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RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING RUTH L. LAMAR ON HER 100th BIRTHDAY

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ruth L. Lamar celebrates her Centennial Birthday on Saturday, April 16, 2016; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed body has been informed of this special occasion by the Honorable Gregory I. Mitchell, Alderman of the 7th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Ruth is an enthusiastic, active and much-loved resident of the Chicago's 7th Ward Community; and

WHEREAS, she was born in Magnolia, Arkansas, daughter of the late Rev. Walter K. Penigar. An academic, Ruth was the Valedictorian of the 1933 class at Langston High School in Hot Springs, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, Ruth moved to Chicago in 1938 and joined the Coppin Memorial A.M.E. Church where Rev. J.L. Roberts was minister. She joined the Church's Usher Board, where she met and married the love of her life, the late F. Lamar. The devoted couple had one child, and was married for twenty-five years, celebrating their silver wedding anniversary shortly before her husband's death in 1975; and

WHEREAS, Ruth was a dedicated employee of the Bindery Department at R.R. Donnelley until her retirement. She was an energetic member of Coppin Memorial A.M.E. Church, where she was a member of the Usher Board and after years of service became the Supervisor of the Junior Usher Board, and later became the Vice Chair of the Steward Board and a member of the Finance Committee, until her health began to fail; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her many professional obligations and commitment to her Church, Ruth had the pleasure of being an extra in *The Blues Brothers*, a 1980 musical crime comedy film, lauded for putting Chicago on the map as a filmmaking venue; and


WHEREAS, Ruth was an active member of her community, and was a volunteer with the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Jane Addams Hull House Association Chicago, providing assistance to non-profit organizations throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, she remains devoted to her family and is cherished by her daughter, Mrs. Barbara M. Croom, grandsons, Robert and Emmanuel W. Rock, and great-granddaughter Lauren Rock. Ruth was a beloved grandmother to one granddaughter who predeceased her; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of the rich history to which Ruth has witnessed and contributed, the Chicago City Council believes that Ruth is richly deserving of adulation and good wishes as she celebrates entering her 100th year of life; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City of Chicago City Council, gathered together this 18th Day of May, 2016, do hereby congratulate Mrs. Ruth Lamar on her 100th birthday and extend our very best wishes for many more birthdays to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Ruth Lamar.


GREGORY I. MITCHELL
Alderman, 7th Ward



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