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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Kenneth ("Kenny") E. Holmes has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 72; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of his passing by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

WHEREAS, Kenny is survived by his devoted wife of more than 50 years, Von Cile Holmes, daughters Natasha Lynnette Holmes and Adrienne R. Holmes, daughter-in-law Crystal Holmes and granddaughter, Adrianna Elizabeth Von Holmes, brother Ronald L. Holmes, sisters, Marie France and Cecili L. Bell, brother-in-law, Travis Biggs, mother-in-law Sara M. Gibbs, and a multitude of close relatives and very dear friends; and

WHEREAS, Kenny was born December 11, 1947 to Amos and Bertha Holmes in Hopkins, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Kenny received an Associates of Arts degree from Brevard Junior College, a Business Associates from Florida State University in History, with minors in Sociology and Education, and a Master of Education from Stetson University; and

WHEREAS, Kenny was a member of the class of the first black graduates from Florida State University and went on to serve as a member of the United States Army from 1971 - 1973, last stationed in Munich, German; and

WHEREAS, Kenny began his career in public service in 1973 in his hometown of Melbourne, Florida after returning from military service as an Employment Interviewer Specialist with the Florida Department of Commerce, later known as the Department of Labor and Employment Security; and

WHEREAS, In 1979, Kenny was promoted to Area Administrator of the Division of Unemployment Compensation; and

WHEREAS, After serving as Area Administrator for twelve years, Kenny was promoted to Chief of the Bureau of Claims and Benefits; and

WHEREAS, In 1992 Kenny was promoted to Assistant Director of the Florida Department of Labor and Employment Security, and was subsequently appointed as the Director of the department; and

WHEREAS, While Kenny was a lifelong public servant, his dedication to his family and his Church was of the upmost importance serving as Chairman of the Deacon's Board and Chair of the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, To his beloved family, Kenneth E. Holmes imparts a legacy of faithfulness, service and dignity; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this Seventeenth day of June, 2020, do hereby commemorate Kenneth E. Holmes for his grace-filled life and do hereby express our condolences to his family; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Kenneth E. Holmes.

Edward M. Burke
Alderman, 14th Ward