



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LATE BISHOP CARLIS L. MOODY, SR.

WHEREAS, Bishop Carlis L. Moody, Sr. was born December 16, 1934 to Mr. Booker T. and Geneva Moody, in the city of Tifton, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, as Bishop Moody was married to Mary Alice in September 1955, and their union was blessed with one daughter, Missionary Sideary King, three sons, Pastor Carlis Moody, Jr., Bishop Anthony Moody, Sr., and Minister Jeffrey Moody; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Moody had a total of twelve grandchildren and three great grandchildren and was revered in the community as a father to the fatherless, a mentor, and surrogate parent to many; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Moody accepted the call to preach in July 1946 in the city of Waukegan, Illinois, and was ordained four years later by the late Church of God in Christ (COGIC) Bishop W. M. Roberts. At the age of 16, he established a small church in Waukegan on Market Street and incorporated that congregation into St. James Temple Church of God in Christ in North Chicago, Illinois, where he served as youth pastor and district Sunday School superintendent from 1952 until 1957; and

WHEREAS, in 1956, Mother Sadie Adams and her son Bishop Eugene Adams went to Bishop L. H. Ford and asked him to send Bishop Moody to Evanston, Illinois to open Faith Temple on January 7, 1957. And, since that time, the congregation to grew from six persons to over two hundred families, and over five hundred members; and

WHEREAS, after attending Moody Bible Institute in 1970, Bishop Moody began to minister in over thirty-eight countries; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Moody served as vice president of the Black Ministers Alliance of Evanston for two years. He also served as a member of the Curriculum Council for the Evanston Township High School for one year; and

WHEREAS, in 1975, Bishop Moody was appointed COGIC's International President of the Home and Foreign Missions Department, which reaches into over fifty-seven countries. In that capacity, he headed all mission work of the COGIC in foreign countries as well as in the United States and served as the Jurisdictional Bishop of Germany; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, he was elected to serve as a member of the Advisory Committee of the Pentecostal World Conference where he served for 27 years; and

WHEREAS, while maintaining his missionary work around the world, Bishop Moody stayed active in Evanston as well. In addition to leading hundreds each Sunday in church, Bishop Moody established a Nursing Home Ministry, Food Pantry, and Prison Ministry to service the community. He offered Faith Temple Church as a home church for 11 years to the Drug Rehabilitation Centers in Evanston and Chicago, helping men and women fight addiction and reduce recidivism. The Faith Temple congregation ministered in their community through radio for thirteen years and on television for the past ten years; and

WHEREAS, in September 1980 Bishop Moody established "Faith Christian Academy," now serving students in

kindergarten through eighth grades. He spearheaded the Academy as a means to enrich the lives of young people in the Evanston north shore area and to foster respect, compassion, honesty, and service; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, Bishop Moody was consecrated as Missionary Bishop in the Church of God in Christ; and

WHEREAS, in January 1996, and in recognition of Bishop Moody's leadership and outstanding service to humanity, the City of Evanston designated a portion of Dewey Avenue as Honorary Bishop Carlis L. Moody Avenue; and

WHEREAS, on the May 7, 2005 Bishop Moody was bestowed an Honorary Doctor of Divinity by the Interdenominational Theological Center & Charles H. Mason Theological Seminary in Atlanta, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, on January 29, 2007 there was a service held for the renaming of the J.W. Markham District to the Bishop Carlis L Moody District. This District comes under First Jurisdiction of Illinois Church of God in Christ; and

WHEREAS Bishop Carlis L. Moody made his transition on January 12, 2019 bringing to completion an exemplary life of service, dedication, and faith to the people of Cook County, the State of Illinois and many municipalities across the nation and around the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County takes great pleasure in honoring and celebrating Bishop Moody's life of service and monumental contributions to humanity, and herewith honors Bishop Moody for bettering the lives of the citizens of Cook County, Illinois and throughout the word; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to Faith Temple Church and to the family of Bishop Carlis L. Moody Sr.