

## **A City Council Resolution Honoring the Life of Joyce Ann Chapman**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom and judgment has called Joyce Ann Chapman, an outstanding citizen of the City of Chicago, to her everlasting reward and returned to the heavenly realm on September 27, 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**, Joyce Ann Chapman was born on February 19, 1956 to Charles and Kuniko Chapman in Tokyo, Japan, and was a sibling to 2 sisters and 4 brothers; and

**WHEREAS**, She had the distinct opportunity to travel extensively and went to school on military bases making her culturally aware and sensitive to all; and

**WHEREAS**, Joyce Chapman organized the community to come together to develop a Quality of Life Plan for the Far Southside of Chicago in January 2019. At the first meeting on January 29, 2020, there were over eighty organizations present to get involved and to ensure that the process of the QLP would be for all; and

**WHEREAS**, Joyce was nominated in October 2021 and became the Vice President for the National Community Based Organization Network – (NCBON); and

**WHEREAS**, Joyce Chapman was appointed by the Honorable Mayor Lori Lightfoot, to serve on the Chicago Board of Education in June 2022 and in addition, was appointed to serve as a Commissioner to the Public Building Commission of Chicago in September 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, She was committed to ensuring that all children and families receive quality education, have productive public safety, adequate housing and provide support to all positive community initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, She leaves to cherish the memories and to celebrate her life three daughters; Ashanti, Umi and Amina; eight grandchildren Malani, Jay'von, Jayden, Makai, Makayla, Makari, Masami and Jayson; and a host of very special family and friends to cherish her memory; 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 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. Joyce Ann Chapman



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