



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **IN MEMORY OF HARRY PHILLIP FERGUSON, JR.**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Harry Phillip Ferguson, Jr. from our midst; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Ferguson was the beloved son of Harry and Ethel Ferguson; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Ferguson accepted Christ at an early age. Later in life, he directed his faith as a deacon at Rock of Ages and then after moving to Flossmoor; Mr. Ferguson adopted New Faith Baptist Church International as his church home; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Ferguson attended Congress Park Grade school and while in 5<sup>th</sup> grade met a classmate who would later become his lifelong partner, Anna May Romanski; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Ferguson attended and graduated from Lyons Township High School in LaGrange; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Ferguson followed in his father's example and was also a good baseball player who played first base. Additionally, he ran cross-country and was a football player; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Ferguson studied agriculture for two years at the University of Illinois and eventually enrolled in several technical schools for television, radio repair, and various courses in maintenance and operation of mechanical equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Ferguson later married Anna May Romanski on April 10, 1954, beginning a lifelong relationship that produced three children; Janine Karolyn Marshall of LaGrange, Illinois, Harry Phillip Ferguson III of Aurora, Illinois and Dr. Robin Leigh Ferguson of Chicago, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Ferguson was extremely loving and proud of his three children; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Ferguson, after many years, established Ferguson's Systems, a minority owned business that specialized in metal fabrication. His unique skill set developed over many years was the perfect fit for running a metal fabrication company that specialized in plant equipment and the repair of tractor trailers; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Ferguson's civic life centered around his association with the NAACP, serving as President and many years as a board member. Additionally, the major achievement of the NAACP during this period was the elimination of the "redlining" practices that existed in LaGrange, thus providing equal housing; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Ferguson was also active in Boy Scouts and a member of the LaGrange Community Memorial Hospital Board; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Ferguson has left precious and fond memories with; children Janine Karolyn Marshal, Harry Phillip Ferguson III and Robin Leigh Ferguson; grandchildren Jordon Alex Thornton-Marshall, Harry Phillip Ferguson IV, Brett Anthony Ferguson, Jarrett O.D. Ferguson, Jalen Alan Woods, and Justin Alexander Woods; Brother Michael Ferguson; Sister Phyllis Sublett; Brother in Law Mitchell Stevens; Sister in Law Mattie Stevens; Brother in Law Lefloren Topps; a

host of loving nephews and nieces and loving friend Dorothy Williams. In short, Mr. Ferguson was respected and greatly appreciated by many.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and Board of Commissioners of Cook County do hereby offer their deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family an many friends of Harry Phillip Ferguson, Jr., and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss.

**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 Harry Phillip Ferguson, Jr. that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.