## A City Council Resolution Honoring the Life of Kenneth J. Brown

**WHEREAS,** Almighty God in His infinite wisdom and judgment has called Kenneth J. Brown, an outstanding citizen of the City of Chicago, to his everlasting reward and returned to the heavenly realm on November 17, 2023; and

**WHEREAS,** This august Chicago City Council body has been informed of his passing by the Honorable Michelle A. Harris, Alderman of the 8<sup>th</sup> Ward; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth Brown was born on October 8, 1977 in Chicago, Illinois to the parents of Kenneth Mays and Brenda Brown; and

**WHEREAS,** Kenneth attended Alexander Dumas Elementary School, graduated from Gillespie Elementary School, and attended Hirsch High School. He later attended truck driving school in Michigan City. Kenneth worked for the railroad for a short while in 2013 and later was employed as a construction worker until his illness; and

**WHEREAS**, Fatherhood began in 1994 when his oldest, Kenneth Jr. was born. Later in the years he fathered three more children, Deontae, Diamond and Kendale; and

**WHEREAS**, Kenneth's first love was baseball. He played for Jaclie Robinson West where he was MVP. He was a great cook, a Grill Master. Everything he did he excelled in; and

**WHEREAS,** Kenneth had a great love for fashion, and he was a collector of gym shoes. (NIKE WAS HIS THING); and

**WHEREAS,** In 2020, Kennth was diagnosed with cancer. Kenneth (Soldier Boy) fought a good fight, He made his transition on November 17, 2023 at 11:40 p.m., with his mother by his side; and

**WHEREAS,** Kenny leaves to cherish his memory, his loving parents, Kenneth Mays and Brenda Brown; four children, Kenneth Jr., Deontae, his only daughter, Diamond, and his baby boy, Kendale; five grandchildren, Khalia, Ma'lanie, Kali, Ezekeal, and Furious; two sisters, Aqueta and Kennetha; second mom, Beverly Griffin; and a host of aunties, uncles, friends, and a HUGE brotherhood; and

**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 his family our sincere condolences; and

**Be It Further Resolved** That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Mr. Kenneth J. Brown.

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Michelle A. Harris Alderman, 8<sup>th</sup> Ward