



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION IN HONOR EVANGELIST SAMMIE M. TURNER

WHEREAS, Evangelist Sammie M. Turner was born in Shaw, Mississippi, on September 4, 1936, to the union of Queen Victoria Sellas and Willie Apperton, and was the second of three children; and

WHEREAS, Evangelist Turner's mother, father, brother, Willie Jr, and sister, Josephine, all preceded her in death, as well as her husband, Walter C. Turner Jr, and one child Clinton; and

WHEREAS, Evangelist Turner's career was marked by dedication and service. She worked for and retired from the City of Chicago Park District, where she rose to the position of Supervisor and Director of Senior Citizens at Seward Park. Her educational journey was equally impressive, having received her education at McEvans Elementary and High School in Shaw, Mississippi, and later continuing her studies at Loop Junior College and Moody Bible Institute. Her thirst for knowledge led her to earn a Bachelor's Degree of Theology in Religious Education at GMOR International Institute of America in August 2003; and

WHEREAS, Evangelist Turner's faith was a cornerstone of her life. She professed her hope in Christ at the tender age of twelve and was baptized at the Parker Chapel A.M.E. Church. Her move to Chicago did not deter her from her spiritual path, as she immediately found a church home at the Stranger Home M.B. Church. In 1959, she transferred her membership to Union M.B. Church, where she continued to serve and grow in her faith; and

WHEREAS, Evangelist Turner's served with the Missions, visiting Nursing Homes, prisons, and those in need, and became a First Lady at Greater Faith M.B. Church in 1984, where she continued working with the Missions and getting the ladies of Greater Faith involved; and

WHEREAS, Evangelist Turner's missionary work was a testament to her selflessness and dedication. After the retirement of her husband as a pastor, she felt a calling to continue serving. After much prayer and fasting, she found her new spiritual home at New Spiritual Light M.B. Church, under the leadership of her son, Rev, Dr. Walter P. Turner III. Her missionary work was not just a title, but a reflection of her heart. She served as a Field Mission Worker, a Bible Teacher for the State and District, and held various leadership positions, including President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Baptist Wives of Chicago Vicinity; and

WHEREAS, Evangelist Turner leaves behind her legacy of her loving and devoted children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, friends, and many more who have taken her for their Mom and Mentor; and

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, BILL LOWRY, COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF THE 3rd DISTRICT, AND TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER, that take this opportunity to honor the life and legacy of Evangelist Sammie Turner, a devoted wife, mother, and missionary, who lived a life of service to the Lord and others. We give thanks for her many contributions to the church and the community, and we will continue to honor her memory by following in her footsteps, spreading the gospel, and serving those in need.; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE MEMBERS OF THIS BODY, we express our deepest condolences to Evangelist Turner's family and loved ones and offer our sincere gratitude for her many years of service to

her community. We give thanks for her many contributions to the church and the community, and we solemnly pledge to honor her memory by steadfastly following in her footsteps, spreading the gospel, and serving those in need; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution will be presented to the family of Evangelist Sammie M. Turner. We offer our sincere gratitude for her many years of service to her community.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED: a copy of this Resolution will be filed within the Office of Cook County Commissioner Bill Lowry 3rd. District.