



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE OF IBERIA HAMPTON

WHEREAS, almighty God in his infinite wisdom, called civil rights champion Iberia Hampton from our midst on October 17, 2016 at the age of 95; and,

WHEREAS, Iberia Hampton moved, with her husband Francis, from Haynesville, Louisiana as part of the Great Migration in the 1930s, to Argo, Illinois, and then to Blue Island, Illinois, finally settling in Maywood, Illinois in 1958; and,

WHEREAS, Iberia Hampton and her husband Francis raised three children, Delores, Fred and William in the Village of Maywood; and,

WHEREAS, Iberia Hampton was a longstanding figure in Chicago's civil rights arena; and,

WHEREAS, Iberia Hampton's son Fred was a renowned civil rights activist who inspired generations of community activists to create change; and,

WHEREAS, following her son Fred's tragic murder in 1969, Iberia Hampton courageously and persistently continued her fight to preserve her son's memory and advance the cause of equality in her community and beyond; and,

WHEREAS, Iberia Hampton fought to preserve her son's memory and advocated for equality tirelessly her entire life; and,

WHEREAS, the legacy of Iberia Hampton to the Maywood community, the 1st District of Cook County, Chicago, Illinois and the nation is to be honored, celebrated and studied;

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