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Tribute to late Dr. Guy L. Bibbs, Jr.

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MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR DR. GUY L. BIBBS, JR.

WHEREAS, God in His Infinite Wisdom has called Dr. Guy L. Bibbs, Jr., a most beloved man of God, son, husband, father, grandfather, colleague and good citizen to his timeless reward on Wednesday, June 7, 2021; and

WHEREAS, This august body has been informed of Dr. Bibbs, Jr.'s passing by the Honorable Carrie M. Austin, Alderman of the 34th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Guy Bibbs, Jr. was born in Pine Bluff, Arkansas on February 27, 1948 to the union of Guy L. Bibbs, Sr. and Roena Anderson, both preceding him in death. Guy Jr., affectionately called "Big Guy" by family and friends, learned the virtues of hard work and honesty very young. He attended Manual H.S. in Peoria, Illinois, graduated from Bradley University receiving a Bachelor's of Fine Arts and received a doctorate from University of Illinois College of Dentistry with a focus in orthodontic medicine leading to practice dentistry for a span of 40 years. His family practice outreach included treatment across multiple generations of family; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Guy married his third-grade-first-love Dr. Lona C. Bibbs. The union was blessed with a daughter and son, Dr. Lona D. Bibbs-Walker and Guy L. Bibbs III, respectively. The family was further graced with grandchildren: Jordan Lee, Guy Jason, Guy Mason, Jackson Lee, and Guy Bryson; and

WHEREAS, Guy Jr. was a member of Apostolic Church of God under the leadership of Dr. Byron T. Brazier and former member of Life Center Church under Pastor T.L. Barrett. Each church home and family afforded his covering for his home, family and all things fine; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Guy's impeccable professional acumens include memberships in the American Dental Association of Orthodontists, American Dental Association, Illinois State Dental Society, Lincoln Dental Society, Chicago Dental Society—Kenwood Hyde Park Branch—having served as a past president, lifetime member of University of Illinois Alumni Association, Donor of University of Illinois at Chicago Athletics, original donor of Supporting Excellence Endowment Fund in Student Affairs at UIC, mentored/tutored students in University of Illinois College of Dentistry, the Urban Health Program and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Guy L. Bibbs, Jr. leaves to cherish his loving memories mother figures in "Aunt Ree" Margaret Gulley of Peoria, Illinois, "Big Mama" Lucille Bibbs (deceased) of Winona, Mississippi, and Godmother Ilar Bonds of Nashville, Tennessee; an Aunt Aretha Williamson of Dayton, Ohio and Uncle Henry Anderson (Sarah) in Bellwood, Illinois, sisters Josephine Smith "Mother Wade" (Rupert) of Chicago, Illinois, Era "Pixie" Marshall (Dr. Raymond) of Silver Spring, Maryland, Sheila Cooley and Roxianne Cooley of Chicago, Illinois, Louise Arnone (Vince) of Aurora, Illinois, Jennett Williams (Emile) of Batesville, Mississippi, Shirley Spivey (William) of Joliet, Illinois and Clara Justice (Keith) of San Diego, California, goddaughter Paula Lucas Wesley (Tony) of Chicago, Illinois,

brothers Keith Cooley (Deanna) of Chicago, Illinois, Bob Bibbs (Luvina) of Winona, Mississippi, Dr. Charles Bibbs (Barbara) of Aurora, Illinois, Arthur and Michael Bibbs of Fort Worth, Texas and Rupert Captain Smith of Chicago, Illinois, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bibbs, Jr.'s life embodies an immense story full with family and loved ones, successfully crossing barriers and building bridges, developing bonds across racial, age, and other diverse boundaries. He will be warmly regarded for coaching and mentoring, inspiring and motivating youth to aspire. He leaves a legacy of outstanding leadership, unyielding strength, dedicated service and succeeding in all he endeavored. He will indeed be long and sorely missed; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this fourteenth day of September, 2021, do hereby extend our most heartfelt condolences to the family, loved ones and friends of Dr. Guy L. Bibbs, Jr.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Dr. Guy L. Bibbs, Jr. as a sign of our love, honor and respect for all that he has done.

CARRIE M. AUSTIN Alderman, 34th Ward