



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### PROPOSED RESOLUTION

#### **A RESOLUTION OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONGRATULATING APOSTLE DONALD L. ALFORD ON THE CELEBRATION OF THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF PROGRESSIVE LIFE-GIVING WORD CATHEDRAL**

**WHEREAS**, Progressive Life-Giving Word Cathedral started in 1924 as a small residential prayer group. In 1925, Bishop William Roberts organized Church of God in Christ, which became the first church in Maywood, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, under Pastor James B. Alford's leadership, the church was incorporated in 1947. When Papa Alford saw that the church building was leaning, God gave him a vision of "progress." Thus the church name became Progressive Church of God in Christ. During renovations, the members added a basement to the structure, and propped the building up so that it stood straight; and

**WHEREAS**, Progressive had its first live radio broadcast in 1948, and began their Sunday Night broadcast on station WMAQ in the 1950's. Minister Donald Alford became the Minister of Music in 1975. God granted Minister Donald Alford the gift to write songs-making him the first ever song writer from the ministry; and

**WHEREAS**, on Sunday, August 28, 1983, Papa Alford's work was completed and God called him home. God in His infinite wisdom had a plan. Papa Alford's youngest son, Donald L. Alford, was appointed as Pastor of Progressive Church of God in Christ by Bishop William Haven Bonner, Jurisdictional Prelate of the 6th Jurisdiction of Illinois of the Church of God In Christ, on September 4, 1983. Elder Alford was subsequently installed as Pastor on October 30, 1983; and

**WHEREAS**, the name Progressive Ministries was adopted in 1989 as an alternate name for the ministry, and the church withdrew from the Church of God in Christ organization on July 18, 1989. In January, 1990 the Lord spoke and directed the church to be renamed "Progressive Life-Giving Word Cathedral". The scripture foundation being John 6:63 "...for the words I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." As God gives grace, Apostle Donald L. Alford and Pastor Gloria along with the Progressive Family continue the legacy that "Papa" left;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners that Apostle Donald L. Alford is to be congratulated on the achievement of the 90th Anniversary of Progressive Life-Giving Word Cathedral, and that the sincere appreciation of the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners is to be extended to Apostle Donald L. Alford for his service to his Church and to the wider community.