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A City Council Resolution Honoring the Life of Alma High-Bruce

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom and judgment has called Mrs. Alma High- Bruce, an outstanding citizen of the 8th Ward, to her everlasting reward a few days ago, and she recently returned to the heavenly realm on July 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Alma's daily prayer was "God allow me to see 100 years and keep me on my feet." Not only did God grant this request, but she was given an overflow of nine months before she was called home to be with Him; and

WHEREAS, Alma embarked on her journey of life on September 21, 1918 with her parents, Mary F. (Collins) Stamps and Dock Stamps in Indianola, Mississippi. As a young girl, while working with her parents in cotton fields, she would find out that there were elderly neighbors who were disabled and very ill, and she would walk several miles to help them and nurse them back to health. This spirit of serving continued throughout her life, even leading up to her adult career in Nursing. Alma left Mississippi on December 26, 1939 and moved to Chicago at 21 years old; and

WHEREAS, At nine years old she accepted Christ and was baptized in the Mississippi River. Alma joined Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church in 1943 and served on many committees and organizations during her membership there. Alma loved traveling around the world, especially with her best friend of 75 years, Rosie McGee; and

WHEREAS, On Monday, July 1, 2019, Alma entered into eternal rest. She was preceded in death by her first and second husbands, Clarence High and/Charles Bruce; two sons, Charles Bruce (Carrie) and Eddie L. Bruce (Marion); two daughters, Mary E. Perry (Famous) and Mary L. Brantly (Michael); and one sister, Lettie B. Thomas (Richard); and

WHEREAS, Alma leaves to cherish her memory; two sons, Samuel L. Bruce (Mildred) of Montgomery, Alabama, and Lonnie Bruce (Marty) of Chicago, Illinois; two daughter; Mary A. Davenport of Aurora, Illinois and Wilier German of Montgomery, Alabama one niece, Khadija Haque; one nephew, Richard V. Thomas; twenty-one grandchildren, many, many great grandchildren and great, great grandchildren; three god-children. Adrienne Henton (George), Vera Smith and Rocky Willis (Anne); a host of children who called her Mom; and other relatives and friends; and

THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, do hereby express our deep sorrow on the passing of Mrs. Alma High-Bruce and extend to her family our sincere condolences; and

Be It Further Resolved, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Mrs. Alma High-Bruce.

Michelle A. Harris Alderman, 8th Ward