



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 19, 2017

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners extending sympathy and condolences to the family of Maye Viola Turner

WHEREAS, Maye Viola Turner was born on August 1, 1933 near Vicksburg, Mississippi to Lucille Fair-Harvey and Reese Harvey, Sr., the second of their eight children; and

WHEREAS, the family moved to Chicago where Maye attended Chicago Public Schools, graduating from Wells High School; and

WHEREAS, Maye went on to Roosevelt University, where she earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology; and

WHEREAS, Maye and her family were devoted members of the Gospel Temple Missionary Baptist Church, where she met and married Reverend Warren A. Turner; and

WHEREAS, to this union was born the apple of Maye's eye, Robert Monroe Turner, III; and

WHEREAS, devoted to helping children, Maye worked as a social worker for the State of Illinois, a school teacher for the Chicago Board of Education and the City Colleges of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, as First Lady of Gospel Temple, Maye worked diligently and faithfully as a servant of the Lord, allowing her love of God to lead her in lifelong selfless acts of human kindness; and

WHEREAS, because Maye believed that all things are possible, she tried her hand at many things in life, including founding the U'rnique Modeling Guild where she walked the runways; choreographing the Gospel Temple Annual Tea Fashion Show, where she made everyone feel like America's Next Top Model; and serving as choir director, writing and recording music that the choir performed at McCormick Place; and

WHEREAS, Maye later joined the Beloved Community Christian Church of God in Christ, under the pastoral leadership of the Reverend Congressman Bobby Rush, where she was given the title Mother Maye, so befitting to one who loved everyone, especially children, as though they were her own; and

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2016, Maye transitioned from this life and was reunited with her husband, her parents and her sister Mary; and

WHEREAS, Maye's love for her family was immeasurable, and she leaves to celebrate and cherish her legacy: her son Robert; granddaughter Mariah; sisters Alberta (Elester), Ellie (Archie), Bernice (Carl), Juanita and Laverne; her brother Reese; many nephews, nieces, cousins and special friends; Reverend Congressman and Mrs. Bobby Rush; the congregations of the Beloved Community Christian Church of God in Christ and Gospel Temple Missionary Baptist Church; and generations of those forever touched by this extraordinary Woman of God; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water

Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, on behalf of ourselves and staff, extend our sympathy and condolences to the family of Maye Viola Turner; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread upon the permanent Record of Proceedings of the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago.

Dated: January 19, 2017

Approved: MARIYANA T. SPYROPOULOS, President; BARBARA J. MCGOWAN, Vice President; FRANK AVILA, Chairman, Committee on Finance; TIMOTHY BRADFORD; MARTIN J. DURKAN; JOSINA MORITA; DEBRA SHORE; KARI K. STEELE; DAVID J. WALSH; Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

Approved as to Form and Legality: Ronald M. Hill, General Counsel, RMH:aw