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Resolution

adopted by The City Council of the City of Chicago, Illinois

TRIBUTE TO SUE ELLA THOMAS

WHEREAS, in His infinite wisdom, almighty God has granted eternal peace to Sue Ella Thomas, a caring daughter, loving wife, beloved mother, doting grandmother, and esteemed great-grandmother, on August 26, 2022; and

WHEREAS Sue Ella started her life's journey on October 16, 1925 as the youngest of four daughters born to Daniel and Gerta Maye who all transitioned before her. She was raised on this city's South Side, attended Betsy Ross Elementary School, graduated from Englewood High School in 1943 and was united in Holy Matrimony to the love of her life, Isom Thomas, whom she met at a wedding a year earlier when they were both a part of the wedding party; and

WHEREAS, always a dedicated worker, Sue Ella worked in the garment district as a tailor in her early years. Some years later, she graduated from Lydia's School of Beauty Culture and worked in her sister-in-law's hair salon. She furthered her education at Jones Commercial and Olive Harvey College where she majored in Office Administration and went to work at the Cook County Recorder of Deeds Office and the Chicago Public Schools where she retired after 34 years of service; and

WHEREAS the life of Sue Ella Thomas was celebrated on the occasion of her 97th birthday at the Congregational Church of Park Manor was a faithful member for more than 60 years where she served on many committees and received numerous awards. She leaves behind to mourn her loss and cherish her memory her daughters Marcea Daiter, Renee Thomas-Jackson, granddaughter Samira Jackson, and great granddaughters, Mylia, Amira and Amira Binion as well as a host of family and friends; and

WHEREAS Sue Ella was a longtime Chatham resident and community activist. For more than 25 years she served as precinct captain for former alderman and mayor Eugene Sawyer. His son, the Honorable Roderick Sawyer, Alderman of the 6th Ward, has informed this august body of the passing of this beloved and outstanding citizen; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the mayor and members of the City of Chicago City Council, gathered together this 26th Day of October 2023 AD, do hereby express our sincere sorrow upon the passing of Sue Ella Thomas and extend our deepest condolences to her family and friends.

Alderman - 6th Ward

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Sue Ella Thomas.