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**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
MARTHA YVONNE WOODARD HILL**

WHEREAS, Martha Yvonne Woodard Hill, mother, grandmother, teacher, community activist, and friend, passed away on March 11, 2022, at 80 years of age; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of Martha's passing by the Honorable Derrick G. Curtis, Alderman of the 18th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Martha was born on January 16, 1942, in Pineville, Louisiana to Julius Woodard, Sr. and Katherine McCoy Woodard; and

WHEREAS, Martha accepted Christ at an early age as a Baptist and, after moving to Chicago, she converted to Catholicism and devoted many years of service to St. Leo The Great Parish; when St. Leo's united with St. Kilian Parish, Martha continued her service and was a very active member of the Commentator, Lector, Bereavement and SPRED committees; and

WHEREAS, Martha earned her Master's of Business Administration from Roosevelt University and pursued a career in elementary education; she taught for the Chicago Public School System and retired from Luke O'Toole School; and

WHEREAS, A very active and engaged person, Martha was a member of the Chicago Teachers Union, Retired Teachers Association of Chicago, American Federation of Teachers, Congressional Youth Leadership Council, National Association of Bank Women, DuSable Museum of African American History, and the National Museum of African American History and Culture; she also volunteered with Little Brother Friends of the Elderly, an organization that attempts to relieve the isolation of those without regular contact with others, the homebound, and disabled, and the Salvation Army as an activity director; and

WHEREAS, When Martha was not heading off to one of her many civic commitments she was spending time with family, friends, and traveling; and

WHEREAS, Martha is preceded in death by her husband, Milton Hill Sr.; Grandmother, Ethel Mosley; parents, Julius Sr. and Katherine McCoy Woodard; and two stepchildren, Milton Jr., and Beverly; she leaves her memories to live in the hearts of her daughter, Sheryl K. Harvey of Chicago, IL; son, Brendan B. Harvey of Chicago, IL; Katis Cain of Chicago, IL; sister, Shirley Foster of Los Angeles, CA; brother, Julius Woodard of Chicago, IL; sister, Betty Jo Foney of Pineville, LA; six grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews and special friends; and

WHEREAS, Martha will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and all 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, gathered here this twenty-seventh day of April, 2022, do hereby extend our most heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Martha Yvonne Woodard Hill; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Martha Yvonne Woodard Hill as a sign of our honor and respect.



DERRICK G. CURTIS
Alderman, 18th Ward