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Tribute to late Mother Eleanor Cole Thomas

Committee(s) Assignment:

A Resolution Honoring the Life of Mother Eleanor Cole Thomas

WHEREAS, Mother Eleanor Cole Thomas was born on November 6, 1937 to Hudie Morris and Mildred Cole in Memphis, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, While a teenager, her family relocated to Chicago, Illinois where she graduated from Dunbar Vocational High School; and

WHEREAS, Mother Eleanor served as a volunteer in many capacities, particularly in regards to her 32-year long service to public schools in Chicago including Holmes Elementary, John Hope Middle School, Sojourner Truth School, McDowell Elementary School, and South Shore High School; and

WHEREAS, Mother Eleanor was a gifted musician and sang in the choirs at Oak Grove Baptist Church and in a family group called "The Cole Sisters" before becoming the Choir Director at Greater Harvest Missionary Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Mother Eleanor also used her culinary talents in the service of others sharing meals and stories of faith with her neighbors; and

WHEREAS, Mother Eleanor demonstrated her great faith and resiliency by overcoming a six-year battle with cancer; and

WHEREAS, Despite the cancer's return, she continued to serve her church and community before being called home on May 28, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Eleanor Cole Thomas was a maternal mother to six children, but a mother to her entire network of friends, neighbors, and family; and

WHEREAS, Mother Eleanor's legacy of serving others will live on through the lives she touched, but in particular, with her son Elder Eric Thomas who now serves as the Pastor of Greater Harvest Missionary Baptist Church; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Chicago gathered here this 25th day of June, 2014 do hereby express our condolences to the family and friends of Mother Eleanor Cole Thomas and recognize and appreciate her dedication to helping others; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to the family of Mother Eleanor Cole Thomas.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pat Dowell", is written over a horizontal line.

Pat Dowell

Alderman, 3rd Ward