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CONGRATULATIONS EXTENDED TO GERTRUDE LOCKETT ON CELEBRATING HER 90TH BIRTHDAY

WHEREAS, We, the City Council of the City of Chicago, wish to extend our congratulations and warmest birthday wishes to Gertrude Lockett in honor of her 90th birthday; and

WHEREAS, On behalf of the entire 16th Ward, Alderman Stephanie D. Coleman would like to extend her personal tribute to Gertrude on this momentous occasion as recognition for being a stellar resident of the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Gertrude was born in Chicago on January 9, 1933, and attended Englewood High School before graduating from Chicago State University; and

WHEREAS, A member of St. John Baptist Church under pastor Rev. Dr. Edward A. Davis, Gertrude is resolute in her faith, recognizing her help comes from God and praying daily for His guidance; and

WHEREAS, Gertrude has been a caregiver at heart her entire life, as the oldest of five living siblings, the mother of two, grandmother of five, and great-grandmother of four; and

WHEREAS, Her care extends well beyond her family; the original owner and director of the Gingerbread House Daycare Center on the City's far South Side, Gertrude also served generations of students in the Chicago Public School System and other educational programs, including Garrett A. Morgan Elementary, Christian Fenger Academy, Currie H.S., University of Illinois Chicago (TRIO), International Exchange Chicago/France, and Emmanuel Christian School; and

WHEREAS, For over 35 years, Gertrude dedicated her life to educating and nurturing future generations, serving with determination and vigor, and leaving an indelible impact on the lives and hearts of over 100,000 students and staff across the length and breadth of the Chicagoland area; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this eighteenth day of January, 2023, do hereby congratulate Gertrude Lockett on the occasion of her birthday, and extend our most heartfelt wishes to her for continued good health, happiness, and success following this, her 90th birthday; and

STJEPHANIE D. COLEMAN Alderman, 16th Ward

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Gertrude Lockett in honor of her 90th birthday as a token of our esteem, honor, and respect.