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MEMORIAL RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF CARTELLA D. JENNINGS

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom and judgment has called to eternal rest Cartella D. Jennings, who was an outstanding and beloved Chicago citizen and friend on Tuesday, November 11, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Cartella was born in Chicago, Illinois on November 17, 1927, and was the loving and devoted daughter of Mann and Johnnie Mae Glover; and

WHEREAS, Cartella was a lifelong Chicagoan, south side resident, and proud graduate of Forrestville Elementary School, Wendell Phillips High School, and later attended Wilson Junior College; and

WHEREAS, Cartella was united in holy matrimony to the late Anderson Jennings at the historic Liberty Baptist Church of Chicago, which is located in the Bronzeville community she treasured; and

WHEREAS, Cartella was a faithful member of Liberty Baptist Church until her death and where members of her family have worshipped, and continue to worship, for the past 80 years; and

WHEREAS, Cartella was a strong, committed community advocate whose love for history, music, culture, and activism in civil/human rights and social justice issues were well known and respected by many; and

WHEREAS, Cartella was also a dynamically respectable City of Chicago employee who served in the Chicago Department of Public Health in various administrative and managerial positions for over thirty years; and

WHEREAS, Cartella started at the Contagious Disease Hospital as a principal clerk and retired as a Health Clinic Coordinator for several city-operated health clinic facilities in Bronzeville located near the former Robert Taylor and Stateway Gardens housing developments; and

WHEREAS, Post-retirement, she concluded her tour of work duty as an administrator at a local black-owned private school; and

WHEREAS, Cartella Jennings was a vital, active and respectable citizen who resided in the Third Ward for several years; and

WHEREAS, Cartella D. Jennings was well-known and loved as an affectionate, highly principled and supportive woman, who gave selflessly of her time, wise counsel and energy to family members, friends, and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, Cartella D. Jennings leaves to celebrate her life and cherish her memory, her loving daughters, Andrea Smith and Carla Turner, her devoted grandson, Minister Damon O. Smith, and a host of other close relatives and many friends, neighbors and church members; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here in assembly this 19th day of November, 2014, A.D., do hereby express our sorrow on the passing of Cartella D. Jennings, recognize her many contributions to the City of Chicago and her community, and extend to his family our sincere condolences; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Cartella D Jennings.

Pat Dowell Alderman, 3rd Ward