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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF AN EXTRAORDINARY WOMAN
MRS. MARIE ANTOINETTE HEFLIN

WHEREAS, the amazing Mrs. Marie Antoinette Heflin was called home by the *Great I AM* on Wednesday, January 18, 2023. Mrs. Heflin, a woman of great faith and undeniable integrity answered the call of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, *"Come for I have prepared a place specifically for thee, a mansion the size of two cities and every room is paved with flawless diamonds, precious rubies and exquisite pearls. As you enter therein every wall is covered with photographs of the lives that you have touched."* Immediately, a tear drop fell from the eyes of Mrs. Heflin as her soul connected with Jesus. The *Angels* and her husband *James* who preceded her in death stood by Heaven's Gate and shouted with an exuberant voice, *"Welcome Home My Love!"*

WHEREAS, Maya Angelou stated *"Love recognizes no barriers. It jumps hurdles, leaps fences, penetrates walls to arrive at its destination full of hope."* I can proudly say that Mrs. Heflin's loving and nurturing spirit has stamped the lives of her family, friends and community. Mrs. Heflin was a woman of elegance, intellect and poise. She was well-known throughout the city and everyone felt beyond honored to have Mrs. Heflin in their presence any given day; and

WHEREAS, her dedication to the betterment of herself and her children education speaks volumes. She studied nursing at Lucy Flower High School and continued her formal education at Chicago Teachers College and later earned a Master of Education at the University of Chicago. After serving diligently in the field of nursing she returned back to school and started a new career as an English Teacher for the Chicago Public Schools while showing unending love and support to her husband and children. Continuously demonstrating as Michelle Obama have stated in times past, *"Success isn't about how much money you make, it is about the difference you make in people's lives; and*

WHEREAS, Mrs. Marie Antoinette Heflin's name means much more than your average name. Every letter in her first name, *Marie* has a significant meaning: **M** stands for *Moves* with the intent to change the community. **A** stands for *Acts* of kindness and grace for all the people she loved and cherished. **R** stands for *Ready* to share her very last so others could benefit from her generosity. **I** stands *Insight* and education in various areas in order to stay informed on the advancement of the world. **E** stands for *Everlasting* joy and greatness that will remain instilled in all the lives that Mrs. Heflin has touched.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and the members of City Council will gather together on the 1st Day of February 2023, A.D., and hereby express our deepest condolences to my good friend and brother of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, Gary Heflin (son) and to the extended family, friends and neighbors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution was prepared by 21st Ward Alderman Howard B. Brookins, Jr., and a more suitable copy will be presented to the Mrs. Marie Antoinette Heflin at a later date.

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

Howard B. Brookins, Jr.
Alderman – 21st Ward