

October 25, 2023

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION HONORING DR. JOYCE ANN CHAPMAN

WHEREAS, after dedicating over two decades as a Far South Side community activist, a resident of the Historic Pullman community for over 50 years, and former Board Member of the Chicago Board of Education from May 2022 to June 2023, Dr. Joyce Ann Chapman passed away on Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at the age of 67;

WHEREAS, in May 2002, Joyce Chapman embarked on the mission to start Pullman Community Development Corporation to advocate for the revitalization of the community;

WHEREAS, from 1999 – 2009, Joyce Chapman served as the CAPS Beat 512 Facilitator for the 5th District Chicago Police Department, and subsequently became the District Advisory Council President. Joyce worked tirelessly with community residents and helped deter crime in the community. She was a firm believer that it is important to work with your local police district to ensure the safety and quality of life in the community. In 2016, Joyce was appointed to serve on the Chicago Police Superintendent Community Policing Advisory Panel;

WHEREAS, since its inception in 2011, Joyce Chapman served as the Chairman of the Far South Community Action Council of CPS where they hosted Principals' Breakfast, Workshops/Resource Fairs, as well as the PEACE Rally 2018 and 2019 for over 3000 students at Gately Stadium;

WHEREAS, Joyce Chapman served on the Gately Park Advisory Council for the past 10 years as President and under her leadership, developed and implemented events such as: Annual Men Grill Off, Holiday Food Giveaway and Secret Santa giveaway, Annual Community field trip to Brookfield Zoo for over 400 children and families;

WHEREAS, Joyce Chapman served on the Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) Advisory Board and was the Vice President for 6 years.

WHEREAS, in 2019, Joyce Chapman organized the community to develop a Quality of Life Plan for the Far Southside of Chicago and the Advisory Board selected Joyce Chapman to be the president of Far South Chicago Coalition;

WHEREAS, in 2021, Joyce Chapman became the Vice President for the National Community Based Organization Network for her dedication of truly engaging community organizations, to be involved, to be engaged and empowered;

WHEREAS, Joyce Chapman has been described by her family, friends, and colleagues as a remarkable community organizer and leader, she considered her biggest accomplishment and was most proud of her "3 Pillars" Ashanti Brooks, Umi Brooks and Amina Brooks; and her grandchildren Malani, Jay'von, Jayden, Makai, Maleah, Makayla, Makari, Masami and Jayson;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Board President and Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, this 25th day of October 2023, do hereby extend to the family of Joyce Chapman our deepest sympathies upon her passing, and offer this resolution as an expression of our gratitude for her contributions to the students, staff, and families of Chicago Public Schools by dedicating herself as a champion of change and her lens of equity was always for the children, especially those that are marginalized; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Memorial Resolution be made available to the family of Joyce Chapman.