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5/28/2014 Foulkes (15) Resolution

Tribute to late Deacon Huey L. Johnson

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF DEACON HUEY L. JOHNSON

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, has called Deacon Huey L. Johnson, an outstanding citizen and member of his community, to his everlasting reward, Monday, April 14, 2014; and

WHEREAS, On March 18, 1950, in Lineville, Alabama, Thelma and Huey L. Johnson became the loving parents of their son, Huey, who was the second of six children who blessed the Johnson Family. He received his education from Bloom Township High School in Chicago Heights, two years at the University of Wyoming and received a Bachelor's of Science degree from Middle Tennessee State University, a Master's of Science degree from Nova University and completed post graduate work at the University of Phoenix; and

WHEREAS, Huey L. Johnson and the former Patricia Ann Brookins were united in matrimony on December 25, 1969 and to this union two children were born, Tracey Lynn and Terrance Huey L. Ion December 25, 1994 Huey and Patricia celebrate their Silver Anniversary with the renewal of their vows, officiated by Rev. Larry A. Brookins; and

WHEREAS, Huey took a position at Borg and Beck, located in Chicago, while he waited to get a secured teaching position. In 1974 when he received a teaching position in the Clark County School District he relocated his family from Chicago to Las Vegas where he taught high school and served as track and field coach for the next thirty. In 2003, after retiring from the Clark County School District, he moved back to Chicago and returned to his high school alma mater, Bloom Township High in Chicago Heights, where he taught and coached track and field, and retired in 2013; and

WHEREAS, A devout Christian, Huey L. Johnson was baptized in Lake Michigan by Rev. C.L. Brookins, then Pastor of True Foundation Baptist Church in Chicago. Upon relocation ton Las Vegas, he moved his membership to St James Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. Donnell Horn, where he was ordained a Deacon; and

WHEREAS, Deacon Johnson was among the deacons who were involved in bring to pass the erection of the new edifice which was renamed "Greater St. James Missionary Baptist Church. Huey's name remains on the corner stone of the new edifice as a tribute to him and his work. He later moved his membership to Victory Missionary Baptist Church, during his time there Huey taught a class the "Purpose Driven Life" to the Deacons; and

WHEREAS, Deacon Huey L. Johnson was a vital member of the City-Wide Deacons and Deaconess Ministry of Las Vegas and in 2005 after returning to Chicago he reunited with the church of his baptism, True Foundation Transformation Church under the leadership of Rev. Larry A. Brookins. Deacon Johnson served faithfully as Chairman of the Deacon Ministry, Sunday School Teacher, Vacation Bible School Teacher, Chairman of the Trustee Ministry, Finance Ministry, Prayer Line Facilitator, and Pastoral Care Ministry. While serving as Deacon, he visited the sick and shut-in, served communion, prayed, offered

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WHEREAS, In a lifetime filled with inspiration and strengthened by a solid religious foundation, Deacon Huey L. Johnson reached out and touched many lives. A cherished friend and good neighbor to all, Deacon Huey L. Johnson will be deeply missed but the remembrance of his character, intelligence and compassion will live on in those who knew and loved him; and

WHEREAS, Deacon Huey L. Johnson leaves to celebrate his life and cherish his memory his loving and devoted wife of nearly forty-five years, Patricia A. Johnson; his beloved mother, Thelma Johnson; his caring children, Terrance (Honey) and Tracey Johnson; his grandchildren, Tracy Anthony Scott, Jamaica Danielle Lewis, Tyler Lamon Allums, Jycie Honey Johnson, Braye Patricia Johnson, Dallin Milius, Corbyn Milius, McKinley Milius, and Makall Milius; his sisters, Diann Reed, Susan (Alton) Riley and Thelma Ann Johnson; his brothers, Cory Wayne (Teresa) Johnson and John Ivory (Barbara) Johnson; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Dr. C.L. and Mary F. Brookins; three brothers-inlaw, three sisters-in-law, seven god-children, two aunts, a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces, nephews, cousins and friends in Las Vegas, Chicago Heights, Tennessee, California, Plainfield and Chicago, and a loving church family; and

WHEREAS, Alderman Toni L. Foulkes, Alderman of the 15th Ward, has informed this august body of the passing of this outstanding member of the community; now therefore

Be I Resolved, That we, the Mayor and members of the City of Chicago City Council, assembled here this 28th day of May, 2014 A.D., do hereby extend our condolence to the family and friends of Deacon Huey L. Johnson and express our sincere sorrow on the loss of this respected and cherished man

Be It Further Resolved, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Deacon Huey L. Johnson.

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