved grandmother of three grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, A community activist from an early age, Iola McGowan served as vice-chair of Illinois' Democratic Party Organization; and

WHEREAS, Iola McGowan served as Director of Consumer Services under former Chicago mayor Jane Byrne, also heading up the Model Cities community services program; and

WHEREAS, Iola McGowan held a B.A. in inner-city studies from Northeastern University in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, As a Chicago Park District Commissioner, Iola McGowan was able to make improvements to the West Side community she so loved; and

WHEREAS, To her beloved family, Iola McGowan 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 June, 2012, do hereby commemorate Iola McGowan 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 Iola McGowan.

Alderman - 14th Ward