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RESOLUTION

HONORING MR. CARL WALTON Sr. on his 100th BIRTHDAY

WHEREAS, Mr. Carl Walton Sr., of Chicago, Illinois recently celebrated his 100th birthday surrounded by family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Walton was born on October 8, 1918 in Yazoo City, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Walton received his formal education from Piney Wood Institute Piney Woods, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Carl Walton grew up selling food to support his family. He later worked for "Garner Seed Company" in Yazoo City where he sold and delivered garden materials; and

WHEREAS, Carl Walton and his siblings formed a family singing group "The Walton Brothers", who were known for their harmonious gospel quartet. Mr. Sam Cook actually sang with them for a short period of time. The Walton Brothers" traveled and performed their music in various cities including Mississippi, Chicago, Indiana, and Missouri. The group was the first to sing on Isabel Joseph Johnson's WHFC Sunday morning broadcast, currently known as WVON; and

WHEREAS, Carl Walton migrated to Chicago where he enrolled in a plumbing "on the job training" program where he learned the specialty trade. He later worked as a box handler and later courier for Erie Lackawanna Railroad, which later became Conrail, and currently is known as Amtrak where he retired after 30 years of dedicated service; and

WHEREAS, Carl Walton had four children from a previous marriage: May Helen, Carlos, Felicia and Carl Walton Jr. He married his current wife Geralene Walton in 1973, and to this union two twin daughters were born: Barbara and Carol; and

WHEREAS, Carl Walton's hobbies included fishing and gardening. He often caught loads offish to relieve stress and would bring them home to share them with his neighbors and friends to feed their families. In addition, he was also an avid gardener and his yard was well known in the neighborhood showcasing his grapevines, apple trees, pear trees, tomatoes, bell peppers and strawberry patches just to name a few; and

WHEREAS, Carl Walton Sr. is an active member of First Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Brasfield. He can be seen every Sunday in the area where the men sit, right behind the deacons; and

WHEREAS, Carl Walton Sr. enjoys laughing, joking, talking with his children, grandchildren and numerous friends; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Mayor and the members of the City Council, gathered together on October 31, 2018, takes great pleasure in honoring and celebrating Mr. Carl Walton Sr., on the occasion of his 100th Birthday and wishes him continued health and happiness for years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented^{o 00} Mr5-Carl Walton Sr. in honor of this auspicious occasion.