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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, God in His Infinite Wisdom, called Lafayette Gatling Sr., a most respected citizen, renowned funeral director, community servant and advocate, cherished husband and loving family man and friend, to his eternal reward on December 28, 2021; and

WHEREAS, This august body has been informed of Lafayette Gatling Sr.'s passing by the Honorable Carrie M. Austin, Alderman of the 34th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Lafayette Sr. was born in Seaboard, North Carolina in 1940 and upon moving to Chicago became a certified general contractor and member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 134; and

WHEREAS, He built a funeral chapel in the 34th Ward and grew to own/operate several others; and

WHEREAS, Lafayette Sr. was blessed to empower striving residents on the far south side and across the city through providing quality funeral services. His vision for assisting families to properly bury their dead was borne when he lost his own mother at the tender age of 5 and his father was away at war; and

WHEREAS, Having touched many lives through genuine kindness, generosity and encouragement within his community and at-large, Lafayette Sr. was blessed with national and international outreach through his work; and

WHEREAS, He leaves to cherish his loving memory, an adoring wife, Marguerite, three children, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, as well as a host of friends, including Alderman Carrie M. Austin; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, at the next regular council meeting on the 26th day of January, 2022, will acknowledge their heartfelt condolences to the family, loved ones and friends of Lafayette Gatling Sr.; and

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carrie M. Austin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. Below the signature is a horizontal line.

CARRIE M. AUSTIN
Alderman, 34th Ward