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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MAN
BROTHER JEROME WILLS

WHEREAS, Brother Jerome Wills was called home by the *Great I AM*, "*Come for I have prepared a place specifically for thee a mansion the size of a nation where your soul will find eternal rest. As you cross over into your new humble abode there you will find rooms designed with photographs of every life that you have touched.*" Gradually, tears began to stream down Brother Jerome's face and his soul connected with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The Angels stood by Heaven's Gate shouting with an exuberant voice, "*Welcome home Brother Jerome!*"

WHEREAS, his personality embodied the characteristics of a man with integrity, dignity and incredible patience. Brother Jerome served diligently with one of the greatest fraternities on this side of *Heaven the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated.* Brother Jerome Wills was an excellent role model and always stood in the gap against the injustices of the African-American community. His servitude and friendship to many will be admired for years to come; and

WHEREAS, some people will remember Brother Jerome Wills for his charming personality, hearty laugh and infectious smile. While, so many others recognized his genuine love for people and took great pride in sitting under his teachings. Brother Jerome was a true historian and he was never ashamed to share the rich history of our culture and the way paved by many of our ancestors from pastimes; and

WHEREAS, the bible says, "*The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord.*" Without a shadow of a doubt in my mind, I know Jerome Wills lived his life by faith and never by sight. Whenever life threw him a few tough blows, maybe even cost him some sleepless nights, no matter the difficulties of this world we can all attest to Brother Jerome was a survivor; and

WHEREAS, today, let us not say good-bye but instead stand together and say, Lord we are grateful for your presence in the midst of our tears and deep-rooted sorrow. We desire nothing more than to give you praise for the life of Brother Jerome Wills. Though, we wished this day would not come so soon, we can rest assure that one day we shall meet him again; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago will gather together on Wednesday, October 26, 2022, A.D., to express their sincere condolences and prayers to the family of Brother Jerome Wills and the brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented at a later date to the family of Brother Jerome Wills.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Howard B. Brookins, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

HOWARD B. BROOKINS, JR.
Alderman – 21st Ward