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BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508 COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION PROFESSOR VERONICA VELANI-JACKSON OLIVE-HARVEY COLLEGE

WHEREAS, as part of Veronica Velani-Jackson's 19-year career as a community college faculty member, she spent all of those years at City Colleges of Chicago, specifically Olive-Harvey College; and

WHEREAS, Professor Jackson first worked at City Colleges as an adjunct faculty member in 1997; and

WHEREAS, following eight years working as an adjunct, Professor Jackson became a full-time faculty member in the Child Development Department in 2005 and earned tenure in 2008; and

WHEREAS, students knew Professor Jackson as their teacher, they lauded her as a consummate professional, they sought her mentorship, words of support and encouragement as she guided them to completion of their educational endeavors; and

WHEREAS, colleagues listened to Professor Jackson's wisdom, lunched in her office, laughed at her humor, and admired her faithfulness; and

WHEREAS, Professor Jackson led a circle of sisters who were drawn to her for maternal advice, intelligent guidance, and birthday celebrations; and

WHEREAS, Professor Jackson will always be known as strong, caring and loving, she is survived by her family in roles of wife, mother, grandmother, aunt and sister along with her extended family of Olive-Harvey College and City Colleges of Chicago as colleague and friend; and

WHEREAS, Professor Jackson passed on Saturday, April 30, the same day as 1,800 students walked across the stage at City Colleges of Chicago commencement 2016 ceremony, many of whom she supported to completion; and

WHEREAS, Professor Jackson's passing makes us feel like she is gone too soon, we will find comfort in knowing her legacy will live on in the success of her students.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that on behalf of the City Colleges of Chicago and Olive-Harvey College, we hereby commemorate the life and work of Professor Veronica Velani-Jackson.

June 2, 2016 – Olive-Harvey College