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MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR CLARA "DR. SUPREME EMPRESS LEAH" KIRK

WHEREAS; God in His infinite wisdom, has called Mrs. Clara Kirk, an exceptional religious, civic and active member of the community, and

WHEREAS, this august body has been informed of her passing by the Honorable Stephanie D. Coleman, Alderman of the 16th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Kirk worked for the Chicago Public School system and moved to the Englewood community in 1974, and

WHEREAS; Mrs. Kirk started caring for women and children in the Chicago area before she opened her shelter, she provided food and shelter in her family home, and

WHEREAS, Clara's House shelter opened in 1987 on the corner of 62nd and Paulina, where women and children could eat, sleep and receive assistance and resources while working to get back on their feet; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Kirk founded numerous organizations: Clara's House, Clara's Place, Clara's Academic Center as well as West Englewood United Organization; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Kirk was a dedicated member of the Coptic Faith where she has been a member for over 50 years and was one of the original 12 (twelve) empress; and

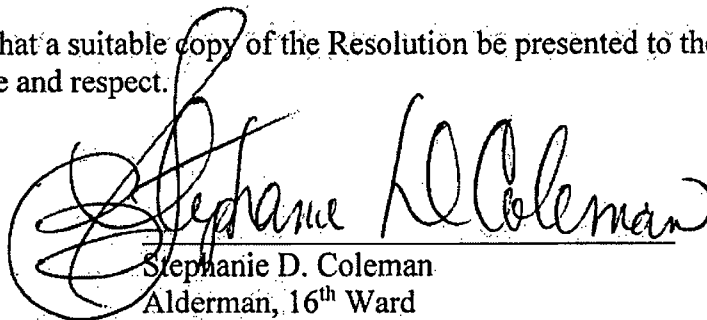
WHEREAS, Mrs. Kirk left the True Temple of Solomon to accompany her husband, the late Prophet Joshua Bell to open their own church, Universal Temple of Christ and Training School located at 5539 South Damen; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Kirk "Dr. Supreme Empress Leah" was not only a blessing in her community, but was a teacher, healer, minister and leader within the Coptic faith; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Kirk leaves behind three sons, two daughters, a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and many more people she loved;

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago gathered this 17th day of June, 2020, do hereby express our deepest condolences to her family;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of the Resolution be presented to the family of as a sign of our honor, gratitude and respect.



Stephanie D. Coleman
Alderman, 16th Ward