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A City Council Resolution Honoring the Life of Patricia Nelson

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom and judgment has called Mrs. Patricia Nelson, an outstanding citizen of Chicago, to her everlasting reward and returned to the heavenly realm on March 5, 2022; and

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

WHEREAS, Patricia Nelson (Jones) was born July 1, 1948, the fourth of five children born to the union of Wilbert, Sr., and Beulah Mae Jones. Patricia was raised in a home filled with love and the teaching of God's word.; and

WHEREAS, After her father's passing, her mother married Morris Floyd ("Big Floyd"). Morris entered Patricia's life at an early age, and he and she shared a special bond. She was a God-fearing woman who accepted Christ at a young age and reveled in celebrating God's grace. She loved and enjoyed teaching her own children about the word of God.

WHEREAS, Patricia, a lifelong proponent of education, was educated in Chicago Public Schools, beginning her educational career at Medill Elementary School, and subsequently graduating from Flower Vocational High School. She was an affable and industrious young person, who enjoyed music and dancing. While a student at Flower Vocational High School she was extremely involved in many different extracurricular activities. After graduation, she moved to Pasadena, California for a brief time.

WHEREAS, On March 14, 1970, she was joined in Holy Matrimony to Wesley Nelson, Jr., and to this union two children, Shawn and Shivonne were born. After getting married she and her new husband moved to St. Louis, Missouri, from which they returned in 1973. Except for her brief moves to California and Missouri, Patricia remained a proud lifelong resident of Chicago's West Side.

WHEREAS, A hard worker throughout her life, Patricia worked in various industries and capacities from banks to Zenith to Ryerson Steel. But she spent most of her professional life helping and serving the people of Chicago, specifically its senior citizens, as an employee of the City of Chicago's Sewer Department, where she retired from in 2004.

WHEREAS, She had three great loves in her life: her children, her home, but most importantly her grandchildren, who she doted over and made sure knew that she loved them with all her heart. She took great pride in keeping her grandchildren, particularly during their formative years, where she would teach them their ABCs, how to count, and taking them on excursions out to eat, or to one of their favorite places, "Wal-Grannies."

WHEREAS, But her favorite topics throughout her life were her children and grandchildren. She loved to laugh and talk about their lives and successes and a special smile came across her face as she talked about the latest thing one of her grandchildren had done.

WHEREAS, She was preceded in death by her parents Wilbert, Sr., Beulah Mae, her Stepfather Morris Floyd, her sister Josephine Moore, and brother Michael Jones.

WHEREAS, Patricia leaves to cherish her memory, her children Shawn (Marie) of O'Fallon, Missouri, and Shivonne (Elgie) Sims of Chicago, Illinois; her grandchildren Kennedy, Sydney, Mackenzie, and Spencer; her brother Wilbert, Jr., and sister Bertha (Charles) Anderson both of Chicago, Illinois, sister Dorothy Davis of Memphis, Tennessee, stepbrothers Morris Floyd, Jr., and Gregory Floyd both of Chicago, and a host of aunts, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, That the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, do hereby express our deep sorrow on the passing of and extend to her 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 Mrs. Patricia Nelson.