



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING THE LIFE OF DORIS FORD**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom called from our midst Doris Ford, on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at the age of 83; and

**WHEREAS**, Doris Ford, was the beloved wife of Edward Ford, and she passed in their Jackson Park Highlands home in the arms of her husband on their 65th wedding anniversary; and

**WHEREAS**, Doris was born on a farm in Opelika, Alabama, to a family of eight children, and received her early formal education and religious instruction there, before migrating to Chicago with her mother and younger brother when she was 9 years old; and

**WHEREAS**, the family settled in the newly integrated Park Manor community, and Doris graduated from Parker High School in 1958; and

**WHEREAS**, she and her husband eventually met at the Grand Ballroom at 6351 S. Cottage Grove Avenue at a dance, "It was love at first sight," remarked Mr. Ford, and they were married on April 17, 1959; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Ford helped her husband establish and run the only African American-owned jeweler shop on Chicago's Jewelers Row District on Wabash Avenue for 50 years-"Edward Ford Creative Jewelers", at 5 South Wabash Avenue; "She was my right hand," noted Mr. Ford; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the jeweler shop, the couple became very active in civic and religious affairs, as lifelong members of St. Philip Neri Catholic Church (St. Josephine Bakhita) and Doris was known for her graciousness; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Ford's legacy and memories will live on in her cherished husband Edward, her daughters Yvette Charisse Ford-Lovely and Alanna Joi Ford, her grandchildren Krystn and Kyra Lovely and Britain West, and extended family and friends. She will truly be missed by all;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby offer their deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and many friends of Mrs. Doris Ford and honor her life as a distinguished member of the community; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and a suitable copy be presented to the family of Mrs. Doris Ford so that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.