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| <b>Title:</b>                   | Congratulations extended to Otea Esterds on 100th birthday |
| <b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b> |  |

**CONGRATULATIONS EXTENDED TO  
OTEA ESTERDS ON HER 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

WHEREAS, It has been the long-established custom of the Chicago City Council, this august Legislative body, to honor the lives of those distinguished individuals whose life, work and civic endeavor have served to enhance the quality of life for Chicagoans; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such honorary life celebrations and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, I the Honorable Michelle A. Harris, Alderman of the 8th Ward, join with the City Council of Chicago in being justly proud to recognize and honor the recent 100th birthday of Ms. Otea Esterds, a longtime 8th Ward resident who has generously given of her personal time, talent and professional knowledge, leadership and life skills, which has supported her family, neighbors and the general community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Otea Esterds was born April 30, 1916 in Sumner, Mississippi. At an early age, she moved with her parents to St. Louis, MO., and as an adult she settled in Chicago, worked in the beauty industry and became a hairdresser. Ms. Esterds is beloved, respected and known as an outstanding individual and former public servant. She is also considered a person possessed of a kind, generous community spirit, and a woman deeply dedicated to family and friends; and


WHEREAS, A staunch believer in the power of education, Ms. Esterds was a lunchroom employee of the Chicago Public Schools system, where she gave over 15 years of dedicated service, retiring in 1986. She has long enjoyed working with youth as a mentor; and

WHEREAS, Her dynamic 'Always-on-the-Go Otea' personality, her vision and her positive outlook have formed the cornerstone of Otea Esterds distinguished career and life. As one of the earliest members of Haven of Rest Missionary Baptist Church, she embodies a loving spirit and compassionate heart and she is the epitome of the strength of character that our great city of Chicago was founded on; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Michelle A. Harris, Alderman of the 8<sup>th</sup> Ward and Chairman of the Committee on Committees, Rules and Ethics, has apprised this august body of Ms. Otea Esterds long and distinguished life; now, therefore,

Therefore Be It Resolved, That we, the Mayor and members of the City of Chicago City Council, gathered here on the eighteenth day of May 2016 A.D., do hereby salute Ms. Otea Esterds for the inspiration and confidence that she has instilled in all those who she has met, and extend to this outstanding octogenarian our very best wishes for continuing success and fulfillment.

Be It Further Resolved, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Ms. Otea Esterds as a token of our gratitude and esteem.

  
**MICHELLE A. HARRIS**  
Alderman- 8<sup>th</sup> Ward

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