



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN MEMORY OF HELEN SMILEY DAWKINS

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom has called Helen Smiley Dawkins from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Helen leaves to cherish her memory her beloved daughter Shirley Robertson, son Reverend Dr. James H. Dawkins, four grandchildren, Myron, Jeffrey, Donnie and Helen, eight great- grandchildren and two great -great - grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Helen Smiley Dawkins was born on December 17, 1915 in Montgomery Alabama to the late Charles and Eliza Murdock Smiley; and

WHEREAS, Helen accepted Christ at the age of eight and was baptized by the Reverend C.H. Reddick in the membership of Beulah Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, moving with her family to Chicago as a young woman she met and married James P. Dawkins who was her husband and friend for thirty-nine years; and

WHEREAS, for many years Beth Eden Baptist Church was Helen's church home; and

WHEREAS, on January 13, 1985 Sister Helen became a Charter member of Salem Baptist Church of Chicago, House of Hope, under the Founder and Leadership of Pastor James Trent Meeks who is also her Spiritual Son; and

WHEREAS, Helen was an active Sunday school teacher for thirty-two years, from 1960-1992 and was actively involved in Child Evangelism for many years. She was also an Usher-Door-Keeper for over forty years and President Emeritus of the South End Zone, Past State Chaplain of Illinois and additionally Past State Education Chairman. She was elected Leader of Salem Altar Guild in 1985 and was Mother of Salem House of Hope.

WHEREAS, Helen Smiley Dawkins loved her family. She was loving, charming, and a sincere individual who took the time to share with everyone especially her supportive Salem family.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I Cook County President Toni Preckwinkle, and the Board of Commissioners of Cook County do, do hereby offer our deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family of Helen Smiley Dawkins.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to the family of Helen Smiley Dawkins and a copy be spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body.