

members during his San Antonio tenure as pastor. Termed as a "Pentecostal Trailblazer", he was very active in his community and a champion for many causes. He was the first spiritual leader in the area to televise a weekly church service; and

WHEREAS, Prior to his return to Chicago, Bishop Ellis was commissioned to build a new cathedral of worship known as the "Greater Lincoln Park Temple", a memorial of the legacy left by such a phenomenal man of God; and

WHEREAS, In December 1995 Bishop Ellis became the pastor of the Apostolic Pentecostal Church of Morgan Park in Chicago, leading the Church for over twenty years; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Ellis has dedicated his life to God and leading others across the country on their spiritual journey for nearly sixty years; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Ellis has honorably served his community, faith, and the City of Chicago with the utmost dedication and professionalism. May his strong dedication and faith continue to serve as an inspiration to us all; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here on this twenty second day of June, 2016, do hereby express our congratulations to Bishop William A. Ellis on his retirement and extend our best wishes on his future endeavors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Bishop William A. Ellis as an expression of our gratitude.

CARRIE M. AUSTIN Alderman,
34th Ward