



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JAMES ORBIN WORTHINGTON III

WHEREAS, Almighty God in his infinite wisdom has called James Orbin Worthington III from our midst; and

WHEREAS, James Orbin Worthington III was born in Chicago, Illinois on January 29, 1960, to the late James II and Ollye Worthington; and

WHEREAS, as James Orbin Worthington III was affectionally known as “Hollywood”; and

WHEREAS, James was a loyal member of the Prince Hall Masonic Family, his service included: Past Master of Hiram Lodge #14 PHA; Past High Priest St. Luke Chapter#5 HRAM; Past Thrice Illustrious Master-R&S Masters; Past Eminent Commander-Knights templar; Subline Prince32-Western Consistory#28; Arabic Temple#44, Noble; and KYCH; and

WHEREAS, the summer of 2003, James found the love of his life, Dawn Overall at a Masonic event. They married in 2004 and was blessed with two children, daughter Alexis and son James IV (Lil James), whom he was head over hill in love and so proud of his son; and

WHEREAS, when James was a young boy the family converted to Catholicism, he grew up attending St. Dorothy Catholic Church, later moving to Park Forest, Illinois he began attending St. Irenaeus Catholic Church where he was elected Deputy Grand Knight of Nina Council #3602 of the Knights of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, James graduated from De LaSalle Institute in Chicago, attended Illinois State University where he received his Bachelor’s degree in Communication while there he became a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Epsilon Chi Chapter, April 19, 1990 “SS Force”. There he was dubbed “Hollywood”; and

WHEREAS, James completed his Mortuary Science Degree from Malcolm X College, he worked at various funeral homes throughout the Chicagoland area including Gatling Funeral Home and Taylor Funeral Home; and

WHEREAS, on April 13, 1998, James started working for Cook County Juvenile Probation Court Services. Twenty-three years later he was still there until his passing. He was also a co-founder of the program “Sigmas Against Delinquency”, this was a program to help children in the system to choose a different path by bringing in speakers and taking the children on field trips throughout the Chicagoland area; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and many friends of James Orbin Worthington III and join them in their time of sorrow; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to the family of James. Orbin Worthington III that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.