

Honorable Alderman Christopher Taliaferro

April 5, 2024

**RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF CHEZZIE BEATRICE SMITH**

**WHEREAS**, The City of Chicago mourns the loss of a beloved community member, Chezzie Beatrice Smith, who passed away on Saturday March 23rd, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, The Chicago City Council has been informed of Chezzie's passing by the Honorable Alderman Chris Tailaferro of the 29th Ward; and

**WHEREAS**, Chezzie was born in Tillar, Arkansas on January 10th, 1944, to the late Ernest Neal Sr. and L. Amanda Brooks (Neal); and

**WHEREAS**, In 1961, Chezzie married her first husband, the late Willie Williams, and together they were blessed with two beautiful daughters, Shirley Williams and Deborah Williams; and

**WHEREAS**, Chezzie later moved to Chicago, Illinois to experience a better quality of life for her and her daughters, it was then that she met and married her longtime husband, John Smith, who lovingly supported her in raising her daughters until his untimely death in 1988; and

**WHEREAS**, Chezzie loved all things community. Chezzie's career life was well spent in various positions that created harmony be it, manufacturing companies, City Public Service Centers, or cooking for the masses; and

**WHEREAS**, Chezzie is now with her parents, sister Ruthie Lee, and brothers Ernest Neal and Huey P. Neal and several nieces and nephews whom proceeded her in death. Chezzie leaves to cherish her memory, her love Richard Anderson; two daughters Shirley Williams, Deborah Williams Thurmond (Larry); one sister Evelyn Jones of Toledo, Ohio; grandchildren, Chezina Williams, Monchez Williams, Montrail Williams, Janeicia Williams and a host of relatives and friends; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered her this seventeenth day of April, 2024, do hereby extend our most heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Chezzie Beatrice Smith; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Chezzie Beatrice Smith as token of our honor and respect.

*C Lt Taliaferro*

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**29<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman  
Christopher Taliaferro**