



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE OF LORRAINE JAKES

WHEREAS, God, in his infinite wisdom, saw fit to call Lorraine Jakes from our midst on October 29, 2015, at the age of 81; and,

WHEREAS, Lorraine Jakes was born in Chicago to Hollis and Lovie Boggus on September 1, 1934; and,

WHEREAS, Lorraine Jakes was the mother of two and enjoyed a career as a pre-school teacher in Chicago; and,

WHEREAS, on June 16, 1957, Lorraine married the "love of her life," Paul L. Jakes, who nicknamed his wife "Sweet Lorraine"; and,

WHEREAS, after a 25-year career in early childhood education, Mrs. Jakes went back to school along with her husband to study Christian education and graduated with a certificate of studies in Christian Education from the Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jakes, an accomplished pianist, played in the Baptist church for nearly 70 years; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jakes gave her life to Christ when she was just 12 years old and began playing for Mount Union Baptist Church, under the pastorate of Rev. Dr. C.W. Jones, at the age of 14. She played the piano at New Tabernacle of Faith for 48 years. The National Baptist Convention honored Mrs. Jakes for her longevity in the musical field; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jakes often shared her musical talents by also playing for church worship services, district associations, the Westside Minister's Conference and the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education where she played before an audience of more than 50,000 people. She also played for the evening radio broadcasts of the Mount Carmel Baptist Church; and,

WHEREAS, Lorraine Jakes leaves to mourn two sons, Rev. Paul Jakes and Rev. Martin Jakes, and a number of friends and relatives;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the deepest condolences of the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners be extended to the family of Lorraine Jakes and that the deepest appreciation of this body be extended for the unique and many contributions of Lorraine Jakes to her community and to Cook County.