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## City Council Document Tracking Sheet

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Sponsor(s):

Burke, Edward M. (14)

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Resolution

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Tribute to late Reverend Addie Wyatt

**Committee(s) Assignment:** 

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Reverend Addie Wyatt has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of eighty-eight; and

**WHEREAS**, The Chicago City Council has been informed of her passing by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

WHEREAS, A champion for organized labor and civil rights, the Reverend Addie Wyatt was the devoted wife of the late Reverend Claude, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, A native of Mississippi, the Reverend Addie Wyatt moved to Chicago in 1930 and co-founded the Vernon Park Church of God; and

WHEREAS, A pioneer for labor and social justice, the Reverend Addie Wyatt fought tirelessly against gender and racial discrimination in the workplace; and

WHEREAS, The Reverend Addie Wyatt was commissioned by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to help start Operation Bread Basket, which grew to become the Rainbow PUSH Coalition; and

WHEREAS, The Reverend Addie Wyatt served on President Kennedy's Commission on the Status of Women, and was named Woman of the Year by *Time* magazine in 1975; and

WHEREAS, To her beloved family, the Reverend Addie Wyatt imparts a legacy of faithfulness, service and dignity; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this eighteenth day of April, 2012, do hereby commemorate the Reverend Addie Wyatt for her grace-filled life and do hereby express our condolences to her family; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of the Reverend Addie Wyatt.

Alderman - 14th Ward