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Honorary street designation as "Honorary Reverend Doctor

Howard Randolph Way"

**Committee(s) Assignment:** 

Committee on Transportation and Public Way

ORDERED, That the Commissioner of Transportation is hereby authorized and directed to give consideration to honorarily designate West 80th Street, from 800 to 1400 Street as "Honorary Reverend Doctor Howard Randolph Way."

(Letter and Petitions Attached)

HÓWARD B. BROOKINS, JR ALDERMAN - 21<sup>ST</sup> WARD

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Alderman Howard Brookins Jr. 9011 South Ashland Ave. Unit B Chicago, IL 60620

30 May 2012

Dear Alderman Brookins Jr.:

We, the members of New Faith Missionary Baptist Church, are drafting this letter to formally request the Honorary Naming of 800 West to 1400 West of West 84<sup>th</sup> Street, Chicago, Illinois 60620 as the **REVEREND DOCTOR HOWARD RANDOLPH WAY.** 

Reverend Doctor Howard Randolph was born to Sam and Ruby Randolph in Rossville, Tennessee. From an early age, it was apparent that Pastor Randolph was special and called by God. On November 18, 1979, Reverend Randolph preached his first sermon under the leadership of Bishop Claude E. Tears at First Corinthians MB Church, Chicago, IL. Less than three years after his first sermon, Reverend Randolph became the Pastor of New Greater Second MB Church. He faithfully led the flock for 15 years. On Sunday, September 7, 1997, the Holy Spirit appointed and called Reverend Randolph to build the Body of Christ at New Faith MB Church. He accepted the mantel that was passed to him by the late great Reverend Leroy Taylor. The congregation at New Greater Second MB Church, also being led by the Holy Spirit, dissolved their Church and many of the members joined New Faith MB Church.

Reverend Randolph received an Honorary Doctorate of Biblical Studies Degree and Doctorate of Ministry in Christian Education Degree from Midwest Theological Institute of Indiana. Under the leadership of Reverend Randolph, New Faith has grown from 300 members in 1997 to over 3000 members in 2012. We now have 29 Associate Ministers, 5 Ministers that Pastor their own congregation, and over 36 Deacons. New Faith members are excited about learning and spreading the Word of God. The friendly atmosphere at New Faith makes it easy to understand why Reverend Randolph and the New Faith family were featured in "The Spiritual Perspective Magazine" as one of the fastest growing churches in America. It also explains why he received an Award of Excellence and was saluted, honored and celebrated as an Outstanding Spiritual Leader in the Community in "The Chicago Defender Newspaper."

Reverend Randolph has been the proud pastor of New Faith MB, Church for 15 years. He is to be celebrated for his vision and the mighty move of God that continues to propel him in the work of spreading God's Word. Understanding the true responsibility of being a pastor, Reverend Randolph spends countless hours developing life-changing sermons that inspire his congregation and others to fully understand and fulfill their purpose in the Body of Christ. He is committed to developing mature

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believers who understand God's purpose for their life and are willing to live according to the Word of God.

Under Reverend Randolph's direction, various Ministries continue to flourish while new ones blossom. Those Ministries include but are not limited to the following: an effective Prison Ministry, Feed the Hungry Program, which feed local homeless and hungry individuals on a weekly basis, Substance Abuse Program, Children's Ministry, Youth Ministry, the Henry Dixon Memorial Scholarship, which has to date already awarded over 200 thousand dollars in aid to deserving students, the Annual Back-2-School Fair, which provides free school physicals and gives away hundreds of book bags filled with school supplies, the Women's Ministry, the Men's Ministry, and the Marriage Ministry.

**Reverend Randolph's** dedication to his congregation and the Auburn–Gresham Community is unparalleled. He continues to work with you, Alderman, to improve the community including supporting the building of the new Wal-Mart and other businesses in the area.

His most precious moments are spent with his wife of 40 years, children, and grandchildren.

Reverend Randolph is focused and is following the mandates of God. Reverend Randolph, a man of God is on a mission for God. He keeps his ear close to God's heart, listening for His direction and His direction only. To God Be the Glory!

Reverend Randolph is a visionary and a strong teacher of the Word of God. He looks forward to sharing God's Word whenever possible. He truly believes and stands on Isaiah 40:31..."But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." We invite you to continue to discover the power of God through Reverend Howard Randolph.

It is indeed with great pleasure an honor that we the members of the New Faith MB Church formally request the Honorary Naming of 800 West to 1400 West of 84<sup>th</sup> Street, Chicago, Illinois as the **REVEREND DOCTOR HOWARD RANDOLPH WAY**.

**Humbly Submitted:** 

The Members of New Faith-MB-Church

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President of the Honorary Renaming Committee

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