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Clerk Brown Remembers Rev. Addie L. Wyatt

CHICAGO (March 29, 2012) – Upon learning of the passing of Rev. Addie L. Wyatt today, **the Honorable Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County**, issued the following statement.

Rev. Addie Wyatt was an outstanding person and activist who throughout her life generously gave of her time and resources to help thousands of workers. From her early years organizing with the United Packinghouse and Food and Alliance Workers Union, to her exemplary leadership of the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union and Coalition of Labor Union Women, to becoming the first African American woman to rise to the top ranks of an international union, Rev. Wyatt set the example of a person dedicated to, and passionate about, improving the lives of others.

She was a champion of women's rights, civil rights and human rights. Untiring in her commitment to enhancing the human condition, Rev. Addie extended her services and expertise to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and Operation Breadbasket, and then became a minister who founded the Vernon Park Church of God with her husband, the late Claude Wyatt. Appropriately, her many altruistic works were lauded by several awards and recognition, such as Wyatt being named one of *Time* Magazine's Women of the Year in 1975 and one of *Ebony* Magazine's 100 most influential black Americans from 1980 – 1984, and her induction into the Civil Rights Walk of Fame in 2005.

The city of Chicago and the world will surely miss this exceptional human being who brought so much goodness and justice to our lives. My thoughts and prayers are with her family, her church community and the myriad of friends and associates she made during in her exceptional life.

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