



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MR. RONALD ‘KWESI’ HARRIS

WHEREAS, Ronald “Kwesi” Harris was born on November 22, 1959, the second eldest of Willie Lee and Jannie Mae Harris’ five children; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harris was a graduate of Simeon High School on the Chicago south side and later received his degree in Child Development and Social Work from Central State University in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, while at Central State University, Mr. Harris became a member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc.; and

WHEREAS, on September 8, 1990, Mr. Harris married his best friend and his “Queen” Donna F. Edgeworth; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, Mr. Harris worked alongside the Illinois Attorney General, other attorney generals from 30 states, grassroots organizations, local public health advocates and hip-hop organization worked against the KOOL cigarettes company to bring down the advertising campaign aimed at young urban population; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harris became the Program Director of the African American Resource Center (AAMRC) at Chicago State University in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harris was a strong advocate in improving the rate of African American males at Universities by making them more efficient and independent learners; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 Mr. Harris began his work with the African American Coalition for Prevention and the State of the Caner Union; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harris was a committed and passionate family man to his wife, daughter, three sons and four grandson; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Cook County shall recognize and honor the life and accomplishments of Mr. Ronald “Kwesi” Harris; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Ronald “Kwesi” Harri.