



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE OF QUINTONIO LEGRIER

WHEREAS, on December 26, 2015, Quintonio LeGrier, an African American teenager, was tragically taken from his loved ones too soon as the result of a police-involved shooting; and,

WHEREAS, Quintonio LeGrier was born in Chicago, Illinois on April 29, 1996 to Janet M. Cooksey and Antonio LeGrier; and,

WHEREAS, Quintonio LeGrier, despite facing obstacles and challenges during his childhood through no fault of his own, was predicted to become a success story by those who knew him closely; and,

WHEREAS, Quintonio LeGrier attended and graduated from Gwendolyn Brooks College Prep in 2013. Quintonio remained a straight A student throughout his years there and was regarded as a nice boy who kept his head in the books; and,

WHEREAS, Quintonio LeGrier played baseball while in high school. His love for this sport birthed a love of running which led him to participate in running the Chicago Marathon in 2013 to raise money to help bring clean drinking water to children in Africa; and,

WHEREAS, Quintonio LeGrier began attending Northern Illinois University in the fall of 2014, where he would study electrical engineering and was excelling academically; and,

WHEREAS, Quintonio LeGrier was a young man with a good heart who was winning the battle to escape the often bleak future that so many other poor and vulnerable Cook County Citizens face; and,

WHEREAS, the circumstances of Quintonio LeGrier's untimely death have sparked a difficult but necessary conversation about the use of force by Chicago police officers and the need for clear de-escalation procedures during crisis interventions by police officers generally;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners honor the life of Quintonio LeGrier and extend deepest sympathies and condolences to his family and friends.