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**TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF MARILYN JACKSON**

WHEREAS, In His Infinite Wisdom, Almighty God has granted Marilyn Jackson, an outstanding public servant and member of her community, eternal peace Wednesday September 9, 2015; and

WHEREAS, This august body has been notified of the passing of this redoubtable and worthy woman by the Honorable Michelle A. Harris, Alderman of the 8th Ward; and

WHEREAS, On October 6, 1935 in Chicago, Warezeller and Cleopus Ridgner became the proud parents of their daughter, Marilyn. She received her education from Doolittle Elementary School and Wendell Phillips High School. Marilyn accepted Christ as her personal Savior at the early age of twelve and participated joyously with the congregation at Friendly Temple Church of God in Christ where she remained a faithful member until she was united in Holy Matrimony and moved her membership; and

WHEREAS, Marilyn was a dedicated employee of Spiegel and Carson Pirie Scott, from where she retired after years of loyal service to the company. Marilyn, a devoted, charitable and vibrant woman who enjoyed all the duties she encountered as First Lady. She graciously provided meals for special events, organized Teas as Fundraisers and Clothing Drives throughout the year. She was a vital and active member of the Boosters for Christ, the Housewife's Club of the YWCA and the local Parent and Teacher's Organization; and


WHEREAS, In 1956 Marilyn and Thomas Jackson, Jr. were united in Holy Matrimony, and this union was blessed with four children. Marilyn, a licensed missionary and loving mother, instilled in her children and grandchildren the importance of having a personal relationship with the Lord. She was a kind and loving spirit who brought joy and contentment to the people around her; and

WHEREAS, Marilyn Jackson will be deeply missed by all and especially by those who shared her warmth and compassion. The loving memories of cherished times will help sustain her family and friends through this difficult period of time; and

WHEREAS, Marilyn Jackson leaves to celebrate her life and cherish her memory her devoted husband, Pastor Thomas Jackson, Jr.; sister, Cleola Mae Bates; four children, Toby, Thomas III (Marie); Mark and Judie; twelve grandchildren; thirteen great grandchildren; a special niece Debra Ridgner and a host of other loving nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and neighbors. Her parents, her step-father, William McNabb, two sisters, Juanita (Ernest), and Maggie Anderson and two brothers, Leon Ridgner (Virginia) and Cleophes Ridgner, Jr. preceded her in death; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved, That we, the Mayor and members of the City of Chicago City Council, gathered here in assembly this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 2015 A.D., do hereby express our collective sorrow at the passing of Marilyn Jackson and extend our sincere condolences to her family members and friends.

Be It Further Resolved, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Marilyn Jackson.

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