"Honorary Mother Mable Yancy-Irving Way"

WHEREAS, the 16th Ward takes great pride in honoring individuals whose lives embody the values of community dedication, wisdom, faith, and love—principles that uplift generations and strengthen our neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Mother Mable Yancy-Irving, born on September 5, 1941, in Charleston, Mississippi, to the late Willie Yancy Sr. and Vera Yancy, served as the eldest of four children and played a vital role in her family's foundation of strength, service, and faith; and

WHEREAS, in 1959, Mable relocated to Chicago, Illinois, where she established her home, her faith, and her family. She became a devoted member of Manuel Memorial Missionary Baptist Church, where she worshiped and served faithfully for decades; and

WHEREAS, she met and married Edward Irving, with whom she shared a passion for family, gardening, and community. Together they created a welcoming home at 66th and Peoria, where meals were shared, flowers bloomed, and love was generously extended; and

WHEREAS, Mable enjoyed a distinguished 40-year career at Montgomery Ward headquarters, and in retirement, she poured her time and talents into service. Her community involvement included the 007th District CAPS program, the Salvation Army Red Shield Women's Ministries, Mays Academy, and the founding of Teamwork Englewood; and

WHEREAS, she was widely recognized for her tireless commitment to Englewood, receiving numerous awards for her selfless contributions. Whether planting flowers for her neighbors, volunteering at schools, or lending a hand to her daughter at work, Mable exemplified the spirit of giving; and

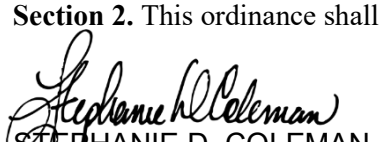
WHEREAS, even in her final years, when illness limited her physically, she continued to share her wisdom, gardening tips, and encouragement, embodying resilience and grace until her passing; and

WHEREAS, Mother Mable Yancy-Irving, affectionately regarded as one of the true matriarchs of the 66th Block of Peoria, leaves a legacy of faith, family, service, and beauty that will forever inspire the Englewood community and the City of Chicago;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

Section 1. Pursuant to Section 2-8-040 of the Municipal Code of Chicago, which allows erection of honorary street name designations, the Commissioner of the Chicago Department of Transportation shall take the necessary action for standardization of **South Peoria Street from West 66th Street to West 67th Street as "Honorary Mother Mable Yancy-Irving Way."**

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication.



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