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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Cleotha Staples has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 78; and

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

WHEREAS, Cleotha Staples was the loving and devoted sister of Mavis, Yvonne, Pervis and the late Cynthia; and

WHEREAS, The eldest of five siblings, Cleotha Staples graduated from Chicago's Doolittle School and attended Dunbar Trade School; and

WHEREAS, Alongside her father, Roebuck "Pops" Staples, Cleotha Staples helped forge the distinctive sound for the Staple Singers that made their songs "I'll Take You There" "Respect Yourself," "Heavy Makes You Happy," and "If You're Ready (Come Go With Me)" Top Forty hits and instant classics; and

WHEREAS, Headed by Cleotha Staples' signature tenor and "Pop's" tremolo guitar and baritone voice, the Staple Singers took an active part in the Civil Rights movement; and

WHEREAS, In 1999 Cleotha Staples and her family were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Cleotha Staples received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Grammys in 2005; and

WHEREAS, The hard work, talent and dedication of Cleotha Staples serve as an example to all; and

WHEREAS, Her love of life and ability to live it to the fullest endeared Cleotha Staples to her family members, friends and all who knew her, and enabled her to enrich their lives in ways they will never forget; and

WHEREAS, To her beloved family, Cleotha Staples 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 thirteenth day of March, 2013, do hereby commemorate Cleotha Staples 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 Cleotha Staples.