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100TM BIRTHDAY PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF Mamie Hollis

WHEREAS, Mamie Hollis, one highly blessed and favored of God, was born August 2nd 1922 in Thomasville, Georgia. There were 12 children in her family -five boys and seven girls. Mrs. Hollis, was the oldest girl. She came to Chicago during the Great Migration. Currently, she is one of three remaining siblings, all girls. Her parents died young and through the years, she helped to raise her siblings, then nieces and nephews. She had one son, Joe, that preceded her in death; and

WHEREAS, The good news of Mrs. Hollis's significant lifespan was brought to the attention of 34th Ward Alderman Carrie M. Austin, to be shared with the Chicago City Council at its next regular meeting! and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hollis had a long, wonderful career with Continental airlines. The benefits allowed her to travel the world and travel she did, all over the US & Europe. She retired and continued to travel well into her 90's. Her husband of over 50 years did not share her love of travel but this gentle giant, Mr. Charlie Hollis was always there to see her off and welcome her home! and

WHEREAS, In 1962 the couple moved to Maple Park, at 116th and May Street, to be exact. Being the first to occupy their home, they joined a block full of other new homeowners. The May Street residents became more than neighbors, over the years they became family. Bonded by the shared experience of owning new homes, raising families and building lives, they were a tight knit community who enjoyed the American dream. She and her husband served as presidents of the 116th and May Str-eet, block club. Mrs. Hollis was known to be the one who would bake delicious pound cakes and cookies that the whole block enjoyed; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hollis is a proud member of St. John Missionary Baptist Church. She did not just attend church; she embodied her faith. Being around her, one knows they are in the presence of someone whom God has touched in a special way. Mrs. Hollis has been a member of the social club, Women of a Certain Age, for 30 years. She is well rounded! and

WHEREAS, At 100, she still enjoys playing Keno, and other card games, as well as solving word puzzles. Mentally she is sharp as a tack and as sassy as a woman more than half her age. She has been a blessing to many family, friends and those in need. Mrs. Hollis is a helping hand, a true servant of God; and

WHEREAS, Severally and collectively, enjoined with the family of Mrs. Mamie Hollis, may we the entire City Council Body lovingly wish her a holy and zealous celebration on her 100th birthday and fondly commemorate this proclaiming of such an exceptional life and service. May we likewise hope her day be filled with an

abundance of love, joy, happiness and all things fine, to the glory of God and Savior! and

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 21st day of September 2022, do decree the second day of August in the Year 2022 as "Mamie Hollis' Great Legacy Day," and hereby extend our most heartfelt prayers! and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this proclamation be prepared and presented to the family of Mrs. Mamie Hollis as a sign of our honor and respect.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie M. Austin Alderman, 34th Ward