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**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
ELIZABETH GASTON**

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Gaston, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, cousin, and friend, passed away on January 6, 2022 at 77 years of age; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of Elizabeth's passing by the Honorable Emma Mitts, Alderman of the 37th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth was born on February 27, 1944 in Glen Allen, Mississippi, to Amanda Clark-Cannon and Sammie Pearson; she was the eldest of eight siblings and grew up in the South of Mississippi where she learned how to keep house and take care of her younger siblings; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth received her education in Washington County, Mississippi and relocated to Chicago, Illinois in the mid-1960s; she confessed her hope in Christ and was baptized at an early age where she sang in church choirs; in 1972 she joined the Lighthouse Gospel MB Church, under the Pastoralship of the late Rev. Dr. Bernice Johnson, and was known for her rich voice and soulful sounds, all under the direction of the late Rev. Barbara Scott and Rev. Donald W. Harris; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the years, Elizabeth earned many names of love from the people in her life including: Liz, Dude, Nanny, Ms. Gaston, Moma Liz, and Moma Gaston; and

WHEREAS, Moma Liz enjoyed cooking and was known for her signature chicken, dressing, collard greens, black eyed peas, speckled butter beans and okra, macaroni and cheese, corn bread, homemade biscuits, salmon croquettes, sweet potatoes, and lemon pies; she was generous and would open her door to anyone but she loved sharing her home and food with her family; and

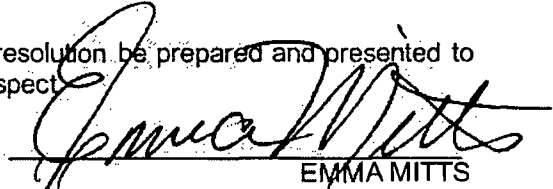
WHEREAS, Moma Gaston loved her church and served faithfully on the Mother's Board Ministry of the True Love Christian Church, of Chicago where her baby boy, Rev. Michael A. Gaston, Sr., is Pastor and Teacher; she prepared meals, attended every church outing, taught everyone how to make the Church's coffee on Sunday morning, and gave motherly advice; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth is preceded in death by one brother, Michael Cannon; one son, Barry Windell Gaston; one sister, Earlene Wimbley; and two grandchildren, James Green and Dayon L. Gaston; she leaves to cherish her memories; three sons, Dexter Gaston, Henry Gaston (Diorah), and Rev. Michael A. Gaston, Sr. (Lady Rockkeya Gaston); two daughters, Dr. Trunita Faye Robinson (Tracey) and Jacinda Gaston; Jim Brown, Trayon Robinson, Makhira Humphrey, Tracia Robinson, Michael Gaston, Jr., Estrella Jackson, Marcus Gaston, and Amare' Gaston; one granddaughter-in-law, Estrella Gaston; two brothers, Willie Cannon (Jeanette), and Robert Clark (Bertha); four sisters, Trunita Pate (Rufus), Lillie Stevenson, Bobbie Jean Danley (RD), and Linda Cannon; and a host of great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth was beloved and will be remembered fondly and missed dearly by her family and friends; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this twenty-third day of March, 2022, do hereby extend our most heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Elizabeth Gaston; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Elizabeth Gaston as a sign of our honor and respect.


EMMA MITTS
Alderman, 37th Ward