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TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF GUSTAVIA DOUGLAS BOYKIN

WHEREAS, In His Infinite Wisdom Almighty God has granted Gustavia Douglas Boykin, a beloved citizen and friend, eternal peace June 9, 2014 at the age of ninety-five; and

WHEREAS, This august body has been informed of Gustavia Douglas Boykin's transition by the Honorable Michelle A. Harris, Alderman of the 8th Ward and Chairman of the Committee on Committees, Rules and Ethics; and

WHEREAS, Gustavia started on her life journey in Dallas County, Alabama on April 12, 1919, but spent her final days surrounded by family and friends in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Gustavia, named after her paternal grandmother, Augusta Douglas, was the loving daughter of the late Taylor and Bettie Douglas and the eldest of three siblings whose laughter filled the Douglas Family home; and

WHEREAS, After Gustavia graduated high school she captured the heart of a young man, Woodrow Boykin. They were united in marriage and to this loving couple a daughter was born, Meldina. Gustavia and Woodrow shared fifty years of wedded bliss before he was called to his eternal reward. She was a lifetime member at St. Paul Baptist Church in Minter, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Among Gustavia's many talents was her creativity when it came to cooking delicious meals. Family, friends and acquaintances would rave about the delightful desserts of cakes, pies and brownies that would simply melt in your mouth; and

WHEREAS, The Boykins were a military family who traveled throughout the United States. Their favorite pastime was cooking, growing fruits and vegetables, gardening and raising farm animals; and

WHEREAS, Gustavia Douglas Boykin will be deeply missed, but the memory of her character, intelligence and compassion will live on in those who knew her in countless ways; and

WHEREAS, Gustavia Douglas Boykin leaves to celebrate her life and cherish her memory her daughter, Meldina Boykin Craig (Lorenzo II); #1 grandson Lorenzo III; three sisters-in-law, Liz Boykin, Mary Ellen Boykin and Liz Boykin and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins Katie (age 94), Delia and Fred. Her loving husband, Woodrow and her brothers, Sidney and Bullet preceded her in death; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago gathered here this twenty-fifth day of June 2014 A.D., do hereby express our deepest sympathy to the family of Gustavia Douglas Boykin.

MICHELLE A. HARRIS Alderman - 8th Ward

Be It Further Resolved, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Gustavia Douglas Boykin.