



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY
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Virtual Meeting

Consent Agenda

Thursday, February 10, 2022, 10:00 AM

Third Set

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Sponsored by: DENNIS DEER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING TINA L. HAMMOND FOR HER LEADERSHIP AND DEDICATION FOR TRANSFORMING LIVES IN THE WEST ENGLEWOOD COMMUNITY THROUGH COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

WHEREAS, Tina L. Hammond has been a resident in the West Englewood community for 46 years and a homeowner for 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Tina L. Hammond is a graduate of Kennedy King College in 2001 with honors with an Associates in Applied Science in Child Development; and

WHEREAS, Tina L. Hammond is married to Alvin Hammond Sr, and they will celebrate 32 years of marital bliss in August of 2022; and

WHEREAS, Tina L. Hammond has volunteered in various organizations such as but not limited to: Time 2136, RAGE, The Rise Foundation, Voices of West Englewood, Alderman David Moore’s Office and Stay Lit, and Think Outside the Box; and

WHEREAS, Tina’s passion is to teach our future generation began as an employee for private Daycare providers including Ada S. McKinley and Catholic Charities; and

WHEREAS, Tina began operating her own home daycare in June 2007 to assist residents in the West Englewood community where she also serves as a mentor; and

WHEREAS, Through the City of Chicago dollar lot program, Tina and Alvin Hammond created The Promise Land which is a space beautiful designed where children she is entrusted to take care can play and she can also host events; and

WHEREAS, Tina L. Hammond motto is “Englewood deserves beautiful spaces to look at and the Promise Land lot is one of those spaces”; and

WHEREAS, Cook County hereby recognizes and congratulates Mrs. Tina L. Hammond for transforming lives through Community Engagement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Dennis Deer Cook County Commissioner of the 2nd County District and on behalf of President Toni Preckwinkle and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, in addition to the 5.2 million residents of Cook County do hereby honor Ms. Tina L. Hammond for her Leadership, and Dedication for Transforming Lives in the West Englewood Community

Through Community Engagement.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution is tendered to Ms. Tina L. Hammond and a suitable copy be spread upon the official proceedings of this honorable body recognizing this occasion

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Sponsored by: BRANDON JOHNSON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND WORK OF MAMIE TILL MOBLEY

WHEREAS, Mamie Elizabeth Till Mobley (nee Carthan) was born in Webb, Mississippi on November 23, 1921. Her family moved to Argo, Illinois in the Great Migration when she was a toddler; and

WHEREAS, her childhood home was a gathering place for Black people who left the South in search of a new life. Mamie's family called their Chicago suburb "Little Mississippi". Her mother, Alma Carthan, helped her people who had newly arrived in Illinois to adjust and find jobs; and

WHEREAS, young Mamie was passionate about learning and was a high honor roll student, a remarkable achievement in a predominantly white school in the 1930's. She was only the 4th Black student to graduate from Argo Community High School; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mamie Till Mobley's son Emmett was abducted and brutally murdered on August 28, 1955, after being falsely accused of interacting inappropriately with a white woman. Roy Bryant and J.W. Milam, who later admitted to the murder, were acquitted by the all-white jury after only 67 minutes of deliberation; and

WHEREAS, officials in Mississippi were determined to bury Emmett locally to cover up the brutality of the crime and quickly had a grave dug with his name on it. Mamie quickly persuaded officials to return her son to Chicago and paid nearly a year's salary for the transport; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Till Mobley changed the course of history through tremendous personal sacrifice by insisting that her son's casket be open to create public awareness of the brutality of Emmett's death. She had to advocate with both Mississippi and Illinois officials who wanted the casket closed to obscure the violence of his murder. The Till case became emblematic of the racial disparity of justice for Black Americans; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Till Mobley leveraged the publicity to bring attention to racial oppression and violence. She toured the country with the NAACP, relating the events of her son's life, death, and the trial of his murderers; and

WHEREAS, much of Mamie Till Mobley's work centered around education through public speaking, she also spent 23 years teaching in Chicago Public Schools. She worked throughout her life to help children living in poverty; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mamie Till Mobley established a group called "The Emmett Till Players," which worked with school children outside of the classroom. The members learned and performed famous speeches by civil rights leaders to ensure Black youth were aware of their true history; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mamie Till Mobley would have turned 100 years old this past November, and her legacy lives on through the work of the Mamie Till Mobley Memorial Foundation to bring awareness to the courageous life of Ms. Till Mobley as activist and public servant; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County hereby recognizes the extraordinary achievements of Mamie Till Mobley and with this resolution honors her life and work;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be tendered to the Mamie Till Mobley Memorial Foundation as a token of the esteem in which Ms. Till Mobley is held by the President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the Cook County Board of Commissioners.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING REVEREND DR. CRAIG MELVIN SMITH UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS 50TH ANNIVERSARY AS A MINISTER

WHEREAS, on Sunday, February 27, 2022, the faith community of Freedom Baptist Church of the Greater Chicago Area in Hillside, Illinois will celebrate Reverend Dr. Craig Melvin Smith's 50 years of preaching; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Reverend Craig Melvin Smith was born and raised in Peoria, Illinois, the third of seven children, he was called to preach the Gospel in 1972 in his junior year at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Reverend Craig Melvin Smith preached his first sermon at his home church, the Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church of Peoria in February 1972, where the late Rev. Dr. Calvin Hightower was his pastor. Rev. Dr. Smith was ordained in April 1974 at his home church; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Reverend Craig Melvin previously served as Pastor of Providence Baptist Church, Rockford, Illinois from 1978-1987 and Pastor of the Metropolitan Baptist Church on the westside of Chicago, 1987-2000; and

WHEREAS, on April 9, 2000 the Holy Spirit led Pastor Smith and over 300 faith-fueled, progressive minded, serious saints in the starting of the Freedom Hillside Baptist Church. Over 2500 persons have called Freedom Hillside their church home since the first worship service was held in the Hillside Theater; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Smith is to be applauded for his steadfast commitment to uplifting lives and serving the needs of families and individuals throughout the Freedom Hillside faith community as senior pastor and teacher for the past 22 years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Reverend Craig Melvin Smith is a visionary leader committed to expanding resources for the community. Freedom Forward was unveiled in the spring of 2019 as the three-phased project of renovation and expansion: a renovated sanctuary, reception area, restrooms, offices, café, conference center and a three-story addition for ministry and community uses; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Reverend Craig Melvin Smith is revered for his commitment to teaching through bible study including Men of the Bible and Word on Wednesday; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Craig Melvin Smith has served the community in blessed partnership with his wife Patricia. They will celebrate their 50th anniversary in 2022; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Craig Melvin Smith's ministries have helped countless many in their individual faith journeys; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, does hereby thank Reverend Dr. Craig Melvin Smith for his important and commendable work on behalf of our County and wishes him every continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be tendered to Reverend Dr. Craig Melvin Smith, as a token of the esteem in which he is held by the President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the Cook County Board of Commissioners.