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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Honorable Thyra Godfrey Thomson has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 96; and

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

WHEREAS, The Honorable Godfrey Thyra Thomson was the loving and devoted wife of the late Honorable Keith Thomson, who died in 1960 only a few months shortly after winning election as a United States Senator from Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Thyra Godfrey Thomson was the much-adored mother of Bill, Bruce and K.C., the cherished grandmother of Keith, Paul, Laura and Jennifer and the beloved great-grandmother of Jack, Charlie, Andrew and Liam to whom she imparted many of the fine and noble qualities that she possessed in abundance; and

WHEREAS, Inspired by her husband's civic commitment, the Honorable Thyra Godfrey Thomson ran for and won election as Wyoming's first woman Secretary of State, the second most powerful elected position in the executive branch; and

WHEREAS, During her twenty-four years in public service, the Honorable Thyra Godfrey Thomson served honorably under three governors and won the admiration and respect of her colleagues with her effective delivery of services, grace under pressure and capacity for hard work; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Thyra Godfrey Thomson was an advocate for women's equality in employment and pay; and

WHEREAS, After retiring from politics, the Honorable Godfrey Thyra Thomson remained actively involved in promoting many worthy causes; and

WHEREAS, The perseverance, sacrifice and dedication of the Honorable Thyra Godfrey Thomson serve as an example to all; and

WHEREAS, Her love of life and ability to live it to the fullest endeared the Honorable Thyra Godfrey Thomson 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, the Honorable Thyra Godfrey Thomson imparts a legacy of integrity, faithfulness and dignity; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this twenty-sixth day of June, 2013, do hereby commemorate the Honorable Thyra Godfrey Thomson 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 Thyra Godfrey Thomson.

Alderman - 14th Ward