**Honorary Street Designation of Mother Vergia Jones Ave.**

WHEREAS, the 16th Ward and the City of Chicago come together in solemn reverence to honor the life and legacy of Mother Vergia Jones, who departed this life after a century of unwavering faith, service, and dedication to her family, community, and church; and

WHEREAS, born on January 6, 1925, Mother Vergia Jones was a pillar of strength and a beacon of hope, dedicating her life to caring for others in her role as a nurse assistant at Cook County Hospital and through her devoted service to the community; and

WHEREAS, as a faithful servant of God and a licensed missionary, Mother Jones devoted her time and energy to serving those in need, personally delivering food boxes to the homebound and actively participating in essential outreach programs, including the Monday Night Meal Program and the Thursday food giveaway at Evening Star Missionary Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Mother Jones' commitment extended beyond charitable service to nurturing faith and wisdom in others, as she diligently served for many years as a Women's Sunday School teacher at Free Will Missionary Baptist Church, imparting spiritual guidance and love to all who knew her; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated entrepreneur, Mother Jones worked tirelessly to support her family and community, selling Stanley Home Products and exemplifying the virtues of hard work, perseverance, and self-sufficiency; and

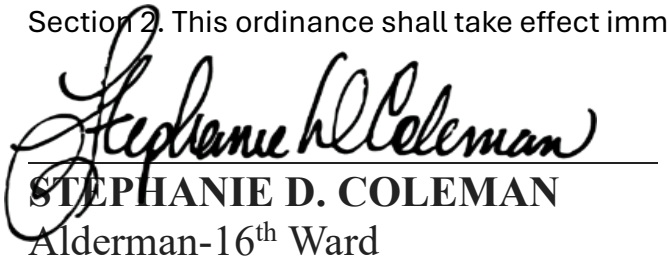
WHEREAS, Mother Jones graced the inaugural 16th Ward Senior & Veteran Luncheon five years ago and remained an esteemed honoree, continuing to inspire and uplift those around her with her presence, wisdom, and warm spirit until the very moment she took her final breath; and

WHEREAS, on the occasion of her Homegoing Celebration, the 16th Ward and the City of Chicago take a moment to reflect on the indelible mark Mother Vergia Jones has left on the hearts of those she touched and express deep gratitude for the love and service she so freely offered;

**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 permits the designation of honorary street names, the Commissioner of the Chicago Department of Transportation is hereby instructed to take the necessary actions to standardize the designation of 6000-6059 S. Damen Ave as "<Mother Vergia Jones Ave. "

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



**STEPHANIE D. COLEMAN**
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