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Title: Congratulations extended to Paslor Clinton L. Norman Jr.
Committee(s) Assignment:

Resolution Honoring the Life and Work of Pastor Clinton L. Norman, Jr.

WHEREAS, Pastor Clinton L. Norman, Jr., known as "C.L.", was born to Clinton L. Norman, Sr. and Fannie Lee Norman, in Mount Pleasant, Mississippi, where he spent most of his childhood; and

WHEREAS, The family of Pastor C. L. Norman, Jr. later moved to Red Banks, in the state of Mississippi. He is the fifth of ten siblings; and

WHEREAS, Pastor C. L. Norman, Jr. attended the Sand Flat and Sims Elementary Schools in Mississippi; and is a 1976 graduate of Holly Springs High School in Holly Springs, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, He accepted his call into the ministry in June of 1979, shortly after his marriage to Virginia Banks. He is the father of five beautiful children, Clinton T., Ginger, Christopher, Brandi and Kenerah; and

WHEREAS, Pastor C. L. Norman, Jr. attended W.H. Brewster Theological School in Memphis Tennessee, and Rust College in Holly Springs, Mississippi, where he studied Sociology; and

WHEREAS, Pastor C. L. Norman, Jr. preached his first sermon in September 1979 and was formally ordained March 18, 1980; and

WHEREAS, He was called to his first pastorate at Concord Missionary Baptist Church in Slayden, Mississippi in January of 1981. He served there four years preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In 1987 he was called to be the Shepherd of the Pine Grove Missionary Baptist (M.B.) Church in Tupelo, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Pastor C.L. Norman, Jr. received the Lord's instructions to use him in a more profound way, and sought to accomplish that call by venturing out on faith. After migrating to Chicago, Illinois, in April of 1988, he became the Assistant Pastor of the Stone Temple M.B. Church. He served there for six years under the Pastorate of the late Pastor J.M. Stone. He became Pastor after the spiritual and physical transition of Pastor Stone; and

WHEREAS, In the summer of 1995, the Lord spoke to Pastor Norman and instructed him to step out in His name and organize a church. Responding to that call started the evolution of a new beginning, and the New Genesis Assembly of God Baptist Church was organized by God's grace; and

WHEREAS, The church has continued over the last sixteen years, to experience tremendous Christian spiritual soul-saving and financial growth; and

WHEREAS, Pastor C.L. Norman, Jr. believes in the awesome power of God, and has saved many souls through the preaching of the Gospel; and

WHEREAS, Today, Pastor C.L. Norman, Jr. continues to lead his congregation of baptized believers at New Genesis Assembly of God Baptist Church, and he further spreads the Gospel throughout the United States, including but not limited to the states of Ohio, Missouri, California, Florida, Tennessee, Georgia, Louisiana, Texas, and several others; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor and the Chicago City Council have been informed by 37th Ward Alderman Emma Mitts about the long-standing dedication, visionary leadership, community commitment and activism of the Pastor C.L. Norman, Jr.; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, on this sixteenth day of November, 2011 do hereby honor, and wish to express our sincere congratulations on the occasion of the street naming dedication for Pastor C.L. Norman, Jr., and in recognition of his outstanding and visionary leadership and commitment to religious doctrine designed to positively impact the 37th Ward, and his continuing dedication to excellence; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the Pastor C.L. Norman, Jr. as a collective sign of our deep respect, appreciation and esteem for his many years of excellent ecumenical leadership to the residents of the west side Austin community in the City of Chicago.

Rahm Emanuel, Mayor

Susan Mendoza, Chicago City Clerk

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