

## Board of Commissioners of Cook County

## Legislation Details (With Text)

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| Title:        | PROPOSED RESOLUTION   |                      |  |  |  |
|               | MARTHA ANN JOHNSON, IN MEMORIAM   |                      |  |  |  |
|               | WHEREAS, Martha Ann Johnson was born November 6, 1931 and transitioned March 30, 2024 at th age 92; and   |                      |  |  |  |
|               | WHEREAS, Martha Ann Johnson was raised by her parents Rev. Martha Louise and William Dobbins<br>of Evanston, IL. and was the third of three children. At the tender age of three, Martha later developed<br>spinal meningitis. This also resulted in her becoming deaf and mute; and  |                      |  |  |  |
|               | WHEREAS, Martha attended a residential school for the hearing impaired in Jacksonville, IL. until the 6th grade when she returned home to Evanston; and   |                      |  |  |  |
|               | WHEREAS, Martha became active in and was baptized in her mother's church, Church of the Living God, as a child and young adult. She later symbolized her dedication to Jehovah through water baptism becoming a Jehovah's Witness where she was very active in the Kingdom Hall; and  |                      |  |  |  |
|               | WHEREAS, Martha's joy for field service, Bible studies, and sharing Jehovah's word provided time for<br>her to also fellowship with her spiritual brothers and sisters; and   |                      |  |  |  |
|               | WHEREAS, Martha felt pride in her rewarding jobs as a homemaker, a devoted wife, and a loving mother to her four children, she took pride and honor in taking care of her family. As a loving, kind, and caring person she helped to assist anyone that she could. Often, Martha cared for young childre in the neighborhood, and grandchildren; and  |                      |  |  |  |
|               | WHEREAS, Martha becoming a seamstress often created clothing for her children, knitting and crocheting decorations for the home and as gifts for family and friends. Martha also often hosted family dinners and displayed her passion for cooking; and   |                      |  |  |  |
|               | WHEREAS, Martha A. Johnson was preceded in death by her parents, William Dobbins and Rev.<br>Martha L. Dobbins, brother Henry, sister Alice, a stillborn son, and her husband of 45 years, David T.<br>Johnson; and   |                      |  |  |  |
|               | WHEREAS, Martha leaves a host of family to cherish her memory, four children (from her union with<br>David T. Johnson) Bettye Ann Cohns (David), Louise Peakes (Lee), Charonna Johnson, David<br>Johnson Jr., a sister-in-law, Alberta Lee, ten beloved grandchildren, Kaila Hutchen (Terry), David<br>Cohns III (Satoya), Damon Peakes, Leila Peakes, Perry Thomas Sr. (Shavon), Briyanna Briscoe,<br>Danelle (Kenny), Davia Ruff, Kaylyn Clark Johnson, Travareus Jordan, seventeen great-<br>grandchildren, and a host of loving nieces, nephews, and friends; and |                      |  |  |  |
|               | NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County hereby<br>honors Martha Johnson for her contributions to society and a life spent devoted to her faith, family an<br>community; and  |                      |  |  |  |
|               | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED<br>Martha A. Johnson.  | ), that a suitable o | copy of this Resolution be provided to the family of |  |  |

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