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Committee(s) Assignment:

Resolution Celebrating the Life and Memory of Sharon Eubanks-Pope

Whereas, Sharon Rebecca Gibson Eubanks-Pope, a community leader, mother, and friend, peacefully passed away on December 5th 2022; and

Whereas, the Chicago City Council has been informed of Sharon's passing by Alderman Sophia King, Alderwoman of the 4th ward; and

Whereas Sharon Rebecca Gibson Eubanks-Pope was a valued member of our community and made significant contributions as a civil rights activist, teacher, and real estate owner and developer in the 4th Ward; and

Whereas Sharon was born on August 26, 1943 in Chicago, Illinois, the second youngest of nine children to her parents Thelma and Walter Gibson, who instilled in her the values of faith and hard work; and

Whereas, Sharon was a dedicated property owner, real estate developer and community leader who served the 4th Ward for over 45 years; and

Whereas, Sharon was the owner of Redel Rentals, a real estate business that provided employment opportunities, affordable housing, and mentorship to members of the community; and

Whereas, Sharon and her husband Otis were pioneering real estate developers who defied discriminatory redlining practices to acquire and rebuild the fire-damaged Drexel Boulevard building; and

Whereas, Sharon and her husband Otis constructed the first housing development on Drexel Boulevard in over 75 years, kicking off new development projects along the Boulevard; and

Whereas, Sharon dedicated her life to education and economic opportunity, helping to ensure preschool-aged children from low-income backgrounds had a strong start and providing employment opportunities, affordable housing, and mentorship through her real estate business,

Whereas Sharon was a community leader who sat on the Board of the Englewood Urban Progress Center and led a grassroots effort to save three "L" train stops in Englewood. Sharon will forever be remembered for her tireless advocacy for justice, education, and economic opportunity,

Now, therefore, be it resolved That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this day the Eighteenth of January, 2023, do hereby honor the life and legacy of Sharon Rebecca Gibson Eubanks-Pope; and

Be it finally resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Sharon's family as a token of our sympathy and respect.



Sophia D. King
Alderman, 4th Ward