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Memorial Resolution for Jeanette Jakes-Sidney

WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that the members of this chamber learned of the departure of Jeanette Jakes-Sidney in her home in West Helena, Arkansas, on February 13, 2018, surrounded by family; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed body has been notified of her passing by her sister, the Honorable Emma Mitts, Alderman of the 37th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Jeanette was born on March 25, 1957, to the late Bettye Pearl and Percy Jakes, in Elaine, Arkansas. She was the twelfth of seventeen children; Jeanette, loving known by all as "Rean", confessed her faith in Christ at an early age; and

WHEREAS, Jeanette married Sam Sidney on January 9, 2009. She was the loving mother of three sons: Anthony, Dennis and Shaid Mario Owens and daughter, Doris; and

WHEREAS, Rean enjoyed working at Pearl's Blessings, a local community organization created to provide new products to agencies, churches and people in need. She enjoyed watching wrestling, fishing, gardening, cooking and cleaning. She loved spending time with her family, especially her brother Ertis; and

WHEREAS, Jeanette Jakes-Sidney leaves to cherish her memory her devoted husband, Sam Sidney; children, Anthony Jakes of Chicago, Illinois, Dennis Jakes of West Helena, Arkansas and Doris Jakes of Little Rock, Arkansas; adopted son, Shaid Mario Owens; grandchildren, Patrick, Jacqueline, Camron and Corey; great-grandchildren, Camron, Sebyn and Stacy, Jr.; brothers, Excell (Dorothy) Brown of Atlanta, Georgia, Ertis (Marilyn) Jakes of West Helena, Arkansas and Percy Jakes, Jr. of Chicago, Illinois; sisters, Bettye (Rufus) Pulphus of Chicago, Illinois, Jessie Jakes of Chicago, Illinois, Alderman Emma Mitts of Chicago, Illinois, Mary Jackson of Memphis, Tennessee, Minnie Jakes of Little Rock, Arkansas, Lueathel (Lenard) Seawood of Stockton, California and Sheryl Johnson of West Helena, Arkansas; aunts, Catherine Young and Cora Lee Swanigan of Saginaw, Michigan; brother-in-law, Charles (Becky) Sidney of West Helena, Arkansas; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends; and

WHEREAS, Rean was preceded in death by her parents, Bettye Pearl and Percy Jakes; Joe L. Knox, Cornelious Jakes, Fannie Lee Jakes, Nathaniel Jakes, Willie B. Jakes, Danielle Yvonne Jakes and Freddie B. Jakes; and

WHEREAS, Jeanette touched the lives of all who knew her with her caring of family and friends. She will be greatly missed, but the memory of her character and compassion will live on in those who knew and loved her; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this twenty-eighth day of February, 2018, do hereby express our sorrow on the passing of Jeanette Jakes-Sidney and extend to her family our sincere condolences.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Jeanette Jakes-Sidney as a sign of our sympathy.

EMMA MITTS Alderman, 37th Ward