



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **CELEBRATING BENJAMIN GAINES ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY**

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners are proud to celebrate Benjamin Franklin Gaines, an esteemed Cook County 13th District resident, on the occasion of the celebration of his 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday on December 10, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, Benjamin Gaines was born in Ohio on December 10, 1922; and

**WHEREAS**, Benjamin Gaines comes from a close knit family with a late wife, Lydia and two sons, Michael and Benjamin; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1959, Benjamin Gaines built a home in Evanston despite redlining practices happening in Evanston and Skokie; and

**WHEREAS**, Benjamin Gaines worked as a Pullman Porter for over 10 years; and

**WHEREAS**, he worked in the 13<sup>th</sup> District as an employee of the United States Postal Service for over 10 years at the Evanston Post Office; and

**WHEREAS**, he worked as the Head Chef for The Associates Financial Group for over 10 years including events at Notre Dame Football games and at the Chicago Bears Solider Field Sky Box ; and

**WHEREAS**, Benjamin Gaines was one of the first members of his community to host an international and interracial student exchange in the late 1970s with a family in Sweden through the YMCA; and

**WHEREAS**, his passion for jazz is unmatched and has included his family members by taking them to various performances; and

**WHEREAS**, Benjamin Gaines loved to travel and prioritized showing his family different parts of the world through many family vacations; and

**WHEREAS**, Benjamin Gaines has demonstrated hard work and a dedication to his family and community; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners joins with his family and friends in extending our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to Benjamin Gaines on his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday; that we commend him on achieving a long and fulfilling life and enriching the lives of everyone he has come into contact with him; and we wish continued happiness and good health in the future.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the text of this resolution be spread across the journal of proceedings of this honorable body and that a suitable copy hereof be presented to Benjamin Gaines and his family as a token of our true admiration for him.