

RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF SHERAINE LATHON

WHEREAS, With profound sorrow and a heavy heart, we acknowledge the passing of Sheraine Lathon, a beloved member of the Chicago community whose life was a testament to unwavering faith, dedication, and service, on December 15, 2023; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of Sheraine's passing by the Honorable Derrick G. Curtis, Alderman of the 18th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Born on February 20, 1952, from her early days, Sheraine's spirit resonated with a melody of joy and laughter, embodying a deep connection to faith and service; and

WHEREAS, Her journey through Bloom Township High School and subsequent family life with her late husband Butch Clayton were marked by infectious smiles, soaring voices, and a commitment to building a vibrant family; and

WHEREAS, Despite losing Butch to a sudden heart attack, Sheraine's unwavering faith and resilience led her to a new chapter in life, marked by a deep bond with Willie Lathon and the official union of their lives in 1975; and

WHEREAS, Sheraine's commitment to education and service led her to attain a Doctor of Philosophy in Christian Counseling in 1997, but her true calling was lay in service, with her professional journey as an "administrative whisperer" showcasing her efficiency and kindness; and

WHEREAS, Her commitment to service was apparent throughout her spiritual journey at Liberty Temple Full Gospel Church, where, under the guidance of Pastor Clifford E. Turner, she became an ordained Elder and Minister, dedicating over two decades to serve as Administrator and Chief Financial Officer, ultimately attaining the esteemed positions of Senior Pastor in 1999 and Senior Apostle in 2010; and

WHEREAS, A multifaceted woman who found joy in the everyday, Sheraine balanced her professional and spiritual life with quiet pleasures, from a love for literature and culinary expertise to her most striking leisure pursuit of bowling with her team "We Don't Give a Strike"; and

WHEREAS, Sheraine was preceded in death by her parents, Roosevelt Willingham and Norma Cobb; her husband, Willie Lathon Jr.; her sister Jackie Cobb; her brothers, Roosevelt Willingham and Ronnie Willingham; her beloved niece, Alicia Cole; and her spiritual parents and mentors Apostle Dr. Clifford E. Turner, Sr. and Pastor Denise M. Turner; and

WHEREAS, Sheraine's passing is deeply mourned by her immediate family, Eric, Chris, Eric (Rachel) Harris, Sharon (Kevin), Karon (Tarra), Deleia, Christy (Tim), Denise, Victoria, Danaya, Clifford Jr., John (Chrystal), Darry (Falon, and Jenny (Brian), her adoring grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends, all touched by her radiant smile and boundless compassion; and

WHEREAS, While Sheraine's absence leaves a void in our community, her legacy, like the lingering aroma of her famous peach cobbler, the echoes of her laughter, and the lessons woven into her life will forever fill our homes and our hearts; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, in solemn remembrance, hereby celebrate and honor the life and legacy of Sheraine Lathon, her extraordinary journey, and the countless lives she enriched along the way; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Sheraine Lathon as a token of our honor and respect.



DERRICK G. CURTIS
Alderman, 18th Ward