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<b>Title:</b>	Tribute to late Lillie B. Merrill
<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR MRS. LILLIE B. MERRILL

WHEREAS, April 25, 2020 marked the official home going celebration for Mrs. Lillie B. Merrill, a lifelong resident of the 16<sup>th</sup> Ward; and

WHEREAS, this august body has been informed of her passing by the Honorable Stephanie D. Coleman, Alderman of the 16<sup>th</sup> Ward; and

WHEREAS, Lillie was born on September 14, 1921 in Hugo, Oklahoma to Nicie Ducky and Sam Mathis; and

WHEREAS, Lillie married Jackson Merrill and in 1955 they were among the first African American couples to purchase a home in the Englewood community; and

WHEREAS, Lillie and Jackson joined Hope Presbyterian Church in 1955; Lillie was on the Usher Board, Deacon Board and the Women's Auxiliary Board and was a tireless worker and member and did many charitable events; and

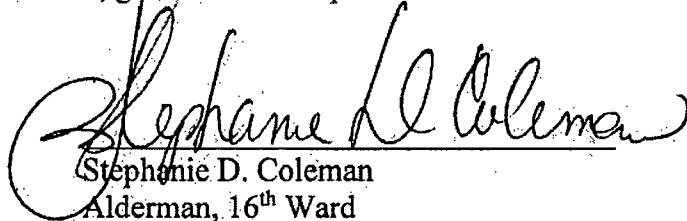
WHEREAS, after her husband's death in 1992, Lillie traveled, joined a Women's Club and helped raise her grandchildren until she was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in her mid-90's; and

WHEREAS, Lillie went to be with the Lord at the age of 98; and is preceded by her mother, husband and granddaughter, Javette Bell; and

WHEREAS, Lillie leaves to cherish her memories, daughters Josette Merrill and Charlette Harris; grandsons Lawrence Caldwell, Andrew Bell, Lamont Harris and Adrian Bell; great grandsons, Ajay and Tyler and many friends and her cousins in Texas;

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago gathered this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020, do hereby express our deepest condolences to her family;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of the Resolution be presented to the family of Mrs. Lillie B. Merrill as a sign of our honor, gratitude and respect.

  
Stephanie D. Coleman  
Alderman, 16<sup>th</sup> Ward