

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, It is with deep sadness and a sense of profound loss that the members of this chamber recognize the passing of Helen Stapper; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of her passing by the Honorable James Gardiner, Alderman of the 45th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Helen was born on April 9th, 1950 in San Antonio, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Helen moved to Chicago in her early 20's and immediately fell in love with the city. During this time she began doing costume design. Helen also modeled and appeared in magazines, newspapers, and television promotions.

WHEREAS, in 1975 Helen returned to San Antonio to raise her daughter Jennifer and to care for a sick friend; and

WHEREAS, in 1992 Helen started her first business, Style Studio, which taught young ladies' proper etiquette; and

WHEREAS, Helen's desire to learn brought her back to school and in 1995 she earned a degree in interior design; and

WHEREAS, Helen came back to Chicago in 1999 and began working at KDA, where she became a top seller. She was also on TV again, this time as a designer for home remodeling; and

WHEREAS, in 2004 Helen founded Cabinet Style Studio, a start to finish kitchen and bathroom design company, from her loft apartment; and

WHEREAS, in 2007 Helen knew she needed a showroom for Cabinet Style Studio and purchased the building at 5945 N. Milwaukee Ave. in Gladstone Park. She modernized the upstairs and basement and made it her home; and

WHEREAS, Helen appeared on HGTV's "New Spaces" and Fox TV's "Ugly Kitchen" and also had several projects featured in Home Improvement Magazine. She garnered national industry acclaim for her work with Chicago's Green Home Project, where she has contributed designs for long-lasting, energy efficient homes; and

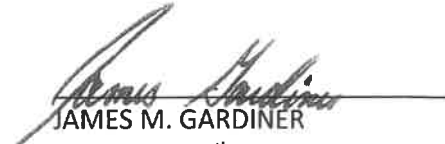
WHEREAS, in her last years Helen returned to her passion of sewing and costume design and became involved in the Renaissance Faire, Teslacon, and Steam Punk festivals; and

WHEREAS, Helen spent her last days in one of her all time favorite places, Port Aransas, Texas with her son Travis reliving her youth; and

WHEREAS, Helen touched the lives of everyone she met and will be missed. All who knew her will continue to cherish the memories and celebrate her life; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and the members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 16th day of February, 2024, do hereby express our sorrow on the death of Helen Stapper and extend to his family and friends our deepest sympathy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Helen Stapper.



JAMES M. GARDINER
Alderman, 45th Ward