ORDINANCE

Where As, Pastor Robert E. Booker was born on March 31, 1939, in Hickman, Kentucky, to Edward and Eula Booker. He was the sixth of eight children. Married on March 19, 1961 to the love of his life, Maggie Locust “Mag”. To this union three sons were born-Robert Jr., Curtis, and Michael.

Where As, Pastor Robert E. Booker graduated from Crane High School in 1957. Robert was a dedicated provider and a man of principle over the years. He worked with several companies including an electric company, a bank, UPS, and the United States Postal Service before beginning his career with the City of Chicago in 1969.

Where As, Pastor Robert E. Booker started as a cashier in the comptroller's office. Rising through the ranks by sheer dedication, faith, and hard work. Eventually, Robert was promoted to deputy treasurer. A position that traditionally required a college degree. Robert often testified that while he didn't hold that degree “I know God, who gives elevation”. His journey was a testament to his belief that faithfulness to God yields divine favor. Pastor Booker retired from the city of Chicago as Deputy Treasurer in 1994, after serving 25 years. Pastor Booker often testified that his decision to retire came early after being unable to take a church member's call during work hours.

Where As, Pastor Booker was called to the ministry in October of 1977 and was ordained in July 1980. Pastor Booker served in many positions in the church as the Deacon Sunday, school Superintendent, choir director, minister of music, president of the board of trustees, and district Y.P.W.W. President. His most humbling moment came in 1982, when he was appointed Pastor of Zion temple Church of God in Christ.

Where As, Pastor booker's leadership extended beyond the local church he served as Budget Director of the Southern Illinois Jurisdiction and later became Chief Financial Officer for the First Jurisdiction of Illinois under the leadership of Bishop Ocie Booker, Prelate of First Jurisdiction of Illinois. In recognition of his faithful service, he was elevated to Jurisdictional Administrative Assistant and awarded an honorary doctorate in March 2018.

Where As, Pastor Booker was a man of humility, loyalty, vision, and unwavering faith. He often said, “My prayer is that Zion Temple would be saved”. He prayed daily for his church family and was a spiritual father to many. His life was a living sermon, one of love, service, and faith in action.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF CHICAGO:

Section 1. Pursuant to Section 2-8-040 of the Municipal Code of Chicago, which allows erection of honorary Street name designs, the Commissioner of the Chicago Department of Transportation shall take the necessary action for standardization of intersection of 8200 S. Winchester Avenue as, "Dr. Rev. Robert E. Booker Sr. Way."

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



David Moore
Alderman, 17th Ward