



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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WHEREAS, Almighty God in his true and infinite wisdom, has summoned Deacon Melvin Thornton, Sr. from our midst on April 28, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Melvin Thornton, Sr. was born to the union of Reuben & Jennie May Thornton on March 16, 1941 in Chicago, Illinois. He grew up in the Morgan Park area and attended John D. Shoop Academy; and

WHEREAS Melvin Thornton married Lanesia Gunn and through this union Melvin Jr was born; and

WHEREAS, Melvin Thornton had a passion for cars and he established Mel's 1,2,3 Hand Car Wash. For over 30 years he was able to provide employment to many young men and women throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, Melvin Thornton became a member of Salem Baptist Church of Chicago under the leadership of Pastor Rev. James T. Meeks and was ordained as Deacon in 1993; he served with the "Mighty Men" and was proud of the Parking Ministry he directed. Serving his church family was an honor and but Melvin strived and thrived in dedicating himself to the Lord with everything that was within him; and

WHEREAS, Other than his church, Melvin was a dedicated and devoted father, grandfather to his grandchildren and great grandson.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Deborah Sims, Cook County Commissioner of the 5th District, do hereby stand and salute the awesome service of Deacon Melvin Thornton, Sr. and offers my heartfelt sympathy to his family for their loss.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution will be presented to the family of Deacon Melvin Thornton, Sr. in his honor and be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body.

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