



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Chicago, IL

Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING EUGENE F. SCOTT

WHEREAS, Colonel Eugene Frederick Scott was born October 14, 1939 in Miami Florida; and
WHEREAS, Colonel Eugene F. Scott was raised in Chicago and attended A.D. Sexton Elementary School and Englewood High School where he was a sharpshooter in the ROTC; and
WHEREAS, Colonel Eugene F. Scott graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in Miami, Florida in 1957; and
WHEREAS, Colonel Eugene F. Scott continued in ROTC in Florida A&M University where he graduated with a B.A. in political science in 1961, and in 1962 he entered the United States Army as a Second Lieutenant; and
WHEREAS, Colonel Eugene F. Scott served in the U.S. Army from 1962-1990 retiring as a Post Commander for two major U.S. Army installations and earning numerous awards and decorations, including the Legion of Merit, Combat Infantryman Badge and two Bronze Stars, among other; and
WHEREAS, Colonel Eugene F. Scott joined Sengstacke Enterprises in 1991 as executive assistant to John H.H. Sengstacke, managed the company's five newspapers for more than ten years and served as general manager and publisher of the Chicago Daily Defender; and
WHEREAS, Colonel Eugene F. Scott assumed full duties and responsibilities of the Chicago Defender Charities in 2003 as president and Chairman of the board of the Bud Billiken Parade, the nation's largest back-to-school parade; and
WHEREAS, it is with great pride that Colonel Eugene F. Scott, President of the Chicago Defender Charities has participated in the Parade since his youth; and
WHEREAS, Colonel Eugene F. Scott and his wife, Beverly, a former Chicago Defender columnist, worked together to revitalize the Bud Billiken Parade; and the Bud Billiken Scholars and Sustainable Futures program has generated \$1.5 million for educational financial assistance; and
WHEREAS, Colonel Eugene F. Scott has served on numerous boards and committees and is a strong advocate for Veterans in Illinois and nationwide, serving as chairman of the National African-American Military Museum and the Illinois Secretary of State's Veterans Advisory Committee among many others.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Toni Preckwinkle, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, do hereby offer my sincere thanks and appreciation to Colonel Eugene F. Scott for his 50 years of service to our country and our communities and, do designate July 1, 2015 to be "Colonel Eugene F. Scott Day" in Cook County.