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**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE LIFE
AND MEMORY OF MICHAEL HUDSON**

WHEREAS, Michael Hudson beloved father, son, husband, and brother in Christ, died December 9, 2022; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of Michael's passing by the Honorable Stephanie D. Coleman, Alderman of the 16th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Michael was born on Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 1952, at Cook County Hospital in Chicago, Illinois to the union of the late Percy Hudson, Sr. and Marie Hudson; he was the tenth of eleven children; and

WHEREAS, Michael was a lifelong Chicago resident and received his formal education through Chicago Public Schools, graduating with the first class of Amos Alonzo Stagg Elementary School in 1968, before and graduating from Englewood High School in 1972; and

WHEREAS, Michael received Christ at the age of seven at Pleasant Gift Missionary Baptist Church under the pastorate of his late uncle, Rev. Robert L. Buckner; and

WHEREAS, A devoted member of the church, Michael participated in youth programs, sang in various choirs, worked with the ushers, and helped with custodial duties; and

WHEREAS, Michael continued his devotion to the Lord during his 44 years as a loyal member of the Pleasant Gift Missionary Baptist Church, and was appointed to the Trustee Board and volunteered for the Sunday School bus ministry; in 1993, Michael was made a Deacon while maintaining his position on the Trustee Board; and

WHEREAS, Michael was later appointed to the position of Church Treasurer, spearheaded the building maintenance committee, supervised the church custodial staff, and coordinated the Sunday school breakfast program; and

WHEREAS, Michael was a hard worker outside of the church as well, working at Hobson Shoes while completing his secondary education following graduation, before becoming a salesman at Shelly's Loan Company for many years while also working at Dantley Steel; and

WHEREAS, In 1980, Michael began a 30-year career in public service, working as a golf course groundskeeper for the Chicago Park District, before becoming a building inspector for the City of Chicago where he eventually rose to the position of Supervising Building Inspector until his retirement in January 2010; and

WHEREAS, Michael met his beloved wife Bertha, a fellow City employee, and her two daughters in May 1992; the two were married a year later on May 29, 1993, on Memorial Day weekend, in Michael's childhood home in the Auburn Gresham neighborhood; and

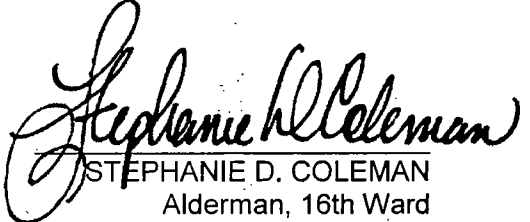
WHEREAS, In retirement, Michael enjoyed traveling and spending time with his wife and family at his home in Murfreesboro, Tennessee; Michael and Bertha delighted in inviting family and friends down during the holidays and for vacations their warm hospitality made guests feel like royalty; and

WHEREAS, Michael was preceded in death by his parents, Percy Hudson, Sr. and Marie Buckner Hudson; three brothers, Mark Twain, Percy Hudson Jr., and John Howard Sr.; He leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife, Bertha; daughters, Bernika and Melba; grandchildren, Jeremiah and Aubree; brothers, Clarence Hudson (Betty), Robert Hudson, Charles Hudson and Donald Hudson (Kathy); sisters, Ruth Nichols, Julia Montgomery and Hattie White; brothers-in-law Lee Coleman, Eric Coleman (Delores); sisters-in-law, Irma Hudson, Dorothy Hudson, Ernestine Mayo, Lois Goss (Keith), Madeline Coleman; two aunts, Ida Mae Esco of Canton, MS, and Inez Moore of St. Louis, MO; Godsons, John Howard Hudson Jr., Donald Michael Hudson, Malik Coleman, Cristian Hines and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, church members, colleagues, and other relatives and friends

WHEREAS, Michael was a tremendous gift to the body of Christ and his family – to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord; now and therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this eighteenth of January, 2023, do hereby extend our most heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Michael Hudson; and

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


STEPHANIE D. COLEMAN
Alderman, 16th Ward