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MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR WILLA E. PERRY-WALKER

WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that the members of this Chamber learned of the untimely departure of Willa E. Perry-Walker on August 4, 2016; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed body has been informed of her passing by the Honorable Emma Mitts, Alderman of the 37th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Willa E. Perry-Walker was born to the blessed union of the late Reverend Robert Turner and Mary Johnson-Turner in Akron, Alabama on March 28, 1938; and

WHEREAS, Willa was baptized at an early age at Tenth Street Baptist Church in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, under the leadership of Reverend Woodward; and

WHEREAS, Willa attended Castle Elementary School and graduated from Industrial High School in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Willa continued her education at Malcolm X College in Chicago, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Willa moved to Chicago in 1957, where she became a member of the Greater White Stone Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend B.T. Blumberg, and she remained a member at the Church until her death; and

WHEREAS, In 1959, Willa married the late William Grady Perry, together the couple had two children, Randal Dewin and Regina Denise. The couple separated, but Willa found love again with the late Jimmy Walker in 1982; and

WHEREAS, Willa went on to work at the Department of Motor Vehicles, where she retired after 35 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Willa loved bowling, card playing, and singing as part of the choir at Greater White Stone Missionary Baptist; and

WHEREAS, Willa leaves to cherish her memory her children, Randal (Sonya), Regina, Cynthia, and Pam; grandchildren, Randal Jr., Latonya, Ashley, Teneesha, Rachel, Sequoia and Ariana; sister, Rosemary; aunt, Mildred, and a host of family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Willa touched the lives of all who knew her through her love and caring spirit. She will be deeply missed, but the memory of her character will live on in those who knew and loved her; now, therefore,

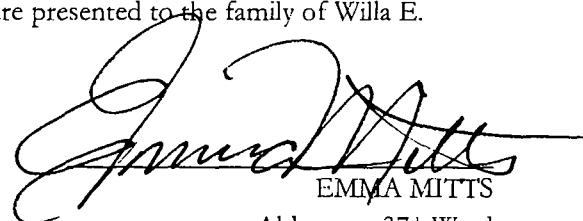
BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this 14th day of September, 2016, do hereby extend our heartfelt condolences to the family of Willa E. Perry-Walker.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution are presented to the family of Willa E. Perry-Walker as a sign of our honor, gratitude, and respect.

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