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RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF LANIER WHITE

WHEREAS, Lanier Edward White, Jr., loving father, brother, and 18th Ward resident, transitioned into eternal rest on April 17, 2023; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of Lanier's passing by the Honorable Derrick G. Curtis, Alderman of the 18th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Lanier was born to the late Lanier E. White, Sr. and Shirley Lane on March 19, 1956 in Chicago, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Dunbar High School, Lanier went on to serve his country by enlisting in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Lanier later married Melbra Smith, and to that union two daughters were born; and

WHEREAS, After returning home from serving in the Army, Lanier served in a variety of political roles and also worked at Oscar Mayer; and

WHEREAS, Lanier confessed his life to Christ and served as a Deacon in Madison, Wisconsin, under the leadership of Pastor Stubbs; and

WHEREAS, Lanier was a chef and truly loved to cook – one of his greatest memories was working in his dad's restaurant with him – and his favorite dishes included corned beef, short ribs, and beer ribs; his church and family were often blessed by his "uniquely prepared" meals; and

WHEREAS, Always competitive, Lanier enjoyed a good game of cards or a chess match, and passed much his time sewing, collective things at a flea market like Fred Sandford, and serving the community alongside Alderman Derrick Curtis; and

WHEREAS, Lanier was preceded in death by his dad, Lanier, and his brother Lester, and leaves to cherish his memories: his mom, Shirley Lane; his two daughters, Lanneka White (Seaneka, Demond-Bronx, and Diamond) and Takeshi James (Kyle); seven sisters, Detria, Keter-Thomas, Denise, Stephanie-Sam, Cynthia, Wonda-Ronnie, and Lynne; two brothers, Derrick and Austin-Kamaria; his uncle Harold, both his aunt Joyces, aunt Elizabeth, a special friend Diane, and a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews, and other relatives and friends; and

WHEREAS, Lanier touched the lives of everyone that he met, and will be 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 twenty-fourth day of May, 2023, do hereby honor the life and legacy of Lanier Edward White, Jr.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Lanier Edward White, Jr. as a sign of our honor and respect.



DERRICK G. CURTIS
Alderman, 18th Ward