



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF PASTOR STEVE NELSON

WHEREAS, Pastor Steve Nelson was born on March 12, 1949, in Chicago, Illinois to parents Columbus Nelson, Sr. and Luella Nelson alongside his eleven brothers and sisters as the second eldest son, and;

WHEREAS, Pastor Nelson attended Loop College and Moody Bible Institute and became licensed to preach in 1978. As he went on to preach, he continued along his path of academic success. In 1996 he received an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity from the Gospel Theological Outreach Ministry in Houston, Texas. He also received an Honorary Doctorate of Theology in Religious Education, and an Honorary Doctorate of Ministry in Preaching and Pastoral Administration from the Agape Ministry Theological Institute in Chicago, IL, and;

WHEREAS, In March 1989 Pastor Nelson became the pastor of Garden of Prayer M.B. Church in Maywood, Illinois until he was officially elected pastor of Christian Love M. B Church in Chicago, in December of 1991, and;

WHEREAS, An avid singer, Pastor Nelson recorded a record in 1994 called "I Need Your Spirit" which earned an AARC Award for "Traditional Male Vocalist of the Year" and "Traditional Choir of the Year" in 1999, and;

WHEREAS, Pastor Nelson was committed to his community and enjoyed taking the message to the masses. He established and supported numerous charitable affairs in Christian Love's neighboring areas and greatly contributed to the growth of the congregation, and;

WHEREAS, Much as he sacrificed his time for ministry, he never wavered when it came to his sacrificial love for his children. He traded his life to be in paradise as he desired. However, he left a lifetime of memories and moral standards to live by for his children, who will carry on his legacy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners, that the life of Pastor Steve Nelson is to be celebrated by all, and that the sincere gratitude of the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners is to be extended to the family and friends of Pastor Steve Nelson for his service to his congregation and the wider community.