



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

REMEMBERING AND HONORING THE LIFE OF ELAINE RASBERRY

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom called from our midst Elaine Rasberry on Wednesday, November 25, 2020 at the age of 64; and

WHEREAS, Elaine was born on January 31, 1956 in Chicago, IL to the union of Christine Davis and Leroy Williams; and

WHEREAS, at an early age, Elaine accepted the Lord as her personal savior under the leadership of Pastor Hackline of Chicago, IL, realizing that you find God the moment you realize you don't need to seek him; and

WHEREAS, later Elaine joined the Garden of Prayer Missionary Baptist Church, under the leadership of Pastor Johnnie Haynie; and

WHEREAS, Elaine graduated from Lucy Flower High School in Chicago and subsequently received a business certificate from the Murdock Institute; and

WHEREAS, Elaine always had a passion for children, serving as an associate at Mark's Day Care and a teacher's aide at St. Eulalia Elementary school; and

WHEREAS, most recently, she served as a student monitor for children with special needs at Student First; and

WHEREAS, Elaine was married to Jarvis Houston Sr., and to this union Jarvis Jr., Latrice and Latrina were born, and Elaine later married Eugene and to this union her son Devin was born; and

WHEREAS, Elaine loved her family and her friends, was your favorite cousins' favorite cousin, staying connected to everyone in her extended family including the Davis, Williams, Houston and Rasberry families; and

WHEREAS, Elaine's hobbies included cooking, traveling, watching The Young and the Restless and Tyler Perry movies, eating Red Lobster, posting on Facebook and she loved shopping; Elaine was known for her famous lemon pies and German chocolate cakes, and her brother Calvin traveled miles for a taste of her butter cookies; and

WHEREAS, Elaine always had a deep affection for helping people, serving as the Vice-President of the Van Buren Block Club, where she hosted school supply drives to help poverty-stricken families, and one of her biggest honors was meeting and taking a photo with President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama; and

WHEREAS, Elaine was preceded in death by her parents Christine Davis and Leroy Williams, and was also preceded in death by her brother Calvin Davis and granddaughter Jurzee Hopson; and

WHEREAS, Elaine was loved by all who knew her and leaves to cherish her memories: her husband Eugene Rasberry, her son Jarvis Houston Jr., her daughters Latrice Houston (Giovanni), Latrina Houston (Jeff) and son Devin Rasberry (Diana), sister Tarnesha Hawkins (Stanley), sister Lawana Davis, eight grandchildren (Giovanni Jr, Gialin, Amerika, Burnee, Amina, Gili, Ezekiel, Jaylen) and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby offer its deepest condolences and heartfelt sympathy to the family and loved ones of Elaine Rasberry; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and a suitable copy be presented to the family of Elaine Rasberry so that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.