



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING CLARABELLE CLAIBORNE FOR HER LONGEVITY OF LIFE AND LIFETIME OF ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE WEST CHESTERFIELD COMMUNITY WITHIN THE 4TH DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, Clarabelle Claiborne was born in Edgefield, South Carolina on April 26, 1918 to the union of Henry C. Springs and Hortense (Adams) Springs; and

WHEREAS, Clarabelle is one of five children. Clarabelle graduated from Englewood High School in Chicago and Wilson Junior College in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Clarabelle professed her faith at seven years of age. She has kept her walk with Christ for 93 years. While much of her working career was geared toward the service industry, Clarabelle takes greater pride of being of service through her long standing membership with Berean Baptist Church in Chicago as a faithful member serving God's people; modeling her commitment through her tithing of her talents through her multiple roles as chair of the Women's Day and Annual Tea, as an active member on the Trustee Board, and as the Clerk in such an esteemed temple; and

WHEREAS, Clarabelle diligently worked as the secretary to the Chief Attorney at the Veterans Administration Hospital in downtown Chicago, from which she retired after many years of service; and

WHEREAS, Clarabelle Claiborne was happily married to Daniel L. Claiborne, DDS for twenty-five years; and

WHEREAS, Clarabelle has one remarkable son; Daniel Mark Claiborne, an engineer who works for Lockheed Martin in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, In Mrs. Claiborne's spare time she enjoys reading the Bible, her crafts magazines and books. Clarabelle is an amazing craftswoman. Since she was 10 years old Clarabelle has used her God-given talent to create a variety of crafts including textiles, paper crafts, decorative crafts and fashion crafts. During the 1930's and 1940's, Clarabelle was a milliner and made beautiful hats for friends and family on the Southside of Chicago. Clarabelle continues to host her Christmas party where she makes ornate ornaments and stockings for friends and family; and

WHEREAS, Clarabelle Claiborne is an alumnus of the Chicago Chapter Links, The Moles, and Hyde Park-Kenwood Illinois Children's Home and Aid Society. Clarabelle Claiborne exhibited outstanding leadership, dedication and service in these organizations; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Clarabelle Claiborne has lived in the West Chesterfield community within the 4th district for more than seventy five-years; and

WHEREAS, Clarabelle Claiborne is 100 years of age and the matriarch of her family. She is the longest living of all her siblings; and

WHEREAS, Clarabelle Claiborne is dearly loved by her family, friends, organization members, and neighbors for her kindness, generosity, and caring spirit; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, shall honor Mrs. Clarabelle Claiborne for her commitment and dedication to the West Chesterfield community within the 4th district.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the permanent Record of Proceedings of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, and that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Clarabelle Claiborne in recognition of this important milestone.