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Congratulations Bigane Paving on celebrating 100 years as a family owned Chicago business. Their motto “a family catering to family needs” is still as true today as it was in 1907. Representing the fourth generation of Bigane’s, Anne Bigane Wilson, President of Bigane Paving celebrated this historic milestone on October 4th with family, friends and dignitaries, at Kendall College directly overlooking her paving and asphalt plant.



27th Ward Alderman Walter Burnett lauded the accomplishment, “The City of Chicago has been served by this fine family for 100 years, starting out as a Retail Coal business which kept our homes and businesses warm, to their current asphalt and paving operations that keep Chicago on the road, this family embodies the Chicago credo of “a city that works”. Burnett told the assembled crowd, “And we work better because of Bigane Paving.” Burnett noted, “The legacy of Bigane founder and 28th Ward Alderman John Bigane continues today under the direction of his great- granddaughter Anne Bigane Wilson whose commitment and hard work have grown this business to the largest women-owned paving business in the country which serves as a model for other women and minority owned construction companies.”

Anne Bigane Wilson has run the firm founded by her great-grandfather since she was named President by her dad Edward. Anne received her Engineering Degree from Purdue University and returned to Chicago to join the family business. In 1985, she was named President at 27 years of age. When her father Edward died suddenly in 1987 Anne was left with the responsibility of running the business without the benefit of her father’s guidance. Calling on her technical expertise and realizing her business acumen this great niece of former Cook County Board Chair Dan Ryan looked to the road ahead and hasn’t looked back. She became the first woman to own a paving firm and asphalt manufacturer with the purchase of Ogden Avenue Materials in 1997 and relocated the entire operations to 935 West Chestnut.





“It was a big step but I knew that in order for the business to survive in the competitive marketplace it was necessary for efficiency to our customers,” Wilson commented. “And we believe that in today’s competitive environment that we are fortunate to have a team which strives for excellence which sets our company apart. With Bigane Paving the

difference is between getting the job done and getting the job done effectively, efficiently, on budget and on time”.

Congratulations Bigane Paving on your success and may you have many more years of providing quality asphalt paving services to contractors and owners in the metropolitan Chicago area.