



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **IN MEMORY OF TAMARA SWORD**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, has taken from our midst Tamara Sword, born into life on September 30, 1982 and born into eternal life on September 22, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, Tamara was the beloved daughter of Andrew Holmes and Ruby Sword: granddaughter of Helen Honey Holmes: great granddaughter of Christina Greer: sister to five sisters: Andrea Holmes, ReAntte Holmes, Kesha Gray, Margaret Sword, DeAngela Sword: sister to five brothers: Thaddeus Holmes, Deion Holmes, Joe Nathan Sword, Darrell Riley, ReShaad Riley: also niece to countless aunts and uncles, cousin to many and friend to numerous; and

**WHEREAS**, Tamara's greatest gift that she leaves to cherish her loving memories and legacy, her five beautiful and precious children: Kierra Sword, Joe Kidd, Jakiera Kidd, Terrell Sword, and Jeremiah Sword; and

**WHEREAS**, Tamara grew up in the Auburn Gresham neighborhood of Chicago, she was a vibrant, loving child who at a very early age created a relationship with Christ; as a child she loved to dance and play basketball; and

**WHEREAS**, Tamara was known as a wonderful mother, who loved and adored her children very much, working very hard to provide for her children's futures: she was a graduate of Bowen High School, and was a manager at a local KFC in Indianapolis, and an active member of Abounding Grace Church of God; On her dining room wall, she had a stencil with the Gandhi saying: "Be the Change That You Wish To See in the World"; and

**WHEREAS**, Tamara's beautiful and precious life was cut short by a senseless act of violence; Tamara, like countless of other innocent victims, was struck by a bullet intended for someone else in a gang related dispute. These cowardly acts of violence deprive children of their parents and parents of their children; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President Toni Preckwinkle, Commissioner Sean M. Morrison and all the Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, do hereby express our deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family as well as to the many friends and loved ones of Tamara Sword; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the text of this resolution be spread across the Journal of these Proceedings and that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to the family of Tamara Sword so that her rich legacy may be so honored and ever cherished.