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## **Chicago City Council Resolution Celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Centennial Birthday of 8<sup>th</sup> Ward Chicago Resident Mrs. Jean Orme**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom and judgment continues to show favor by granting the timeless gifts of love, joy and longevity to a beloved, longtime 8<sup>th</sup> Ward resident, a faithful woman of God and dedicated community servant, **Mrs. Jean Orme**, who in a few weeks will be honored by her loving family, church members and friends as she celebrates her **100<sup>th</sup> Centennial** Birthday; and

**WHEREAS**, the niece of the honoree, **Thyatiria A. Towns**, a veteran educator with the Chicago Public Schools, has informed **8<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman Michelle Harris** about the upcoming celebration of the **100<sup>th</sup>** birthday of their beloved relative, **Mrs. Jean Orme**, which will occur on **February 14, 2019**; and

**WHEREAS**, **Alderman Michelle A. Harris**, and on behalf of the residents **8th Ward** & her fellow colleagues of the **Chicago City Council** have informed this august body of this significant upcoming Centennial birthday celebration honoring **Mrs. Orme**; and

**WHEREAS**, **Mrs. Jean Orme** was born as a '**Valentine's Day Baby**' into the loving union of her parents **Eugene** and **Georgia Alice Gaston**, on **February 14, 1919** in Genoa, Illinois. She was one of 8 children - - 5 brothers and 3 sisters; and

**WHEREAS**, **Jean Gaston** was known as a bright, happy and inquisitive child. She and her close-knit family, believed in the importance of education, good manners and being reared in the church; and

**WHEREAS**, **Mrs. Jean Orme** has always been known as an energetic and forward-thinking individual. **Jean** enjoyed learning, attended and later taught school in Kosciusko, Mississippi. After her family relocated to Chicago in 1945 during the Great Migration, they settled on the city's south side. **Jean Gaston** met and married the love of her life, enjoying 25 years of marital bliss with late husband and former Chicago Policeman; **Mr. Rhey Orme** (deceased). The couple had one son, **Kevin Orme**, (also deceased) who blessed them with two wonderful grandchildren; and

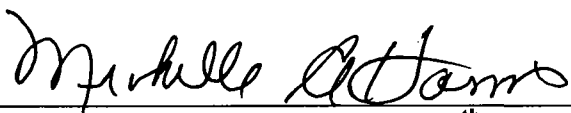
**WHEREAS**, upon settling in the 8<sup>th</sup> Ward community with her husband, **Mrs. Jean Orme** became a longtime faithful member of St. Edmonds Episcopal Church, which she joined in 1958. Jean was employed for thirty-nine years by one of Chicago's once most noted Black-owned legacy companies, Supreme Life Insurance. Starting as a clerk, she steadily advanced through the ranks over the years, ending her career having achieved the prestigious title of Vice-President and Purchasing Director; and

**WHEREAS**, **Mrs. Jean Orme** has truly lived a wonderful life, and has along with her late husband, traveled widely and shared interesting experiences as members of such groups as the Couples Club; The Patterns; Mr. & Mrs. Club of Chicago; the Afternoon Bridge Clubs; and the Acey-o-deucey Bridge Club. She also enjoyed membership in The Red Hat Society – 'Sassy Sisters'; and

**WHEREAS**, Today, **Mrs. Jean Orme** is beloved by many friends and acquaintances. She is further respected as a strongly spiritual woman who believes deeply in family. She has enjoyed entertaining her relatives, friends and neighbors, who fondly remember special holiday meals and family-focused events. Although somewhat slowed by the passage of time, she still loves to laugh; and

**Therefore Be It Resolved**, That we, the **Mayor** and the members of the **City Council** of the City of Chicago, gathered here in assembly this **23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2019 A.D.**, do hereby express our most heartfelt congratulations and best wishes for a wonderful upcoming **February 14<sup>th</sup> birthday** celebration honoring 100 years to **Mrs. Jean Orme**. We also extend to her family, friends, neighbors and church members our sincere pleasure that she has achieved this great life milestone; and

**Be It Further Resolved**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to, **Mrs. Jean Orme** on the exceptionally wonderful and auspicious occasion of this forthcoming **100<sup>th</sup> Centennial** birthday celebration.

  
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**Michelle A. Harris, Alderman – 8<sup>th</sup> Ward**