



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE REVEREND STEPHEN E. RICHARDSON ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 25TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, the Reverend Stephen E. Richardson is the Senior Pastor of Jordan Temple Baptist Church in Hillside, and

WHEREAS, before entering the ministry, Pastor Richardson held several positions in the private financial sector, and

WHEREAS, Pastor Richardson was the initial Property Manager for the center of the Chicago Public Library System, named after Mayor Harold Washington, and

WHEREAS, Pastor Richardson and his beloved wife, Cynthia, created their own business that provided maintenance services to Downtown buildings and O'Hare Airport in addition to another business that built residential and commercial buildings across Cook County, and

WHEREAS, in 1993, Pastor Richardson succeeded his father in law, the Reverend Willie F. Jordan, Sr., in the Pastorate of Jordan Temple, and

WHEREAS, beginning in 1996 Pastor Richardson and his wife closed a portion of their businesses to better serve their church community, and

WHEREAS, Pastor Richardson was diagnosed in 1996 with a disease that mandated two heart transplants and a kidney transplant, and

WHEREAS, since those transplants, the Pastor has become a vocal advocate for organ donation, and

WHEREAS, Pastor Richardson's life exemplifies Psalm 34:19, which says Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all, and

WHEREAS, this year marked the 25th anniversary that God has blessed Pastor Richardson with the honor to serve Jordan Temple, and

WHEREAS, beyond serving his church community, Pastor Richardson and Lady Richardson have been married 37 years and raised three children.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Board of Commissioners that the Reverend Stephen E. Richardson is honored on the occasion of his 25th anniversary leading Jordan Temple Baptist Church.