



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING THE LIFE OF BETTIE RUTH JONES**

**WHEREAS**, on December 26, 2015, Bettie Ruth Jones, a resident of West Garfield Park, lost her life as the result of a shooting by Chicago police officers that targeted another individual who resided in the same apartment building as her; and,

**WHEREAS**, Bettie Ruth Jones was born in Memphis, Tennessee on April 10, 1960; and,

**WHEREAS**, Bettie Jones was a devoted mother of five children, LaTasha, LaToya, Anthony, LaTish, and LaTonya, as well as a committed grandmother. Her children and her grandchildren grieve her sudden loss deeply; and,

**WHEREAS**, Bettie Jones was an African American woman, committed to her community and unafraid to speak out on matters related to police brutality, neighborhood violence, and workers' rights; and,

**WHEREAS**, Bettie Jones served her community as a beloved local crossing guard; and,

**WHEREAS**, Bettie Jones was a valued employee and a beloved co-worker at the Alpha Baking Company in Chicago; and,

**WHEREAS**, Bettie Jones attended many vigils for people killed in street violence and mourned every loss alongside her neighbors, only to lose her own life as the result of an act of senseless violence; and,

**WHEREAS**, the life of Bettie Jones mattered, and the tragic circumstances of her death must inspire a renewed commitment in all public officials to work for a safer, more just society;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners honor the life of Bettie Jones and extend our deepest sympathies and condolences to her family and friends.