



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN HONOR OF MAMIE E. FREEMAN

WHEREAS, Mamie E. Freeman, currently a resident of Homewood, Illinois, will be celebrating her 85th birthday on Wednesday, November 13, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Freeman is, undoubtedly, a phenomenally wise woman for witnessing and living eighty-five years of history, both her personal history and the history of our community, society and world; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Freeman raised seven children: Ronald, Barbara, Patricia, Delores, Kathy, La Donna and Karen, on the South Side of Chicago in the Englewood neighborhood from the time of the civil rights movement through the late 1970's. All of her children attended and graduated from the Chicago Public Schools systems; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Freeman has fourteen grandchildren and twenty great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, although family has always come first to this lovely, spirited lady, Ms. Freeman found time to serve as President and Secretary of the 70th & Lowe Block Club for many years. That is where she met Barack Obama, during his grassroots efforts to organize the residents of Englewood; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Freeman inherited her spirit for service from her late father, Reverend Johnnie L. McBride, who served as Pastor of Greater Faith Missionary Church, located in Englewood, for more than twenty years. Hewing to his example, two of Ms. Freeman's children chose public service careers; one became a Chicago Public School teacher and another became a Chicago Police officer; and

WHEREAS, today you may find Ms. Freeman relaxing in her favorite lounge chair watching "Dancing with the Stars" or yelling "BINGO" while playing and *winning* her favorite card game.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Toni Preckwinkle, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, do hereby congratulate Mamie E. Freeman on the joyous occasion of her 85th birthday, do thank her for all she continues to contribute to the betterment of Cook County residents, and do wish her many more years of excellent health, prosperity and best of luck in all her future endeavors; and may a copy of this Resolution be tendered herewith.