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Tribute to late Celestine Jakes

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MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR CELESTINE JAKES

WHEREAS, God in his Infinite Wisdom has called Celestine Jakes, most beloved citizen, to her eternal reward on January 9, 2020; and

WHEREAS, This august body has been informed of her passing by the Honorable Sophia King, Alderman of the 4th Ward; and

WHEREAS, The adored daughter of the late Reverend Johnnie James, Sr. and the late Callie Jakes, she had nine siblings. She leaves behind a legacy of faith, dignity and love; and

WHEREAS, Celestine attended Lakeview High where she cherished the relationships she had with her close friends. Her loyalty and honesty was admired by many others. After giving birth to two wonderful children: LaChrisia Nannette, LaShawn Bernard, and accepted a child of her heart, Davionne Brown, Celestine became a dedicated mother who raised her children in faith, and instilled the importance if God through Jesus Christ. Additionally, Celestine had sons for whom she did not birth but claimed them as her own: Quincy B. Banks, Pastor Delbert Earl Wright, Dr. Charley Hames, Jr., and Dr. S. Todd Yeary; and

WHEREAS, Celestine leaves to cherish in her memory her children LaChrisia Nannette, LaShawn Bernard, and Davionne Brown. She also leaves many friends and community members to mourn her loss; and

WHEREAS, Preceding her in death, were her three sisters and two brothers, Betty Chapman, Cora Dandredge, Margaret Sledge, Pastor Paul L., and Johnnie James; and

WHEREAS, Celestine touched the lives of all who knew her through her unconditional love and vivacious spirit. She will be deeply missed, but the memory of her character and compassion will live on in those who new and love her; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City council of the City of Chicago, assembled this nineteenth day of February, 2020, do hereby extend our heartfelt condolences to the family of Reverend L. Bernard Jakes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution are presented to the Jakes family as a sign of our sympathy and respect.

Sophia King

Alderman, 4th Ward

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