



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

BISHOP FORD, 100TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, Bishop Louis Henry Ford was a beloved civic and spiritual leader in Cook County, born May 23, 1914, in Clarksdale, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Louis Henry Ford came to Chicago in 1932, and soon founded St. Paul Church of God In Christ; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Louis Henry Ford owned and lived in Clarke House, Chicago's oldest home, and is credited with saving the historic structure for future generations to appreciate; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Louis Henry Ford was an early leader in the fight for equal rights, access to jobs, and economic justice; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Louis Henry Ford was a trusted spiritual advisor to Mamie Till Moseley, mother of Emmett Till; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Louis Henry Ford became a Presiding Bishop of the Church of God In Christ in 1990, a key leadership role in the largest African-American Pentecostal denomination with over 9 million members worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Louis Henry Ford was an avid golfer, and is credited with saving the former Pipe O' Peace Golf Course and re-naming it for champion boxer Joe Lewis; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Louis Henry Ford was named one of the top 100 African-American leaders by Ebony Magazine; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Louis Henry Ford was invited to visit the White House by President William Jefferson Clinton, where he enjoyed an overnight stay in the Lincoln Room; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Louis Henry Ford leaves a legacy of leadership and service to the people of Cook County that will long be remembered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby offer due tribute to the remarkable life of this outstanding spiritual leader on the anniversary of his birth May 17, 100 years ago, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of same be tendered to the family of Bishop Louis Henry Ford in appreciation for his life's work on behalf of the people of Cook County.