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## **TRIBUTE TO THE LATE ALDERMAN JOANN THOMPSON**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom and judgment has called our most beloved colleague and friend Alderman JoAnn Thompson, a homegrown Chicago Englewood citizen and neighbor, affectionately called "Alderman JoAnn", to her everlasting reward, Tuesday, February 9, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, This august body was informed of Alderman JoAnn's transition by the Honorable Carrie M. Austin, Alderman of the 34<sup>th</sup> Ward and Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Government Operations; and

**WHEREAS**, Alderman JoAnn graced this life on September in Chicago, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, On April 17, 2007, she was elected to the Chicago City Council as the 54<sup>th</sup> Alderman of the 16<sup>th</sup> Ward. During her first term she brought sustainable economics to the ward such as; securing funding for enhancements/renovations to several Elementary Schools as well as appropriating \$5.28 million for infrastructure repairs. In addition, co-sponsored a \$1.5million TIF/NIF program that awarded 68 residents with grants for much needed home repairs, as well as a host of other initiatives for the betterment of her community; and

**WHEREAS**, As a result of Alderman JoAnn's hard work, dedication and love and for the residents of the 16<sup>th</sup> Ward, she was elected to a second term on April 5, 2011. She continued to hold to the principal that "the prosperity of a community is expressed by the advancement of [all] of its people; and

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Alderman of the 16<sup>th</sup> Ward enjoyed community festivals, shooting the breeze and catching up with colleagues and residents alike, had a flare for promoting a fun environment, traveling and the arts; and

**WHEREAS**, Alderman JoAnn was a two term City Council Member, active Chicago Aldermanic Black Caucus Member, astute politician with a knack for achieving substantial resources, fiery, stern, candid, voicestrous and passionate servant of the people of her community; and

**WHEREAS**, JoAnn leaves to cherish her memory and celebrate her life, three loving children, Joseph Thompson, Melanie Thompson and Latrece Thompson, four grandchildren, one brother "Albert", three sisters, aunts, uncles, cousins and many, many friends; and

**Be It Resolved**, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 18th day of March 2015 A. D., do hereby express our heartfelt sadness at the loss of such an outstanding leader Alderman JoAnn Thompson, and extend our most sincere sympathy to her family and friends; and

**Be It Further Resolved**, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of the Honorable Alderman JoAnn Thompson.



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CARRIE M. AUSTIN  
Alderman, 34<sup>th</sup> Ward

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