

## **A City Council Resolution Honoring the Life of Sharon Shavaughn Monson**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom and judgment has called Sharon Shavaughn Monson, an outstanding citizen of the City of Chicago , to her everlasting reward and returned to the heavenly realm on November 5, 2023; and

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

**WHEREAS**, The one and only beloved daughter, sister, mother, grandmother, friend, confidant and more was born Sharon Shavaughn Marsh on Tuesday August 4, 1964 to Olivia Consuela Burkhalter and Vaughn Marsh in Chicago, Illinois; and.

**WHEREAS**, Sharon lived her life as a servant - of God, her family, friends, loved ones and those in the community. In her early life, she attended Wadsworth Elementary School and Hyde Park Academy before she started a family and began her career with Cook County and the City of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, In the 1980s, Sharon met a man who was “sweet on her,” Daryl A. Monson, whom she married in January of 1998. Together, they had two children, Shavaughn Patrice and Darnisha Ashley, but, in their marriage, Sharon also had a hand in raising Daryl's oldest daughter, Darvece Antoinette and youngest daughter, Danyelle Amanda, as if they were her own. She was all about family and loved her daughters until the very end. She and her husband later divorced in the fall of 2001 and maintained a coparenting relationship throughout their children's lives; and

**WHEREAS**, She always worked hard in each role she held. From working retail downtown to working overnight at the County Sheriff’s office, she never missed a beat. Sharon would meet her passion when she was introduced to 8th Ward Alderman Lorraine L. Dixon where she volunteered and eventually worked for a couple of years. After Alderman Dixon’s unfortunate passing, Sharon worked elsewhere while continuing to volunteer with the 8th Ward until she eventually began working there again for Alderman Michelle A. Harris, whom she built a deep friendship with since the late 2000s; and

**WHEREAS**, At the age of 35, she became a member of the 8th Ward Regular Democratic Organization Women’s Auxiliary and years prior, she was a part of the Young Democrats under the leadership of former State Representative Marlow Colvin and former Alderman Todd H. Stroger.

**WHEREAS**, In her last role of community work, she was a receptionist for the Chicago City Council. More than that, she was beloved by the aldermen and alderwomen of the city, her boss, and many other coworkers that she formed close bonds with throughout the years. There was only one thing Sharon loved more than her life’s work and that was her family. and

**WHEREAS**, Sharon is described as the family peacekeeper, but was also known as the bourgeois sister among her siblings. She kept to herself growing up but as an adult loved being around family and was esteemed for not only being a good sister but also a good daughter, aunt, friend, cousin, and an outstanding, off the charts, incomparable mother and grandmother. She was known for being a sweetheart and one of the most kind and warm-hearted human beings. She touched many lives with her laid back, funny, witty, loyal, and sweet personality, and.

**WHEREAS**, She leaves behind her two greatest and proudest accomplishments, daughters Shavaughn and Darnisha, granddaughters Jordan and London, and one grandson, Malcolm. She also leaves to cherish her memory her sisters Diane, Pamela, Tracey, and Denean, an uncle and aunt, a host of cousins, nieces, and nephews, many more family, and close friends and acquaintances. Her love and light will surely be missed by all.

**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

**Be It Further Resolved** That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Ms. Sharon Shavaughn Monson.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michelle A. Harris". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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