



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION HONORING ROSELLA PERRY SMITH

WHEREAS, Rosella Perry Smith was born on September 19, 1935 to the late Maddie and Edward Perry; and

WHEREAS, Edward her father never saw Rosella because he was gravely ill and in isolation when she was an infant; and

WHEREAS, Rosella and her brother Ervin (Maurice) and sister Margaret grew up in the Ida B. Wells housing project on the South-side of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Rosella has fond memories of the community center in the neighborhood where her and the family attended; and

WHEREAS, it was at the community center that her and her friends made stage outfits for a group that Herb Kent "The Cook Gent" had discovered; and

WHEREAS, in 1953 Rosella graduated from Wendell Phillips High School and is a graduate of the Chicago Teacher's College which is known as Chicago State University; and

WHEREAS, in 1960, Rosella married another Wendell Phillips High School Alumnus, James O. Smith. Through that union three children was born; Jamella, Jarel and James known as (Casey) one grand-daughter Kendall; and

WHEREAS, Rosella and her family frequently dined at the finest restaurants, went to many plays, traveled all over the United States and cruises to the Caribbean; and

WHEREAS, Rosella taught in the Chicago Public School system for thirty- seven years. She started teaching at Doolittle Elementary School but spent the majority of her career at Avalon Park Elementary; and

WHEREAS, throughout Rosella's career she received many recognitions including The Golden Apple Award; and

WHEREAS, other activities have included; Sunday School Teacher, Youth and Choir Director at Metropolitan Community Church (now known as Apostolic Community Church); and

WHEREAS, after retiring from teaching Rosella did not slow down at all. She volunteers with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Dusable Museum of African American History and a Docent at the Art Institute of Chicago; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Board of Commissioners of Cook County congratulate Rosella Smith on the occasion of her 80th birthday.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text is spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to Rosella Smith.