

## **SALUTE TO ETHELLA WALLS ON HER 100<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY**

WHEREAS, on January 16, 2024, Ethella Walls, outstanding citizen, loving mother, beloved grandmother, and revered great-grandmother as well as great-great grandmother, joins the burgeoning ranks of Chicago's remarkable centenarians; and

WHEREAS Ethella started life in Holly Springs, Mississippi as the fourth of eight children born to the union of Robert and Mary Lue Barksdale. In 1946, Ethella became part of the Great Migration and moved to this city. A year later, she married the love of her life, Lucious Walls. From this union, twelve children were born; Mary Ann, Carl, Sharon L. Barnes, Willie Maxwell, Patricia, Debra, Lucious Gerald, Mona Renae, Mina, Charles, Gail and Cheryl, three of whom have passed away; and,

WHEREAS Ethella Walls became grandmother of 21 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren, and, as a testament to her strong and unrelenting faith, is affectionately known as "Momma Walls" to several other "children in Christ" she helped raise; and,

WHEREAS, in 1968, Ethella joined Antioch Missionary Baptist Church-South and has been a faithful member for 26 years where she serves on the Usher Board, takes part in the Ruth Circle, and attends Mission Meetings. She is known and loved for her humble heart and giving spirit, demonstrating in countless ways her dedication to others and has earned the respect and adoration of people from all walks of life and all ages; and

WHEREAS the Honorable William E. Hall, Alderman of the 6<sup>th</sup> Ward, has informed this august body of this exceptional citizen and outstanding member of her community, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the mayor and members of the City of Chicago City Council, gathered this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024, do hereby extend our heartiest congratulations to Ethella Walls on the occasion of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and express our heartfelt best wishes for health and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Ethella Walls as a token of our esteem and respect.

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WILLIAM E. HALL  
Alderman – 6<sup>th</sup> Ward