



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **CELEBRATING THE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF UNITED BAPTIST CHURCH**

**WHEREAS**, On Saturday, June 25, 2016, United Baptist Church celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a Banner Dedication and Prayer Gathering of providing services to the North Lawndale Community; and

**WHEREAS**, Organized by Rev. Clarence Jones on June 12, 1966 who met with a band of seventy believers that came together for a common cause, which was to worship and met at 4205 W. Harrison Street; the members later secured a permanent place to worship at 4218-20 West Roosevelt Road; and

**WHEREAS**, a child planted the name “United” in the mind of Rev. Jones and the membership voted unanimously to accept the name United Baptist Church on July 24, 1966; and

**WHEREAS**, United’s membership continued to increase under Reverend Jones and by 1974 it had grown to approximately 250 members; and

**WHEREAS**, On April 28, 1974, Reverend Wilson Daniels became the Pastor of United and has served for 42 years with exemplary leadership, his motto being “Serving God Through Serving Humanity”; and

**WHEREAS**, Under the leadership of Reverend Daniels, United Baptist Church has seen significant growth in its membership; and

**WHEREAS**, United Baptist Church provides weekly food giveaways which feeds more than 10,000 people annually. In addition established a weekly clothing give away in the church’s parking lot, provides several impactful services such as: Job training ; Substance Abuse Intervention ,and Ex-Offender and Anger Management Programs; and

**WHEREAS**, United Baptist Church also offers a computer Training Center, a Juvenile Justice Program for teens, provides scholarship opportunities for students to continue their pursuit of higher education and assisted in the building of over 75 homes for low income and 1<sup>st</sup> time home owners in Lawndale; and

**WHEREAS**, On June 8, 1996 Roosevelt Road was renamed, “United Baptist Church Road” beginning at Karlov (on the east) to Cicero Avenue (on the west); and

**WHEREAS**, United Baptist Church is a true beacon of hope for the community it has served for 50 years.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President of the Board along with the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate Reverend Wilson Daniels and United Baptist Church on the occasion of its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and for the important and commendable service and leadership it provides to its congregation and surrounding community.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a suitable copy of this resolution be spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body and a ceremonial copy be given to Reverend Wilson Daniels in commemoration of this auspicious occasion