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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF AN EXTRAORDINARY WOMAN
"VERNA JULIE BOWEN"

WHEREAS, Mrs. Verna Julia Bowen responded to the call of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, "Come for I have prepared a place specifically for thee, a mansion filled with precious rubies, flawless diamonds and cultured pearls. Every jewel represents your years of commitment to the priest of your home, father of your children and the love of your life, Charles Bowen, Sr." As tears fell from her eyes, she surrendered her soul and connected with her Redeemer. The Angels stood by Heaven's Gate shouting; "Verna, God is Well Pleased with Thee" and

WHEREAS, she overcame what so many of us fail to complete, she married her soul mate, Charles R. Bowen on October 18, 1952 and from her sacred matrimony she gave life to four beautiful children. Mrs. Verna Julia Bowen was the biblical description of a Proverbs 31 woman. Her husband and children entrusted their lives unto her and she enriched them beyond what they could have ever imagined; and

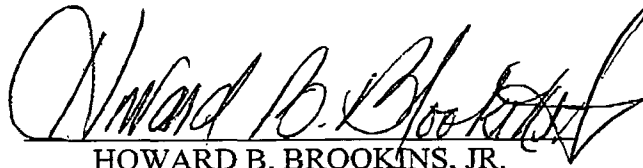
WHEREAS, the scripture states, "my sheep know my voice and follow me," Mrs. Bowen's life exemplified one that had a relationship with the Father. She was groomed by Jesus and He carved out all of her assignments. Yes, God was her potter and her life was his clay. Let us follow the example of Mrs. Julia Verna Bowen by giving our lives to Jesus. How do you demonstrate it? Call upon him. Cry out to him. With all you have Trust Him; and

WHEREAS, now I speak on behalf of every generation when I say, "Mrs. Verna Julie Bowen's name was more than your average name." Every letter in her first name stood for something: (V) Victorious despite her trials and tribulations. (E) Simply Exquisite in her appearance and the eyes of the beholder. (R) Righteous in the eyes of God. (N) Never disrespected her family. (A) Always had a kind word for others when she could not find one for herself; and

WHEREAS, she is survived by her husband Charles Bowen Sr. Her sons Charles Jr. (Patrice), Darryl Sr. (Gale), Gene (Anita) and daughter Victoria (Andre). Siblings: Ellen, Morris and Juanita Hollis; and her siblings that preceded her in death were Joseph, Catherine, Sarah and Alfreda. Goddaughter Cheryl (Thornton). Grandchildren: NaShawne, Gregory, (who preceded her in death), Darrien, Parrish (Candace), Darryl Jr. (Kenya), Gianna, Christopher (Kari), Portia (Will), Veronica, Kyle, Chyna, and Nicholas. Great grandchildren: Jaziya, Elyvone, Jessica, Gina, Kobey, Kayla, and Darryl III and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, will assemble together on the 25th Day of July, 2012, A.D., to partake in the homegoing celebration of Verna Julia Bowen and extend to her family, friends and associates our sincere condolences; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Verna Julia Bowen.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Howard B. Brooks, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

HOWARD B. BROOKINS, JR.

Alderman - 21st Ward