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## MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS,** God in His Infinite Wisdom has called Pearl Allen, most beloved citizen to her eternal reward; and

**WHEREAS,** This august body has been informed of her passing by the Honorable Emma Mitts, Alderman of the 37th Ward; and

**WHEREAS,** Pearl Allen was born January 29, 1939 in Moscow, Arkansas to the late Bennie and Alice Gather; and

**WHEREAS,** Pearl was preceded in death by her two sisters, Emma Carr and Doluster Gather; one son, Leon "Wolf" Allen; and two grandchildren, Frank Fonville, Jr. and Jason Fonville; and

**WHEREAS,** Pearl received her education in the Lincoln County area; and

**WHEREAS,** Pearl Allen confessed a hope in Christ at Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church in 1951. She fellowshipped at Bright Star Missionary Baptist Church and later joined Bethlehem #2 Missionary Baptist Church, where she remained a member until her failing health; and

**WHEREAS,** Pearl worked at Arkansas Oak Flooring for many years; and

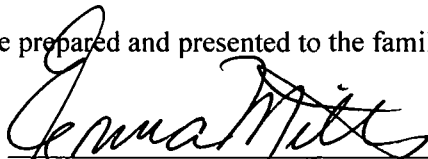
**WHEREAS,** She was united in marriage to Phil Allen for fifty-four years; and

**WHEREAS,** Pearl Allen leaves to cherish her memories her devoted husband, Phil Allen of Tarry, Arkansas; eight sons, Harold Allen of Newport, Arkansas, Phil Allen, Jr. (Dale) of McDonough, Georgia, Floyd Allen, and Jerry Allen of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, Steve Allen (Phitsamay), Bennie Allen, and Tracy Allen (Kimberly) of Lawrence Kansas, and James Allen of Tarry, Arkansas; five daughters, Rose Harris and Sherry Allen of Tarry, Arkansas, Mary Fonville (Frank) of the Hooker Community, Glenda Shavers (Theodis) and Joyce Fonville of Pine Bluff, Arkansas; one brother, Bennie Gather, Jr. of Kansas City, Kansas; five sisters, Mary Fitzpatrick of Independence, Missouri, Bea Briggs of Kansas City, Missouri, Rose (Fredrick) Guy of Chicago, Illinois, Fannie Pennington (A.C.) of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and Easter Boykin of Little Rock, Arkansas; one sister-in-law, Laura Richmond of Pine Bluff, Arkansas; twenty-nine grandchildren; twenty great grandchildren; and a host of loving nieces, nephews, caring relatives, friends, and her loving caregiver, Mrs. Kimberly Massey; and


**WHEREAS,** A cherished friend and supportive family member to all, Pearl will be deeply missed but the remembrance of her character, dedication and compassion will live on in those 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 fifth day of June, 2014 A.D., do hereby commemorate Pearl Allen for her many lifetime contributions and do hereby extend to her family and many friends our sincere condolences.

**Be It Further Resolved,** that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Pearl Allen.

  
EMMA MITTS  
Alderman, 37<sup>th</sup> Ward

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