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# *Resolution*

## *adopted by The City Council of the City of Chicago, Illinois*

### SALUTE TO DR. CHARLENE HUMPHREY PATTERSON ON THE OCCASION OF HER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

WHEREAS the Birthday Celebration of Dr. Charlene Humphrey Patterson, an outstanding singer, as well as a most respected instructor and director of sacred music, commences on the evening of September 17, 2022, at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church on this city's south side; and

WHEREAS Charlene began life as the daughter of the Reverend Gordon and Helen Humphrey, succeeding her mother as both its Minister of Music as well as First Lady of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church. Her mother nurtured her love for gospel music from an early age. After being united in holy matrimony to Rev. Rodney Patterson, she followed him to the New Alpha Baptist Church in Vermont and the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Michigan, where she continued to hone her skills as a teacher and music director at his side; and

WHEREAS Dr. Patterson received her Ph.D. in Psychology from Michigan State University and put her education to work in helping members of the ministries with issues they were confronting. Charlene was also a facilitator, supporting her mom in the founding and nurturing of the annual Helen Humphrey Retreats; and

WHEREAS the seniors and especially the children of the church hold a special place in Charlene's heart. Many members of her Heavenly Stars children's choir eventually lend their voices to the adult choir. Her extraordinary gospel musicianship and expertise continues to influence singers, musicians, and choir directors throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Roderick Sawyer, Alderperson of the 6<sup>th</sup> Ward, has informed this august body of the dedication and devotion of this remarkable gospel music guiding light, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that we the mayor and members of the City of Chicago City Council, gathered this 21<sup>st</sup> Day of September 2022 AD, do hereby express our heartfelt best wishes to Dr. Charlene Humphrey Patterson in achieving this significant milestone and extend our heartiest congratulations on the occasion of her birthday celebration with her Shiloh family and friends.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Dr. Charlene Humphrey Patterson.

r: sawyer  
- 6<sup>th</sup> Ward