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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Honorable Olene S. Walker has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God; and

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

WHEREAS, The Honorable Olene S. Walker was the 15th Governor of the State of Utah and the loving wife of Myron; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Olene S. Walker was the much-adored mother of Stephen, David, Bryan, Lori, Mylene, Nena and Thomas, the grandmother of twenty-five and the great-grandmother of twenty-five; and

WHEREAS, A trailblazer in Utah politics, the Honorable Olene S. Walker was the first female Governor of the state and served in office from 2003 to 2005; and

WHEREAS, Born in Ogden, Utah, the Honorable Olene S. Walker graduated from Brigham Young University and earned a master's degree from Stanford University and a doctorate from the University of Utah; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Olene S. Walker served for eight years in the state legislature and as Lieutenant Governor; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Olene S. Walker served out the term of Governor Mike Leavitt after he was nominated to head the United States Environmental Protection Agency by President George W. Bush; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Olene S. Walker played a key role in establishing education initiatives and the Children's Health Insurance Program which helps ensure affordable healthcare for the state's children; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Olene S. Walker was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and was involved in many leadership roles; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Olene S. Walker founded the Olene S. Walker Institute of Politics and Public Service which coordinates internships for Weber State students and holds public forums and debates on public policy issues; and

WHEREAS, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of the Honorable Olene S. Walker serve as an example to all; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Olene S. Walker was an individual of great integrity and accomplishment who will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by her many relatives, friends and admirers; and

WHEREAS, To her beloved family, the Honorable Olene S. Walker 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 ninth day of December, 2015 do hereby commemorate the Honorable Olene S. Walker 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 Honorable Olene S.-Walker.

Alderman - 14th Ward