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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 16th Ward; and

WHEREAS, this august body has been informed of her passing by the Honorable Stephanie D. Coleman, Alderman of the 16th 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

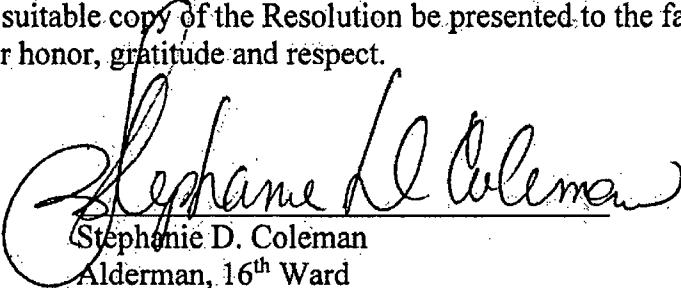
WHEREAS, after her husband's death in 1992, Lillie traveled, joined a Women's Club and helped raise her grandchildren until she was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in her mid-90's; and

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 17th 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, 16th Ward