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Title: Congratulations extended to Elder Jimmy Leon Thorn on retirement from St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church

Committee(s) Assignment:



CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT OF A VERY REMARKABLE MAN
PRESIDING ELDER JIMMY LEON THORN

WHEREAS, I am truly honored and overwhelmed with joy as I acknowledge this Man of Valor, anointed preacher and longtime advocate for equality in the 21st Ward and throughout the City of Chicago. Known as one of the greatest pastor's in the City of Chicago, Presiding Elder J. Leon Thorn on his retirement from St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church. His dedication to serving the members in the church and outside of the "four walls" of the church is incredible and it speaks volumes to the work God has assigned unto him; and

WHEREAS, the official retirement has begun for the Presiding Elder J. Leon Thorn from his time-honored service at St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church – we can all attest that it is due time for him and his ministry helpmate, First Lady Dianna M. (Joseph) Thorn and son Julien Antoine Thorn to enjoy taking long bike rides, cooking their most favorite dishes and travelling to countries they have always desired to visit - For if anyone deserves to be blessed tremendously it would most definitely be this family; and

WHEREAS, it is only appropriate to say that every letter in Presiding Elder J. Leon Thorn first name (*Jimmy*) stands for something: **J** stands for **Justified** by Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. **I** stands for **Intellectual** his ability to discern the truth from falsehood in any given circumstance is amazing. **M** stands for **Meticulous** in handling every business matter of the church and his household. **M** stands for **Missionary** he committed to go into uncommon places to witness the goodness of the Lord to everyone ready to receive it **Y** stands for **Yearns** his greatest desire is always to make God a priority in his life; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and the members of the City Council of the City of Chicago will gather together on the 14th Day of October 2021, A.D., to celebrate Presiding Elder J. Leon Thorn retirement from the St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a more suitable copy of this resolution will be prepared and presented to Presiding Elder J. Leon Thorn 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