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**TRIBUTE TO DR. BOBBIE M. ANTHONY-PEREZ**

WHEREAS, in His infinite wisdom, almighty God has granted eternal peace to Dr. Bobbie M. Anthony-Perez, an outstanding educator and exceptional community activist, on July 13, 2019 after a long and well-lived life; and

WHEREAS, On November 15, 1923, Dr. Anthony-Perez started that life in Macon, Georgia as Bobbie Cotton, born to the union of Maude Alice Lockett Cotton & Solomon Richard Cotton, Sr. Her family migrated to this city and settled in the Oakland neighborhood, Bobbie was educated in that community's public schools and worshiped with her family at Blackwell Memorial AME Zion Church where she remained a lifetime member;

WHEREAS, Dr. Anthony-Perez was greatly influenced by the youth and cultural programs she attended at the renowned Abraham Lincoln Center designed by Frank Lloyd Wright that served a diverse population that crossed racial, socio-economic, ethnic and religious lines, which was unique for its time. She graduated from Englewood High School as class valedictorian and matriculated to DePaul University where she received Bachelors and a Masters degree in Mathematics, another Masters in Psychology. At the University of Illinois, she earned a Masters in Education and Mathematical Research and was awarded her PhD in Measurement, Evaluation and Statistical Analysis at the prestigious University of Chicago that was the basis of her many honors including several National Science Foundation Fellowships; and


WHEREAS As a lifelong advocate of educational and economic opportunities for all, Dr. Bobbie Anthony-Perez enjoyed an illustrious three-decade tenure at Chicago State University where she was one of the founders of the Black Student Psychological Association through which she mentored many students. As an ardent civic activist, devoted much of her time engaged with grassroots neighborhood and community organizations such as the Chatham Avalon Park Community Council and the Chatham Business Association. In conjunction with her late husband, Dr. Andrew Perez, an optometrist and Tuskegee Airman, she endowed scholarships for students pursuing careers in aviation and other fields; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Anthony-Perez had a keen sense of humor, outgoing personality and upbeat attitude made her beloved by all with whom she worked. She became an active member of her Chatham neighborhood church, Ingleside-Whitfield United Methodist, where she served as a youth coordinator. Dr. Bobbie Anthony-Perez was preceded in passing by her husband, Dr. Andrew S. Perez; her brother, Solomon Richard Cotton, Jr.; three sisters, Willa Mae Cotton, Carronetta White and Fannie Hunter as well as a granddaughter, Stephanie Scott. She leaves behind to mourn her loss and cherish her memory, her daughter, Freida Chapman; grandchildren, Karla Scott, Jay Levit, and Chad Wiesenfeld; great-grandchildren, Alexander and Aiden Levit; nieces, Lynetta and Edrene White; a goddaughter, Ashley Garrison Hegwood and a host of family and friends.

WHEREAS, the Honorable Roderick Sawyer, Alderman of the 6<sup>th</sup> Ward, has informed this august body of the passing of this remarkable woman; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that we the Mayor and members of the City of Chicago City Council, gathered together this 18<sup>th</sup> Day of September, 2019 AD, do hereby express our sincere sorrow upon the passing of Dr. Bobbie M. Anthony-Perez and extend our deepest condolences to all her family and the many friends whose lives she touched.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Dr. Bobbie M. Anthony-Perez.

  
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RODERICK T. SAWYER  
Alderman – 6<sup>th</sup> Ward

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