

than 50 years. Marrying Delores meant Kenneth got a wife and daughter, Freddrenna; seven brother-in-laws and four sister-in-laws. One year later, Katrinka Leonnie joined the family and in 1963 Michael Kenneth was born. Kenneth made sure to tell his children how hard his mother worked so that they were never hungry. The moral of the story being "don't waste that food." Over the years friends and family lived on the 1st floor, including Ronald and Geraldine Harris; Don and Delores Cornelius; the Lawshea Family; and Mary and Keith Murphy. From day one it was a family building and everyone that came regularly or rented became family; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth worked a second shift at General Motors Electro-Motors Division for 30 years, Delores saw to it that Kenneth was a good provider and Delores was a wonderful mother and nurturer. She planned the holidays and he carved the turkey. Delores told the family they were safe and he drove the car. Together they provided a

safe and welcoming space for their children, their family and their children's friends. Although he was continually yelling at them to close the door, the door was closed to no one; and

WHEREAS, family was the most important constant in Kenneth's life. He stressed proper behavior, respecting self and others, and getting as much education as you could. While his own education was cut short, he continued to learn by reading multiple papers and keeping up with current events. If you visited the home, you saw proudly displayed on the mantel, swim medals, baseball or basketball trophies or most importantly, graduation pictures. When he was working, his work schedule had limited the time he spent with his children. Once he retired, Kenneth transformed into the consummate doting granddad; from watching swim meets; school concerts; Little League or basketball games; and driving children to and from school, Mr. Harris, as the adults called him and Paw Paw as the kids called him, was ever present; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth leaves to cherish his memories; his loving daughters, Freddrenna M. Lyle, Katrinka L. Harris-Spurlin (Elijah Spurlin); dedicated son Michael Kenneth Harris, Sr.; treasured grandchildren, LaChelle D. Harris, Michael Kenneth Harris, Jr., Annina D. Harris, LaTasha Binion, LaToya Johnson, and Angelo Howard, Sr., two sister-in-laws, Jaqueline Murphy and Joyce Frazier; Great grandchildren, Kyndle Shegog, Jada Samuels, Tyler Samuels, Angelo Howard, Jr, and a host of nieces, nephews, and extended family, neighbors, friends and one special neighbor Prentiss A. McDaniel, Jr; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Ronald, and his beloved wife, Delores; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth touched the lives of all those who knew him through his kindness, generosity, and vivacious spirit. He will be deeply missed, but the memory of his genuine character, vast intelligence, and compassion will live on in those who knew and loved him, leaving a legacy of faith, dignity, and love; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this thirteenth day of March, 2019, do hereby express our sorrow on the death of Kenneth Leo Harris and express to his family and friends our deepest sympathy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Kenneth Leo Harris as a sign of our honor, gratitude and respect.

ANfrIONY A. BEALE Alderman, 9
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