



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Resolution Honoring Vater Mae Fite on her 100th Birthday

Whereas Vater Mae Fite was born on September 28, 1914, in Carthage, Texas, to Selma and Marvin Conners; and

Whereas Vater has three siblings: Leon Conners, Herese Buckner, and Inez Jones; and

Whereas Vater matriculated from Longview Elementary and Carthage High School and attended Mount Zion CME Methodist Church where she sang in the choir and taught Sunday school; and

Whereas in 1929 Vater married JC Lilly with whom she had three children. Later Vater and JC migrated to California where Vater worked in the shipyards and then worked as a welder during WWII; and

Whereas Vater later married Mr. Fite, to whom she was happily and briefly married. Upon his death, she joined her children and siblings in Maywood, Illinois; and

Whereas Vater later moved to Chicago where she was employed by the State of Illinois as a caregiver. Vater proudly retired from the state in 1979; and

Whereas Vater temporarily returned to Texas to care for her aging mother who passed at the venerable age of 96; and

Whereas “Gran,” as Vater is affectionately called, is an active participant in the senior community of Oak Park. She became an artist at the age of 65 and her paintings and sculptures displayed throughout Oak Park and Chicago; and

Whereas Vater decided to give music a turn and taught herself to play the violin at the age of 84; and

Whereas Vater and Herese shared the same birthday and lived as bachelorettes in Oak Park until Herese passed away in 2008; and

Whereas Vater is an avid reader and a sports enthusiast. She has followed the career of her great grandson, Evan Turner, who plays in the NBA for the Indiana Pacers; and

Whereas Vater obtained her passport at 97 and proceeded to put it to good use; and

Whereas Vater Mae Fite is a living legacy and the pride and joy of her children: LeRoy, Vater Jo, Billie, and Gloria; her grandchildren: Iris, Darius, Camille (State Representative), Brian, Karen, Jerome, Kevin, and April; and her great grandchildren: Richard, Darius, Evan, Briana, Vince, Briaja, and Brian.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate Vater Mae Fite on her 100th birthday; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Vater Mae Fite.