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A City Council Resolution Honoring the Life of Lois Bennett

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom and judgment has called Constance Loeria' Rover (Connie), an outstanding citizen of Chicago, to her everlasting reward and returned to the heavenly realm on July 4, 2022; and

WHEREAS, This august Chicago City Council body has been informed of his passing by the Honorable Michelle A. Harris, Alderman of the 8th Ward; and

WHEREAS, In Marengo County; Linden. Alabama, on February 11, 1931, a beautiful baby girl names Lois Bryant was bom. Her parents were Mr. and Mrs. Edgar and Mattie Perry-Bryant. To this union, there were eight children. Her parents and seven siblings, willie Lee, Sidney, Western, James Edward, Eliza, Hiawatha, and Lou Dell, preceded her in death; and

WHEREAS, As a young girl, she accepted Christ at a young age and was baptized at Hopewell Baptist Church. In addition, she attended Linden Academy as a young girl. She also worked wih her family in the country under the guidance of her grandmother Mary Eliza Parker Perry; and

WHEREAS, In 1952, she relocated to Chicago, IL. While in Chicago, Lois worked in the textile and hospitality industries and Chicago Public Schools food services. In 1962 Lois was united in holy matrimony to Mr. Calvin Bennett, who preceded her in death; and

WHEREAS, Lois was a woman of good faith who believed in GOD and was dedicated to living her life through his word. She instilled Christian values in her daughters and family. She served GOD's house as an usher at the Temple of Divine Science under the leadership of Bishop George Murphy. In the 1960s. Lois joined the First Church of Deliverance under the leadership of Rev. Clarence H. Cobbs. She also enjoyed visiting other notable Chicago churches; and

WHEREAS, In her spare time, Lois loved to watch her favorite "Wheel of Fortune" at 6:30 p.m. nightly. She was also an avid and passionate cook. This passion was most apparent on holidays. She loved to cook her favorite dishes such as Mixed Greens, Mac and Cheese, Candied Yams, Coconut Cake and various meats. But her specialty dish was her mouth-watering Homemade Yeast Rolls, which everyone praised and begged her to open her own business selling them; and

WHEREAS, Lois also enjoyed working out at the Ray and Joan Kroc Community Center and listening to gospel radio.

Her ultimate favorite pastime was spending time with her four daughters, their husbands, and three grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Lois will leave behind her four loving daughters; Janice M. Bryant-Foney, Linda A. Bryan,; Carolyn J. Bennett-Palmer and Sarah L Bennett-La; three grandsons; Everett Juliuss Foney , Jr. (EJ), Nicholas Foney, and George Palmer, Jr.; three Sons-in-Law, Everett Foney, Sr. George Palmer, Sr. and Clarence Lay; Sister-in-Law Frankie Denson; two very special cousins, John and Milton Means; as well as a host of nieces, nephews and friends.ne grandchildren, while enjoying Kentucky Fried chicken when she did not cook; and

THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, That the Mayor and members ofthe City Council ofthe City of Chicago, do hereby express our deep sorrow on the passing of and extend to his family our sincere condolences; and

Michelle A. Harris Alderman, 8th Ward

Be It Further Resolved That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Ms. Lois Bennett.