



# 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 MOURNING THE LOSS AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MILDRED JEAN SYKES**

**WHEREAS**, God, in his infinite wisdom, saw fit to call Mildred Jean Sykes from our midst on April 1, 2016; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mildred Jean Sykes was born November 12, 1933, the third child of the late DeWalt and Orene Reedy in Henderson, Texas; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mildred attended school at Henderson Colored Elementary and High School where she was a member of the drill team, and where she met Robert D. Sykes Sr., who was the “apple of her eye.” To their marriage were born four daughters, a son, and an adopted son; and,

**WHEREAS**, In 1965, Robert and Mildred launched Bob’s Grocery in Maywood, Illinois. Robert and Mildred were known for supporting countless numbers of neighborhood residents by extending a line of credit to them when they were unable to pay for groceries. They believed in instilling a good work ethic in children at an early age; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mildred joined The Second Baptist Church of Maywood under the leadership of the late Pastor Robert Hayden where, during her membership, she faithfully served on the Usher Board, Gospel Chorus, as a sponsor of the Young People’s Choir, as a volunteer with the Food Pantry, on the Produce Committee, and on the Kitchen Committee. The Kitchen Committee was her favorite committee; and,

**WHEREAS**, As the Matriarch of her family and a pillar in her community, Mildred’s greatest passion was serving others. She enjoyed serving her community through her work with The John C. Vaughn Scholarship Fund Cotillion, through her active membership with the Chamber of Commerce, and by simply driving her little blue car around town to transport her friends to the doctor, grocery store, and assist them with their errands and obligations; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mildred was a loving and devoted grandmother to her grandchildren;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners that the sincere condolences of this body are extended to the family and friends of Mildred Jean Sykes; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the sincere appreciation of the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners is to be extended to Mildred Sykes for her service to those she loved and to her community.