



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF BISHOP CLAUDE PORTER

WHEREAS, Bishop Dr. Claude Porter, the seventh child of the late James and Corean Porter, was born on January 21, 1937, in Memphis Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Dr. Porter answered the call to ministry in 1960 under the late A.R. Williams of Greater White Stone Missionary Baptist Church in Memphis, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, after moving to Chicago in 1960, Bishop Dr. Porter was ordained and became Assistant Pastor of Greater Progressive Missionary Baptist Church in 1965; and

WHEREAS, in 1972, Bishop Dr. Porter founded and became pastor of Proviso Missionary Baptist Church in Maywood, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, on August 25, 2005, Dr. Porter was consecrated and installed as Bishop of Proviso Missionary Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, in 1968 Bishop Dr. Porter became a community organizer through Uplift Community Service Center by helping to organize the West Suburban Organization for Welfare Rights; and

WHEREAS, he also founded the Proviso-Leyden Council for Community Action, Inc. (PLCCA, Inc.) and became President and CEO of the organization in 1975; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Dr. Porter has received an innumerable amount of awards for his work in the community; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Dr. Porter is married to Earnestine Porter and together they have raised three children: the late Debra Ann Strickland; Beverly Smith; and Claudette Harrell. They are also the proud grandparents of eight grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2016, Dr. Bishop Porter retired after 44 years of pastoring, and now serves as Founder and Overseer of Proviso Missionary Baptist Church.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, do extend their most heartfelt congratulations to Bishop Dr. Claude Porter on the occasion of his retirement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to

Dr. Bishop Claude Porter as a means of communicating our thanks for all of the work he has done to improve life for the citizens of Cook County.