

SALUTE TO ESTELLA GARLAND BROWN ON THE OCCASION OF HER 100th BIRTHDAY

WHEREAS on October 24, 2023, Estella Garland Brown, a World War II veteran as well as a loving widow, devoted mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, joins the growing ranks of Chicago's centenarians; and

WHEREAS Estella started her life's journey on October 24, 1922, as the last living child of three born to Ozell and Rommie Newman in Calhoun County, Morgan, Georgia. She was united in holy matrimony to the late Joseph Brown, and from their union, had one beloved daughter, Carolyn Garrett, who has since transitioned; and

WHEREAS Estella Garland Brown is one of the last few living Army veterans who saw service in World War II, having proudly contributed to the defense of her country. As a part of the Great Migration, she came to Chicago in pursuit of better opportunities, where she established herself as a hardworking and dedicated employee at A&P Foods in Chinatown, eventually retiring from her role as a clerk, Estella's kindness and warmth endeared her to countless customers, forming close bonds with many, including her best friend May, who resided in Chinatown and frequently visited her; and

WHEREAS Estella Garland Brown is recognized as a dedicated and devoted servant of Jehovah God, and has been a loyal member of Jehovah's Witnesses. Her passion for gardening has earned her the title of a master gardener, and she has a deep love for country, gospel, and classical music, with Yanni being her favorite musical artist; and

WHEREAS Estella has been a steadfast rock, a foundational pillar, and a source of strength for her family. She has been an exceptional and loving grandmother to her six grandchildren and one great-granddaughter, known for her unique blend of love, care, strict guidance, and humor with a touch of spice; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable William E. Hall, Alderman of the 6th Ward has brought to the attention of this august body this iconic citizen, beloved by all who have had the privilege of knowing her and leaving an indelible imprint on this city's civic tapestry, Her journey from her roots in Georgia to her vibrant life in this city has enriched the lives of those around her, and recognize this Georgia peach as one of Chicago's very own; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the mayor and the City of Chicago City Council, gathered this 1st Day of November 2023, extend our very best wishes to Estella Garland Brown on the occasion of her 100th Birthday and express our sincere admiration for her remarkable life, her unwavering commitment to service, and her enduring love and devotion to her family and community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Estella Garland Brown.



William E. Hall
Alderman – 6th Ward