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**2012 Chicago City Council Resolution**  
**Deacon Chairman Emeritus – Wilbert Brunson**  
**Honoring 50 years of Service to Liberty Baptist Church of Chicago**

*Presented by Alderman Pat Dowell-3<sup>rd</sup> Ward*

**WHEREAS**, Deacon Chairman Emeritus Wilbert Brunson, a Fifty-three-year member of the **Liberty Baptist Church of Chicago**, and proud long-time resident of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward in the City of Chicago, has consistently worked to positively impact the lives of **Liberty Baptist Church of Chicago** Members, Trustees, Deacons, Church Pastors and other Leaders, their families and staff on a comprehensive and broad-based scale; and;

**WHEREAS**, The **Liberty Baptist Church of Chicago** was officially chartered and incorporated in Illinois in 1918 and recognized during the *General Baptist State Convention* as a religious organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. Located in Bronzeville, **Liberty** is one of Chicago's most notable and historic churches, committed to community service; to mentoring and sponsorship of youth, senior care and housing programs in our communities, advocating and honoring social justice, promoting strong neighborhoods, and continued devotion to our fellow members and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, every year since 1926, the **Liberty Baptist Church of Chicago** has chosen outstanding Church leaders such as **Deacon Chairman Emeritus Wilbert Brunson** to receive commendations based on their unwavering dedication, service and accomplishments; and

**WHEREAS**, the **Four Pillars** of the **Liberty Baptist Church of Chicago** are: **Veteran's Affairs & Rehabilitation**, **National Security**, **Americanism**, and **Protecting Children, Youth and Seniors**; and

**WHEREAS**, The **Liberty Baptist Church of Chicago** honors longtime committed leaders like **Deacon Chairman Emeritus Wilbert Brunson** who exemplify the highest standards and practices of the Baptist Church, as well as it's related and affiliated organizations. These qualities include but are not limited to demonstrating distinguished, as well as a high level of professionalism and cooperation; and

**WHEREAS**, **Deacon Wilbert Brunson** rose successfully through the hierarchy, and was bestowed the title of **Chairman Emeritus** by the **Liberty Baptist Church of Chicago**, in honor of his many years of dedicated and distinguished service. In addition to serving for many years on the Church's Board of Deacons, he also capably served on the Board of Directors of **Vision House**, the church's nonprofit housing ministry, which provides affordable and supportive housing for people with HIV/AIDS. This prestigious award promotion is seen as a great achievement by fellow **Liberty Baptist Church of Chicago** members, city and state officials and the entire community; and

**WHEREAS**, Over the last five decades and a half of committed excellence he's given to the **Liberty Baptist Church of Chicago**, **Deacon Chairman Emeritus Wilbert Brunson** has provided considerable leadership and opportunity to serve the diverse needs of the membership and leadership of Liberty, which has helped develop their various capacities; and

**WHEREAS**, I am deeply honored, as Pat Dowell, the Alderman of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward, to salute the **Deacon Chairman Emeritus Wilbert Brunson** - - for his five decades of outstanding service to Liberty Baptist Church and the Bronzeville community, with this well-deserved resolution of distinction - - **Deacon Chairman Emeritus Wilbert Brunson**; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Chicago is blessed with individuals like **Deacon Wilbert Brunson**, his wife Eunice and, who work every day to help us build a stronger Chicago and assist our local residents in fulfilling their full potential in life. Therefore, we as elected officials, concerned residents and the entire community must continue to support the ***Liberty Baptist Church of Chicago***; and

**WHEREAS**, the general community praises **Deacon Chairman Emeritus Wilbert Brunson** for his vital assistance in facilitating a strong sense of pride and professional accomplishment among the residents of Chicago's South Side; and

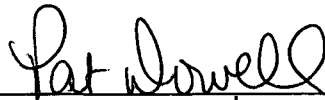
**WHEREAS**, in recognition of his community-building activities, and the fact that **Deacon Chairman Emeritus Wilbert Brunson** is one of the long-serving, active and committed members to receive the prestigious recognition from the ***Liberty Baptist Church of Chicago***; and

**WHEREAS**, I **Pat Dowell, Alderman of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward** would like to wish **Deacon Chairman Emeritus Wilbert Brunson** the very best as he celebrates over his half-century of service, and his exciting and well-deserved transition into retirement; and

**WHEREAS**, We the members of the Chicago City Council would like to extend our best wishes and congratulations to **Deacon Chairman Emeritus Wilbert Brunson**, as he and his family celebrates this high honor and occasion of his retirement after 50 years; and Therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago gathered here the **14<sup>th</sup> day of March in 2012**, do hereby congratulate **Deacon Chairman Emeritus Wilbert Brunson** for his recognition of over 50 years of outstanding and dedicated service to the ***Liberty Baptist Church of Chicago***, the Bronzeville Community and the City of Chicago; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That suitable copies of this resolution be prepared and presented to **Deacon Chairman Emeritus Wilbert Brunson**.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pat Dowell". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

**Pat Dowell – 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Alderman**