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Tribute to late Tami Love

Committee(s) Assignment:

A Resolution Honoring the Life and Legacy of Tami Love

WHEREAS, Tami Love was born on March 28, 1963 in Chicago, Illinois, and exited this world on February 21st, 2021 at the age of 57; and,

WHEREAS, Tami Love will always be remembered as a Logan Square community organizer known for her work in the Parent Mentor Program; and,

WHEREAS, Tami Love empowered neighborhood families and public housing residents in the Logan Square Area for over 25 years; and,

WHEREAS, Tami Love worked tirelessly to develop leaders at Lathrop Homes and engaged in a challenging but successful campaign to preserve public housing and the right of self-determination for the Lathrop community, and

WHEREAS, Tami Love joined the Logan Square Neighborhood Association as a parent of three children at Funston Elementary School, where she participated in the first group of parent mentors in 1995; and,

WHEREAS, Tami Love helped launched the first School Community Learning Center in Illinois at Funston; and,

WHEREAS, Tami Love was hired by Community Organizing and Family Issues where she continued to build the field of parent organizing in schools; and

WHEREAS, In 2004, Tami Love took a job at the Logan Square Neighborhood Association to advocate for fair public housing on the North Side, where she fought alongside Lathrop Homes residents to preserve and protect public housing, winning unprecedented commitments from the Chicago Housing Authority; and,

WHEREAS, Tami Love fought for state funding to expand the Parent Mentor Program statewide, and then mentored and coached parent mentor organizers across the state to make sure the values and heart of the work was replicated with fidelity.

WHEREAS, Tami Love was the loving mother of three: Brandie Love Johnson, Kevin Lawson Jr., Katrina Lawson; and grandmother of six: Brooklyn, James, Turrant, Kevin Jr., Kyrian, and Shayne; and,

WHEREAS, Tami Love and her legacy will continue to be felt for generations to come. She leaves not only a family that grieves her but a community that was impacted by her contribution and convictions; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Chicago does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and many friends of Tami Love, and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to the family of Tami Love so that her memory may be honored and ever cherished.

Daniel La Spata Alderman, 1st Ward