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### MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR ALFRED CONNER

WHEREAS, God in His Infinite Wisdom has called Alfred Conner, most beloved citizen and friend to his community, to his eternal reward on September 21, 2019; and

WHEREAS, This august body has been informed of his passing by the Honorable Carrie M. Austin, Alderman of the 34th Ward and Chairman of the Committee on Contracting Oversight and Equity; and

WHEREAS, Alfred Conner was born December 10, 1940, in St. Louis, Missouri to the union of Jesse C. and Odelia Conner. Alfred attended and graduated from Wilson Trade School in Wilson, Arkansas, and after moving to Chicago in 1959, he enrolled and graduated from Washburne Trade School; and

WHEREAS, Alfred accepted Christ at an early age and demonstrated throughout his life a sincere obedience to God. He attended Tremont Baptist Church and frequently taught the adult Sunday school class. In 2016, Alfred joined Bellevue Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, In 1962, Alfred married the love of his life Roberta Robinson and to that union one daughter, Kenya, was born; and

WHEREAS, Alfred began his career with the City of Chicago as a cement finisher, and during his time of service, he ascended through the ranks and was recognized for his impeccable work ethic and ultimately promoted to the position of Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Transportation. He proudly served in that capacity until his retirement in 2004. Alfred was a dedicated employee, community servant, a loving and generous individual who loved people. After retirement, he found enjoyment in traveling and spending time with his grandchildren and their many activities; and

WHEREAS, Alfred loved working in the community, supporting and helping residents in various neighborhoods within Chicago, but especially the residents of the 34th Ward where he served as Precinct Captain in both the 44<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Precincts for many years; and

WHEREAS, Alfred touched the lives of all who knew him through his love of Christ, dedication to family, kind

heart and vivacious spirit. He will be deeply missed, but memories of his inspirational legacy of a life led with dignity and a focus on helping others will live on in those who knew and loved him; and

WHEREAS, Alfred leaves to cherish his memory; his loving and devoted wife Roberta, daughter Kenya (Tony), two grandchildren, Antonio "Mariano" and Alila, brothers, Jesse, Thurman (Dorathy), Urgentine (Debra), one sister, Clementine (Frank), and a host of family and close friends; and

WHEREAS, Alfred Conner was preceded in death by his parents; Jesse C. and Odelia Conner; four brothers, Primrose, Sonny, Morrison and Alfonzo; and one sister, Ina; and

WHEREAS, The Bible instructs us "Earth has no sorrow that heaven camiot heal." May this be especially true for your family as you mourn this incredible loss. I pray the Conner Family be comforted by the many gifts and outpouring of love. God bless and keep you in His embrace; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this sixteenth day of October 2019, do hereby acknowledge Alfred Conner's remarkable achievements and many years of service and extend our most heartfelt condolences to his family and friends; and

**CARRIE M. AUSTIN Alderman, 34th Ward**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Alfred Conner as a token of our honor, gratitude and respect.

