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TRIBUTE TO LARDELL M. BRAXTON

WHEREAS, On April 23, 2011, in His Infinite Wisdom, Almighty God has granted eternal rest to Lardell M. Braxton, an outstanding humanitarian and remarkable member of her community; and

WHEREAS, Born on February 7, 1933, Lardell M. Braxton maintained a vision and a mission to care for the less fortunate as well as the mentally challenged. Armed with certification as a Licensed Practical Nurse and a graduate degree from Jones Business College with a major in Business Administration, she sought to help as many people as she could by providing housing, food, clothing and social services with the support of her family; and

WHEREAS, As founder and CEO of a residential care program from 1972 through 2000, Lardell Braxton developed and operated a home setting for those who were less fortunate. Her heroic efforts have received some civic recognition from the Roseland community where she resided and worked as well as the City of Chicago Department of Human Services; and

WHEREAS, In 2000, Lardell Braxton acquired an 80-room commercial property South Wentworth where she could better house those in need. She named the property "A Little Bit of Heaven" (ALBOH), believing that the love of God would shine down all who entered its doors; and


WHEREAS, In 2001, Lardell Braxton was awarded a 40-bed contract with the City of Chicago under the auspices of Inner Voice, Inc. to house men overnight. ALBOH has since been elevated to a 50-bed plus contract with the Department of Family Support Services under the Emergency Shelter Response Network. ALBOH continues to provide not only overnight shelter but also nutritionally balanced meals, clothing and personal hygiene items. Through triage case management, ALBOH also provides referrals to job training and development programs, to drug and alcohol abuse rehabilitation centers (both in-patient and out-patient), to the Secretary of State for State for Identification Cards, and eventually to permanent housing; and

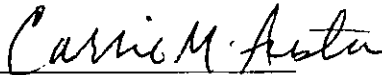
WHEREAS, In 2004, Lardell Braxton received "The Unsung Heroine Award" award for Outstanding Services in the Community from the Mitsubishi Foundation presented by Congressman Jesse L. Jackson Jr. In 2009, Alderman Carrie Austin sent a letter of Commendation to Ms. Braxton in recognition of the fine work and much needed effort of her and her organization A Little Bit of Heaven; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Carrie M. Austin, Alderman of the 34th Ward, has informed this august body that, in the Spring of 2011, Lardell M. Braxton was awarded a little bit of heaven for herself; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED That we, the Mayor and members of the City of Chicago City Council, gathered together this fifth day of October, 2011 AD, do hereby express our sincere sorrow at the loss of a woman so caring and loved as well as offer our deepest condolences to her family, friends and all those whose lives she touched.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Lardell M. Braxton.


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