

**RESOLUTION HONORING PASTOR DAVID BALLARD, SR.  
ON HIS RETIREMENT**

**WHEREAS**, David Ballard, Sr. is retiring following 36 years as Senior Pastor of the Sunrise Full Gospel Baptist Church of Englewood; and

**WHEREAS**, The Chicago City Council has been informed of Pastor Ballard's retirement by the Honorable Stephanie D. Coleman, Alderman of the 16th Ward; and

**WHEREAS**, Born November 25, 1959, David is the eighth child born to the late Namon and Lucile Ballard; and

**WHEREAS**, Raised at Sunrise – which was founded by his uncle, Reverend WM Ellis – David nurtured his life in Christ Jesus and served as a member of the Usher Board, Sunday School Teacher, and Deacon; and

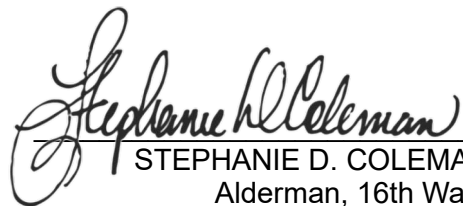
**WHEREAS**, Showing an interest in the word of God and serving his people as a youth, Pastor Ballard accepted his call to the ministry in 1981, delivering his first sermon, "Dry Bones in The Valley", on Sunday, December 6, 1981, before becoming Senior Pastor in March 1987; and

**WHEREAS**, David married Lisa Trinnette Taylor on November 24, 1979, and the two are the very definition of a power couple; together, they have served the community of Englewood tirelessly, turning Sunrise into a pillar of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Ballard is the proud father of one son, Pastor David Ballard, II; three daughters, Denesha, Elder D'Lisa, and Renee; father-in-love to Lady Donishisa and Pastor Jermel Flannigan; and the pops of all PawPaws to his 12 grandchildren; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, do hereby extend of our heartfelt gratitude to Pastor David Ballard, Sr., for his years of faithful service to the Englewood community, and wish him a healthy and happy retirement; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Pastor David Ballard, Sr., as a sign of our gratitude and respect.

  
STEPHANIE D. COLEMAN  
Alderman, 16th Ward