RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF REVEREND CARNELIOUS HARVEY

WHEREAS, Bishop Carnelious Harvey, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and great great-grandfather, made his transition from this life to eternity on July 12, 2023; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of Bishop Harvey's passing by the Honorable Emma Mitts, Alderman of the 37th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Born June 3, 1931 in Newellton, LA to Willie and Pearline (Thomas) Harvey, Carnelious received his education at nearby Tensas High School in Louisiana, and confessed his faith and hope in Christ at an early age; and

WHEREAS, Shortly after moving to Chicago in 1951, Carnelious was united in holy matrimony to Rosie M. Robinson in July 1952, and to this union 13 children were born; and

WHEREAS, Carnelious was employed at International Harvester for seventeen years and served a police officer in the village of Maywood from January 1992 to 1996; and

WHEREAS, Carnelious was called and anointed by God to preach the Gospel, organizing a prayer band which visited the sick and gave out baskets of food to the needy, as well as financial assistance; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Harvey was ordained on July 19, 1961 under the direction of Rev. Clay Evans, by Rev. John Conner, an associate minister of the Fellowship M.B. Church; in 1961, Pastor Harvey founded and organized what the Progressive True Vine M.B. Church; and

WHEREAS, God elevated Pastor Harvey to Bishop Harvey on January 24, 2004, by Chief Consecrator Bishop J. N. Scott Jr.; Bishop Harvey has had five Pastors under his leadership, including Rev. Straughter, Rev. Owens, and Rev. C.L. White, each of whom preceded him in death, and in death he is succeeded by Rev. Smith and Rev. Patterson; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Harvey was preceded in death by his parents, Willie and Pearline Harvey, and his two sisters, Earlene Harvey and Applena Mack; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Harvey leaves to cherish his memory his loving and devoted wife, Rosie Harvey; his nine daughters, Pearlean Kirby, Rosetta (Ardell) Harvey-Hunter, Shirley (Wilbert) Taylor, Linda (John) Harvey, Jacqueline (Darrin) Harvey-Gunter, Carolyn (Curtis) Harvey, Evangelist Claudia (Laurent) White, Claudine Harvey, and Evangelist Linda (Lloyd) Harvey; his five sons, Carnelious Harvey Jr., Cardell Harvey, Freddie Harvey, Ricky (Priscella) Harvey, and Jeffrey Harvey; 33 grandchildren; 61 great-grandchildren; 18 great-great grandchildren; his sister, Rebecca Lucas; The Progressive True Vine Church family; James Spencer; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Harvey led a life well lived, and will be sorely missed by all who knew him; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this thirteenth day of September, 2023, do hereby honor the life and legacy of Bishop Carnelious Harvey, and extend our most heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, and The Progressive True Vine M.B. Church community; and

BEIT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Bishop Carnelious Harvey as a sign of our honor and respect.

EMMA MITTS

Alderman, 37th Ward