



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING REV. DR. LEONARD DEVILLE ON HIS 25TH PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY AT ALPHA TEMPLE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Leonard DeVille was born on August 10, 1935 to the late Fadna & Mary DeVille in Okmulgee, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Rev. DeVille married Catherine DeVille and had 4 children, Enrico DeVille (deceased), Marcia Starks, Darryl Pulliam and Kenneth Pulliam, and have 8 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Rev. DeVille is a graduate of Langston University of Oklahoma, Chicago Baptist Institute of Chicago, Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, Gospel Ministers Outreach Theological Seminary/Doctorate of Divinity Degree, McCormick Theological Seminary/MATS Degree, Christian Education Administrative Specialist Instructor and National Baptist Convention, USA Instructor; and

WHEREAS, Rev. DeVille joined Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church in 1955 under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Clay Evans and in 1964 was crowned Deacon at Fellowship M. B. Church and served as Administrative Assistant for the Garage/Bus Ministry; and

WHEREAS, Rev. DeVille was called to preach the Gospel, and he answered that Call on January 4, 1974; and

WHEREAS, Rev. DeVille has possessed numerous leadership roles in various civic and social religious venues including being a former Alderman of the 21st Ward, Chairman for the Community Renewal Society for the Youth, Director of REACH 2010-Alpha Temple, organizer for United Power for Justice, Board Member of United Christian Churches Co-op, Committee Chairman for Boy Scouts of America Pack 3598, former President of the Baptist Ministers Conference of Chicago & Vicinity, member of Operation Push, and many more; and

WHEREAS, Rev. DeVille became Pastor of Alpha Temple Missionary Baptist Church in 1990; and

WHEREAS, since then, Rev. DeVille has demonstrated faithful devotion and determination in his ministry and has attended to the spiritual needs of Alpha Temple M.B. Church and the community, and has worked closely with all the faithful parishioners; and

WHEREAS, Rev. DeVille has fulfilled Alpha Temple M.B.'s mission of winning disciples for Christ in the community, striving to proclaim the good news, and creating a safe gathering space to connect people to Jesus Christ and to each other; and

WHEREAS, Rev. DeVille is a valorous man of God and a living example to all that know him.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate Rev. Dr. Leonard DeVille on his 25th Pastoral Anniversary at Alpha Temple Missionary Baptist Church.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Rev. Dr. Leonard DeVille in honor of this auspicious occasion.

