



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE OF J. DIANE ALSBERRY

WHEREAS, J. Diane Alsberry, was born the youngest of four children on October 7, 1947 in Chicago, Illinois to the union of Reverend Irving and Amanda Steele; and

WHEREAS, J. Diane Alsberry accepted Christ at the early age of nine years old; She and her siblings often traveled with their father as he evangelized the Gospel; She was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church in County Club Hills; and

WHEREAS, J. Diane Alsberry graduated from Jean Baptiste Point DuSable High School; Chicago Community College; In December of 1970, she graduated with her Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy from University of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, J. Diane Alsberry met the of her life Vernard Alsberry Jr. whom she married and shared a joyous and loving life for 21 years and five months; and

WHEREAS, J. Diane Alsberry was a dedicated Physical Therapist and was licensed to practice in the state of Illinois and Indiana; and

WHEREAS, J. Diane Alsberry accomplishments include: being the first **African American Director of Physical Therapy at Americana Healthcare Center of Oak lawn, Illinois; Director of Physical Medicine at South Chicago Hospital (now Advocate Aurora Trinity); Clinical Instructor as well as Adjunct Professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago and Instructor at the Chicago City Junior College for Physical Therapy Assistance Program.** Lastly, she also helped to organize the **Support Organization for Minority Physical Therapist (SOMPT);** and

WHEREAS, J. Diane Alsberry was active in various organizations including a life membership with **Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc;** charter member of the **American Academy of Physical Therapy (AAPT);** Past President of **Support Organization of Physical Therapy;** Past President and Treasurer of the **American Academy of Physical Therapy;** and

WHEREAS, J. Diane Alsberry became a strong force assisting her husband Mayor Vernard Alsberry of Hazel Crest, Illinois; She served as the Commissioner for the Village of Hazel Crest Planning & Zoning and Senior Citizens; and

WHEREAS, J. Diane Alsberry physical presence may no longer be with us, we shall remember her as a woman who was gentle in spirit, admired and respected by her many friends and neighbors, and dearly loved by her family. She is survived by her husband Mayor Vernard Alsberry Jr. their four sons and five daughters; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that **I, Deborah Sims, Commissioner of the 5th District** do hereby offer my deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family of J. Diane Alsberry; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be represented to the family of J. Diane Alsberry in her honor be spread upon official proceedings of this Honorable Body.