



# City of Chicago



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Sawyer (6)  
Coleman (16)

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Resolution

**Title:**

Tribute to late Reverend Dr. Edwin Simmons

**Committee(s) Assignment:**

## MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR PASTOR EDWIN SIMMONS

WHEREAS; God in His infinite wisdom, has called Rev. Dr. Edwin Simmons, an exceptional Pastor, Preacher, Teacher, Shepherd, Counselor, Advisor; and

WHEREAS, this august body has been informed of his passing by the Honorable Roderick Sawyer, Alderman of the 6<sup>th</sup> Ward, and Stephanie D. Coleman, Alderman of the 16<sup>th</sup> Ward; and

WHEREAS, his life and legacy began on December 25, 1928 in Humboldt, TN, his family moved to Chicago he pursued a degree in Christian Education and later became a member of New Friendship M.B. Church under the leadership of Pastor S. Freeman. He served as Boy Scout Leader, Adult class Sunday School Teacher and Superintendent and gave freely to those in need; and

WHEREAS, in 1982 he was installed as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pastor of New Friendship and for 37 years he served faithfully; he took his passion to teach to the Baptist State Convention of IL, Progressive National Baptist Convention and received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Bethlehem District Association, Midwest Region; and

WHEREAS, he served several years in the U.S. Army as a proud veteran; and worked as an Interior Decorator and was responsible for painting the John Hancock building and various other landmarks across the city of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, his soulmate, Lady Sylvia, was truly the wind beneath his wings and enjoyed 63 years of marriage; and

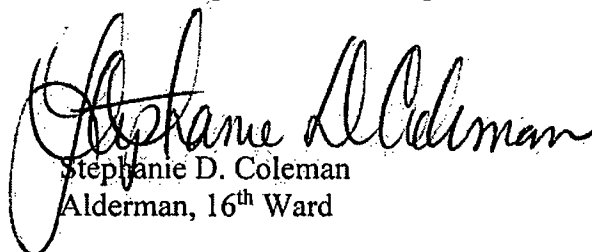
WHEREAS, it warmed his heart when his daughter, the late Evangelist Claudette Hicks, son Rev. Anthony and later his daughter, Rev. Dr. Lynda accepted their calls into the gospel ministry; and

WHEREAS, he leaves to cherish his memories and carry on his legacy the love of his life, Lady Sylvia Simmons, 1 son; 3 daughters, 10 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren, 1 great-great grandchild and a host of cousins, friends and members of New Friendship M.B. Church;

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago gathered this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020, do hereby express our deepest condolences to her family;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of the Resolution be presented to First Church of Love and Faith family as a sign of our honor, gratitude and respect.

Roderick Sawyer  
Alderman, 6<sup>th</sup> Ward



Stephanie D. Coleman  
Alderman, 16<sup>th</sup> Ward