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# *A resolution*

*adopted by The City Council  
of the City of Chicago, Illinois*

**Presented by** Alderman Michelle A. Harris **on** June 27, 2018

**WHEREAS**, Detective Timothy L. Dotson, Sr., a true example of a civil servant, will celebrate his retirement from the Chicago Police Department after twenty years of service on September 15, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, This esteemed body has been notified of this special occasion by the Honorable Michelle Harris, Alderman of the 8<sup>th</sup> Ward; and

**WHEREAS**, Born on June 5, 1966, in Chicago, Illinois, Timothy L. Dotson, Sr. was the adored son of Leroy and Ida Grace Dotson. Timothy grew up in Chicago and attended Frank L. Gillespie Elementary School and Chicago Vocational High School; and

**WHEREAS**, Upon graduation, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. After completing Marine Corps basic training, Timothy married his high school sweetheart, Thaddy Jenise Dotson. They were blessed with three children, Timothy Jr., Tiffany and Troy; and

**WHEREAS**, During his almost seven years in the Marine Corps he served as Field Artillery Cannon Crew Chief, Military Policeman and Cadre Trainer, where Timothy's desire to work within law enforcement developed. While still on active duty in the Marine Corps, Timothy attended the Ventura County Police and Sheriff's Academy; and

**WHEREAS**, After graduating as the outstanding Cadet of his class, Timothy was hired as a Reserve Police Officer in Port Hueneme, California. Soon after, Timothy returned home to Chicago and worked as a firearms instructor for the private security school PBS. After the closure of PBS, Dotson worked for the Chicago Transit Authority as a bus operator until the City of Gary, Indiana hired him as a Police Officer; and

**WHEREAS**, While in Gary, he attended the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy where he was named President of the Class by his peers and Squad Leader of Class 94-117 by the Academy staff. Timothy excelled as a Gary Police Officer where he worked in the Public Morals Bureau and a multi-jurisdictional task force headed by Federal Bureau of Investigations. He also was commended by the Optimist Club of Hammond Indiana for his dedication to duty and recognized by the Merrillville Office of the FBI after making 500 arrests; and

**WHEREAS**, After three years serving in Gary, Dotson moved back to Chicago and accepted a position with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Police where he worked for two years before fulfilling his dream of serving on the Chicago Police Department (CPD); and

**WHEREAS**, Dotson served the citizens of Chicago with distinction in the Grand Crossing Police District as a Patrolman, Field Training Officer, Tactical Officer and Gang Enforcement Officer. He also worked with Special Operations and the Training Academy; and

**WHEREAS**, After 17 years of hard work and dedication, Timothy was promoted to the rank of Police Detective. During his time as a Police Detective, Timothy worked within Special Victim's Unit, Violent Crimes Unit and

Homicide and General Investigation; and

**WHEREAS**, Detective Dotson received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Law Enforcement Management and a Masters of Science Degree in Public Safety Administration while working at the CPD. He also was ordained as a Gospel Minister and obtained a second Master's Degree in Ministry from McCormick Theological Seminary; and

**WHEREAS**, Throughout his distinguished career as a Chicago Police Officer, Detective Dotson has received numerous awards, including two CPD Life Saving Awards, three Departmental Commendations and over seventy Departmental Honorable Mentions; and

**WHEREAS**, Detective Timothy L. Dotson, Sr. is a remarkable individual who dedicated himself to public service with fortitude, compassion and determination. He has spent the past twenty years tirelessly seeking to make Chicago a safer City. He will be deeply missed at CPD by those who had the pleasure of working with him but will be remembered by his hard work and charismatic demeanor; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this twenty-seventh day of June, do hereby extend our heartfelt thanks to Detective Timothy L. Dotson, Sr. for his many years of service to the City and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That suitable copies of this resolution are presented to Detective Timothy L. Dotson, Sr. as a sign of our honor, gratitude and respect.



MICHELLE A. HARRIS  
Alderman, 8<sup>th</sup> Ward

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