

RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF CRAIG OUSLEY

WHEREAS, Craig Ousley, beloved member of the 16th Ward community, was called to be with the Lord on January 20, 2024; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of his passing by the Honorable Stephanie D. Coleman, Alderman of the 16th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Born March 1, 1960 to Katie Mae Ousley and Raymond Hendricks, Craig grew up on the north side of Chicago, attending Franklin Elementary and Waller High School; after graduation, Craig moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where he pursued a career in HVAC and became a die-hard Cleveland Browns fan; and

WHEREAS, Craig returned to Chicago in 2000, where he met the love of his life, Ms. Linda Brunt; never one to be still for very long, Craig embarked on several careers over the years, and enjoyed many hobbies, especially rock and roll – everyone who knew Craig knew he was a one-man rock band; and

WHEREAS, Craig loved and was a friend to everyone – often letting it be known how much he loved you and how beautiful you were to him – but perhaps none more than his mother, dedicating the last several years to being her personal caretaker, even though he was sick and fighting for his own strength; and

WHEREAS, Beyond being a loving son, husband, brother, uncle, and father to his eight children, Craig also took great pride in the role of a Dad to his nieces and nephews Crystal, Chris, Katia, Raymond, and Charmaine; and

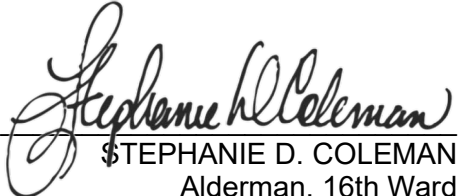
WHEREAS, Craig gave his life back to Christ in 2023, joining Tiedstone Missionary Baptist Church, where he had aspirations of becoming a Deacon; and

WHEREAS, Preceded in death by his wife, Linda, and brothers, Raymond Jr., Reggie, and Ray Anthony, Craig leaves to cherish his memory: his parents, Katie Mae and Raymond; his uncle, Donald; his siblings Steven, Michael (Joann), Celeste, Renee, Steven (Terry), April, Rodney, Robin (Smitty), Dawn (Wilbur), Lisa, Ramona, Tara, George, and Angela; his children, Niesha, Raymond (Tiera), David, Jason, Tinisha, Brandon, Darien, and Tyesa; ten grandsons; twelve granddaughters; forty-six nieces; forty-nine nephews; two great-grandsons; two great-granddaughters; a very special granddaughter, Avery, who he didn't get to meet but was overjoyed and anticipating her arrival into the world; and a host of cousins and friends; and

WHEREAS, Craig's impact as a nurturing presence touched the lives of those fortunate enough to call him family or friend;

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, do hereby extend our most heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Craig Ousley; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Craig Ousley as a sign of our honor and respect.


STEPHANIE D. COLEMAN
Alderman, 16th Ward