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Resolution for Myrtle Reese Powell

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that the members of the City Council of the City of Chicago are hereby informed of Myrtle R. Powell's 104th Birthday, which will take place on October 16, 2011, and

WHEREAS, She was born in Jackson, Mississippi where she was the seventh child of eleven siblings to the union of Ira and Marie Hamilton Reese. Her parents moved seven of their children to Chicago when Myrtle was two years old and settled in the area now called "Bronzeville" on Chicago's Southside, and

WHEREAS, She attended Keith Grammar School and Wendell Phillips High School, and

WHEREAS, She married her high school sweetheart James "Jack" Powell, and of their union three children were born: Vivian C. Powell McKeever, James Ernest Powell, and Janet Powell Dora, and

WHEREAS, Myrtle has five grandchildren (1 deceased), seven grandchildren, six great-great grandchildren, and a large extended family, and

WHEREAS, Myrtle was a stay at home mother who devoted her life to taking care of her husband and children; and

WHEREAS, Myrtle and her husband James enjoyed 57 years of marriage before his death and she has survived all of her immediate family members including her two youngest children, and

WHEREAS, Myrtle is proud to witness in her lifetime the election of the first African-American President of the United States of America, now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and members of the Chicago City Council assembled this fifth day of October 2011, do hereby congratulate Myrtle R. Reese on her 104th birthday and hereby express our best wishes for her health and happiness, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Myrtle R. Powell.



William D. Burns
Alderman, 4th Ward
City of Chicago

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