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TRIBUTE TO EVANGELIST MARY L. THOMPSON

WHEREAS, In His Infinite Wisdom, Almighty God has granted Evangelist Mary L. Thompson eternal rest; and

WHEREAS, Mary L. Thompson started life on September 13, 1947, as the daughter of the late Elder Henry D. Ball and Missionary Marie M. Ball and the last of their seven children. Three siblings preceded her in death; Samuel "Uel" Ball, Geneiva "Jean" Ball-Wright and John Martin Ball; and

WHEREAS, Mary L. Thompson graduated from John Farren Elementary School in 1961 and DuSable High School in 1965. At DuSable, she was considered one of the "Top Outstanding Graduates", earning a school letter for Academic Achievement and also active in extracurricular activities such as the Concert and Marching bands. She matriculated at Wilson City College, serving as the president of their student government and earning an Associate's Degree in Science with honors; and

WHEREAS, Mary L. Thompson was joined in Holy Matrimony to District Elder Winston D. Thompson on May 2, 1970. This union was blessed with three children; twin daughters and a son. She was a vital part of the ministry of the Ebenezer House of Prayer in Chicago where her husband was Pastor; and

WHEREAS, Answering to a higher calling, Mary L. Thompson completed the curriculum for ordination at Aenon Bible College concurrent with a graduate curriculum at the Apostolic University of Grace and Truth in 1998. She was ordained at the Illinois District Council session in July of that year and was awarded a Masters of Christian Education Cum Laude; and

WHEREAS, Evangelist Thompson labored ceaselessly in her ministry and her home church for more than a half-century. She taught and worked as the church Administrator, Director of Women Ministries and an advisor to several other church auxiliaries. She also conducted and facilitated many seminars and workshops in high schools, colleges and professional career conferences on various subject matter throughout Illinois, held many positions in her denomination's Illinois District Council and Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, including Ministerial & Ordination instructor at Aenon Bible College; and

WHEREAS Evangelist Thompson also enjoyed a two decade career in Human Resources, serving as a Benefits Administrator at the senior executive level in fortune 500 companies. She was a Certified Employee Benefits Specialist and also held a Masters Degree in Human Resources Management and Strategic Planning; and

WHEREAS, Evangelist Thompson's life evinced her great faith in the power and healing grace of God. After she gave birth to her twins, she experienced complications and was told she had only 24 hours to live. She asked God for a bit more time and He granted her request. In the mid-1980's, Evangelist Thompson developed a rare liver disease. Her life expectancy was less than a year. However, it wasn't until 2004 that the illness became

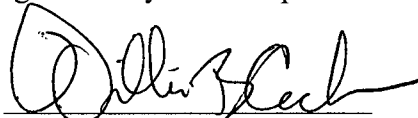
again so serious that she again was told to prepare for passing but God did not let it come to pass until June 15, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Evangelist Mary L. Thompson leaves behind to celebrate her memory her three children; Evonne, Evette, and Aaron; two grandchildren, W. Tyler and Aaron Joshua; an adopted daughter, Sonia Cadien; a brother, Dudley Ball; two sisters, Majorie Ferguson and Faye Williams as well as a host of nieces, nephews, other relations, friends, and church families throughout the United States and Jamaica; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Willie B. Cochran, Alderman of the 20th Ward has informed this august body of the passing of this praiseworthy servant of God; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED That we, the Mayor and members of the City of Chicago City Council, gathered together this 27th Day of June, 2012 AD, do hereby express our extreme sorrow upon learning of the passing of Evangelist Mary L. Thompson and extend our sincere condolences to her many family members and all those whose lives she has improved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Evangelist Mary L. Thompson.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Willie B. Cochran', written over a horizontal line.

WILLIE B. COCHRAN
Alderman - 20th Ward