

## City of Chicago



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Tribute to late Dr. Bambade Shakoor-Abdullah

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## CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF AN INCREDIBLE WOMAN DR. BAMBADE SHAKOOR-ABDULLAH

WHEREAS, Dr. Bambade Shakoor-Abdullah was called home by her *Creator* "Come for I have prepared a place specifically for thee, a mansion the size of a small city where your soul will find much rest. On the west side of the mansion are book shelves filled with every article and book that you have authored framed in precious gold. Within five feet of the east wing are photographs of every man, woman and child whose heart you have touched." Immediately, tears rolled down the face of Dr. Bambade Shakoor-Abdullah as she lifted her eyes towards her Creator; and

WHEREAS, those who sat under the tutelage of Dr. Bambade Shakoor-Abdullah respected her unending patience and keen foresight about matters that appeared to be nearly intolerable to all us. Without hesitation I can say, Dr. Bambade Shakoor-Abdullah showed people how to take the bull by the horns and lead the way on every forefront with an ease that only *Allah* can give; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bambade Shakoor-Abdullah's commitment to constant prayer and fasting unlocked numerous doors of opportunity for her in ways some people would never imagine: She was noted as the First African-American to earn a PhD in Public Health from the University of Illinois at Chicago. She served as Chaplain with Muslim Services for Women and mentored Class X Felons in the Cook County Department of Corrections and Dr. Bambade Shakoor-Abdullah initiated a resolution and bill that resulted in the passing of legislation pertaining to the Regional Juvenile Justice Councils in the State of Illinois House Bill 4044; and

WHEREAS, it is my prayer that in this season of your lives you will find strength in one another. Peace for your weary souls and be determined to show the love of your *Creator* to all mankind. As you carry out the legacy of Dr. Bambade Shakoor-Abdullah remember every obstacle placed in your path is a stepping stone used to push you closer to your divine destiny; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and members of the City Council will meet on Wednesday, February 28, 2018, A.D., to express their warm condolences on the passing of Dr. Bambade Shakoor-Abdullah.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a more suitable copy of this resolution will be presented to the family of Dr. Bambade Shakoor-Abdullah a later date.

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