



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 12TH AS DORIS “DORIE” DAY

WHEREAS, Doris “Dorie” Miller Post 915, The American Legion, Department of Illinois is an organization of wartime veterans who have dedicated themselves to the service of the community, state and nation also dedicated to building a proper monument honoring Nave seaman Doris “Dorie” Miller; and

WHEREAS, Doris “Dorie” Miller was born October 12, 1919 in Waco Texas and on September 16, 1939 he enlisted in the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, Doris Miller attended the Naval Training Station in Norfolk Virginia and was assigned to USS West Virginia, stationed at Peral Harbor, Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, Dorie Miller helped the movement to desegregate the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, during the attack on Pearl Harbor Dorie Miller, pulled a captain and several crewmates to safety under heavy enemy fire; and

WHEREAS, after making sure his fellow sailors were out of harm’s way, Dorie Miller secured an unattended 50-caliber anti-aircraft gun and began firing at Japanese wartime aircrafts. Dorie Miller shot down several enemy plans; and

WHEREAS, for his heroism Dorie Miller was awarded the Navy Cross by Admiral Chester Nimitz; and

WHEREAS, Dorie Miller accepted a request to join the direct marketing effort to raise war bonds desperate military battles and successfully encouraged supports nationwide to contribute; and

WHEREAS, Dorie Miller requested to be transferred back to active duty and was assigned to USS Liscome Bay. The carrier was sunk in the Gilbert Islands; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the Navy Cross, Dorie Miller received the Purple Heart, American Defense Service medal-Fleet Clasp, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign medal and the WWII Victory Medal; and

WHEREAS, in 1973, the Knox-class frigate, USS Miller, was renamed for Doris “Dorie” Miller; and

WHEREAS, Doris “Dorie” Miller Day was celebrated at the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center on June 12, 2019; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize October 12, 2019 as, Doris (Dorie) Miller Day; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board encourages all of its residents to celebrate Doris (Dorie) Miller DDAY and that the text of this resolution be spread across the journal of proceedings of this honorable body.