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## Memorial Resolution for John Ella Walls

**WHEREAS**, It is with great sadness that the members of this Chamber learn of the unfortunate departure of John Ella Walls; 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**, John Ella was born on September 22, 1926 in New Madrid, Missouri, to the union of Bertha and Jesse Bridges; and

**WHEREAS**, John Ella graduated from Elijah Miller High School in Helena, Arkansas. It was in high school where she met the love of her life and high school sweetheart, Dock Walls. She and Dock were united in holy matrimony on November 9, 1946. Dock and John Ella eventually had nine children together; and

**WHEREAS**, John Ella dedicated her life to Christ. Her journey began at True Vine Missionary Baptist Church in Helena, Arkansas. When she and her family moved to Chicago, Illinois, in 1962, John Ella joined Saint James Baptist Church, where she faithfully served on the Usher Board; and

**WHEREAS**, Aside from her involvement in church, John Ella worked as a Certified Nurse's Assistant, or CNA, for the Cook County Hospital System. She worked for thirty-one years before retiring in 1998; and

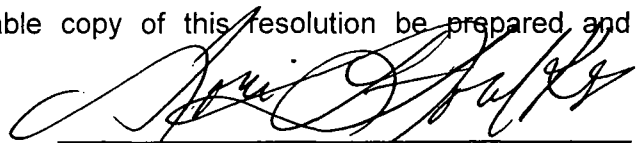
**WHEREAS**, John Ella leaves for her legacy: sons, Andrew (Linda, Melvin and Lillie) and Arnell; daughters, Ernestine, Johnnie Mae and Ella Louise; brother, Leroy Bridges; sister, Willa Mae Flowers; fifteen grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren and a host of other family and friends; and

**WHEREAS**, John Ella is preceded in death by her parents, Bertha and Jesse Bridges; and children, Jean, Dolores, and Walker; and

**WHEREAS**, John Ella's memory will live through those who loved her. Her kindness and spirit will not be forgotten; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this eighteenth day of April, 2018, do hereby express our sorrow on the passing of John Ella Walls and extend to her family our sincere condolences.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of John Ella Walls.



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