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TRIBUTE TO THE LATE REVEREND LEON JOHNSON

WHEREAS, On October 3, 2014, the Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom called Reverend Leon Johnson to his eternal journey; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of his passing by the Honorable Michael Chandler, Alderman of the 24th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Johnson was born in New Orleans to parents Rev. Herbert Leonidas and Rachel Bryant Johson of Sunshine, Louisiana, to a loving family with many siblings; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Johnson received a Bachelor of Arts from Dillard University and a Bachelor of Divinity the University of Chicago, a Master's Degree in Educational Administration from Northwestern University, and completed all course requirements for a Master's Degree in Educational Administration and Guidance and Counseling at Central State University and a Master's Degree in Philosophy of Religion at Garret Theological Seminary at Northwestern University, and completed 18 hours post-graduate courses in Special Education at Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, IL; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Johnson held positions as Associate Pastor and Associate Minister in multiple parishes around Illinois and Ohio, served in numerous leadership positions in various minister and pastor associations, served as a founding Director of Crystal Fountain Ministries, Inc., was a published author and made guest appearances in various congregations and religious broadcasts in the Southern California region. Revered Johnson was also a public school teacher in Dayton, Ohio, and Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Johnson's military service included a tour of duty in Japan with the United States Air force, attending Sophia University in Tokyo, Japan and working as a missionary during his service, and received multiple commendations and medals; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Johnson was the recipient of many awards, such as the Elmer K Mold Award for Bible Reading and Literature, Central State University's Student Government Award for contributing the most to the lives of Central State University's students, and was selected by the Danforth Foundation to receive its annual Campus Ministry Grant for being one of the outstanding Ministers in the country. These are but a few of the many awards Rev. Johnson has received over the course of his life; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Johnson was a dedicate husband and is survived by the love of his life of 58 years, Dolores A. Johnson, many children and grandchildren, and a vast extended family, close friends, and a community that admired and respected him as a mentor and father-figure to many; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here in assembly this fifteenth day of April 2015 A.D., do hereby express our sorrow on the passing of Reverend Leon Johnson 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 Reverend Leon Johnson.



Michael Chandler
Alderman, 24th Ward

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