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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF AN EXTRAORDINARY WOMAN
MS. ANITA RYAN WILLIAMS

WHEREAS, Ms. Anita Ryan Williams was called home by the *Great I AM*, *"Come for I have prepared a place specifically for thee. A mansion where every room holds photographs of the lives that you have touched; As you cross the threshold of your new home there you will notice floors designed with flawless diamonds, precious rubies and exquisite pearls."* Instantaneously, tears began to flow from the eyes of Ms. Williams and her heart connected with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The Angels stood by Heaven's Gate shouting with an exuberant voice, Glory Hallelujah, Ms. Williams, you finally made it home!

WHEREAS, the scripture states, "Blessed is the woman that believes that the Lord fulfills his promises." Without a single doubt in my mind, Ms. Anita Ryan Williams always had an assurance that God heard and answered her prayers. She was an incredible prayer warrior, a true lover of people and divinely appointed to capture the hearts of individuals that many of us would not give the time of day. Ms. Williams exercised her love for Jesus through the way she interacted with people; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Anita Ryan Williams commitment to excellence unlocked numerous doors of opportunity for her in ways most would never imagine. She was a very close and dear friend of my family. We loved her beyond measure and will always appreciate the love she shared with my mom, Mrs. Audrey Brookins. Ms. Williams believed in the purpose of family and cooking scrumptious meals for anyone to enjoy. She was a woman clothed with royalty, served with dignity and walked confidently in integrity every moment of her life. She was the ultimate exemplification of what every person desires to be. Ms. Williams was a *Proverbs 31 Woman* a true blessing to the nation; and

WHEREAS, every letter in Ms. Anita Ryan Williams' first name stands for something: **A** stands for **Articulate**, she knew how to dissect and explain in great detail some of the most difficult conversations so everyone could understand and engage. **N** stands for **Noteworthy**, her commitment to serving others will be remembered in our hearts and shared from our mouths daily for the very rest of our days. **I** stands for **Iridescent**, her voice and smile would brighten up the darkest room at any given moment. **T** stands for **Tenacious**; she stood firm on her beliefs and was never easily persuaded by things that did not stand up to the truth. **A** stands for **Always**; we could count on her whenever we called upon her for assistance; and

WHEREAS, today, and days ahead, it is my prayer that in this season of our lives we will find strength and the peace of God to keep our hearts and minds during this difficult time of losing such a gracious and beautiful soul. Through it all, I hope that we can find assurance that one day we shall meet gracious Ms. Anita Ryan Williams again;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and the members of City Council will gather on the 9th Day of September 2020 A.D. to share their deepest condolences in the passing of Ms. Anita Ryan Williams; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy will be prepared and presented at a later date to the family of Ms. Anita Ryan Williams.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Howard B. Brookins, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

Howard B. Brookins, Jr.
Alderman 21st Ward