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<b>Title:</b>	Tribute to late Mary Lee Freeman
<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	

**Memorial Resolution**

**WHEREAS**, in His infinite wisdom, Almighty God has granted eternal peace to Mary Lee Freeman on September 6, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Deborah Graham, Alderman of the 29<sup>th</sup> Ward, has informed this esteemed body of the transition of Mary Lee Freeman; and

**WHEREAS**, born on April 5, 1929, to the late Otis and Sally Ellis, Mary completed secondary school in Greenwood, Mississippi, and learned the profession of nursing at Dawson Technical Institute. Mary became a licensed practical nurse in 1967; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary met her husband, Barnes Freeman, during her time in Mississippi, and the couple was married in Chicago. Mary attended church frequently throughout her life, both at Prince of Peace and at Rock of Salvation Church; and

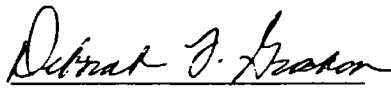
**WHEREAS**, Mary loved the Lord and her family, she especially treasured Thanksgiving, a holiday during which she hosted four generations of family for over 30 years. Hosting and entertaining her loved ones came naturally to Mary, as her great cooking and better sense of humor led all to feel comfortable in her home; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary was preceded in death by her husband Barnes Freeman; her son Michael Freeman; her daughter Bessie Jones; her sisters Annette Alton, Mammie Jordan, Odester Ellis, and Ollie Young; and daughters in law Yvette Freeman, Velma Freeman, Alma Wiley, and Benetta Freeman; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary is survived by her children Dorothy Hayes, Leroy (Jenny) Ellis, Roger Freeman, Barnes (Celia) Freeman, Emmett (Sherri) Freeman, Rev. Janie (Pastor Lonnie) Rucker, Rev. James (Pastor Pearl) Freeman, Rev. Larry Freeman, Phyllis Freeman, and Gene Wiley; her sisters Betty Williams, Doris Steel, and Josephine Ellis; her brother Otis Ellis; twenty-three beloved grandchildren, two of whom she raised as sons, Kareem and Akeem Freeman; and her nephew Michael Jordan, whom she also loved as her own; fifty-four great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews; and friends; now, therefore,

**Be It Resolved**, that we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago gathered here this tenth day of December, 2014, do hereby express our sorrow on the passing of Mary Lee Freeman, and extend to her family and friends our sincere condolences; and,

**Be It Further Resolved**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Mary Lee Freeman.

  
DEBORAH GRAHAM  
Alderman, 29<sup>th</sup> Ward

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