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A City Council Resolution Honoring the Life of Cleophus Jones

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom and judgment has called Mr. Cleophus Jones, an outstanding citizen of Chicago, to her everlasting reward and returned to the heavenly realm on December 8, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Cleophus Jones was born on 1933 in Pine Bluff, Arkansas on November 19, 1953, as the first of four children born to Ulas and Scottie Jones; and

WHEREAS, He attended Missouri Street Elementary School and graduated from Merrill high School in 1973 and after graduation, was drafted in the United States Army. He served two tours and one of his most memorable experiences was being stationed in Japan; and

WHEREAS, After completing his two tours, he served an additional five years in the United States Army Reserve in Chicago, Illinois. During the same year, Cleophus started working at the main Branch of the United States Postal Service in downtown Chicago. At the Postal Service, Cleophus was a Mail Handler and MEO Driver, and was hard working and dedicated to his craft. He worked there for fifty-six years and had perfect attendance throughout his career. He was highlighted in the Postal Newsletter for having over four thousand hours of sick leave; and

WHEREAS, In 1960, Cleophus was united in holy matrimony to Joan Bauknight. They were married for sixty-two years. From this union two children were born: Melba Denise and Gerald Scott.

WHEREAS, Cleophus accepted Christ at an early age at old Morning Star Baptist Church in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. Later in life, he became a faithful member at Carter Temple C.M.E. Church.; and

WHEREAS, In 1966, Cleophus started working at the Main Branch of the Northern Trust Bank in downtown Chicago at LaSalle and Monroe. He started working in the Dining Services Department and later was promoted to the Securities Department. Again, he was given many awards for his dedication and service. Upon retirement, Cleophus was inducted into the Northern Trust Bank 20th Century Club.

WHEREAS, Cleophus leaves many precious memories and his adoring family; his wife, Joan; his daughter, Melba Denise (Tyrone); his son, Gerald Scott (Pamela); two grandchildren, Julian, Anthony and Carmin Paige; three sisters, Lenora Watts (deceased). Von Lee Dukes (deceased) and Faye Wilma Atkins; many nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, cousins, friends, neighbors, the United States Postal Family. The Northern Trust Bank family, and the Carter Temple CME Church family.

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 Mr. Cleophus Jones 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 Mr. Cleophus Jones.