



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

MARTHA ANN JOHNSON, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Martha Ann Johnson was born November 6, 1931 and transitioned March 30, 2024 at the age 92; and

WHEREAS, Martha Ann Johnson was raised by her parents Rev. Martha Louise and William Dobbins of Evanston, IL, and was the third of three children. At the tender age of three, Martha later developed spinal meningitis. This also resulted in her becoming deaf and mute; and

WHEREAS, Martha attended a residential school for the hearing impaired in Jacksonville, IL, until the 6th grade when she returned home to Evanston; and

WHEREAS, Martha became active in and was baptized in her mother's church, Church of the Living God, as a child and young adult. She later symbolized her dedication to Jehovah through water baptism becoming a Jehovah's Witness where she was very active in the Kingdom Hall; and

WHEREAS, Martha's joy for field service, Bible studies, and sharing Jehovah's word provided time for her to also fellowship with her spiritual brothers and sisters; and

WHEREAS, Martha felt pride in her rewarding jobs as a homemaker, a devoted wife, and a loving mother to her four children, she took pride and honor in taking care of her family. As a loving, kind, and caring person she helped to assist anyone that she could. Often, Martha cared for young children in the neighborhood, and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Martha becoming a seamstress often created clothing for her children, knitting and crocheting decorations for the home and as gifts for family and friends. Martha also often hosted family dinners and displayed her passion for cooking; and

WHEREAS, Martha A. Johnson was preceded in death by her parents, William Dobbins and Rev. Martha L. Dobbins, brother Henry, sister Alice, a stillborn son, and her husband of 45 years, David T. Johnson; and

WHEREAS, Martha leaves a host of family to cherish her memory, four children (from her union with David T. Johnson) Bettye Ann Cohns (David), Louise Peakes (Lee), Charonna Johnson, David Johnson Jr., a sister-in-law, Alberta Lee, ten beloved grandchildren, Kaila Hutchen (Terry), David Cohns III (Satoya), Damon Peakes, Leila Peakes, Perry Thomas Sr. (Shavon), Briyanna Briscoe, Danelle (Kenny), Davia Ruff, Kaylyn Clark Johnson, Travareus Jordan, seventeen great-grandchildren, and a host of loving nieces, nephews, and friends; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County hereby honors Martha Johnson for her contributions to society and a life spent devoted to her faith, family and community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be provided to the family of Martha A. Johnson.