



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING FR. GEORGE H. CLEMENTS 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY IN THE PRIESTHOOD**

**WHEREAS**, it has come to the attention of the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Fr. George H. Clements is celebrating 60 years of service as a priest in the Roman Catholic Church; and

**WHEREAS**, Fr. George H. Clements was born in Chicago, Illinois on January 26, 1932; and

**WHEREAS**, Fr. George H. Clements attended Corpus Christi Elementary School in Chicago and became the first African American graduate from Chicago's Quigley Academy Seminary in 1945; and

**WHEREAS**, Fr. George H. Clements earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sacred Theology and a Master of Arts degree in Philosophy from St. Mary of the Lake Seminary; and

**WHEREAS**, Fr. George H. Clements was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago on May 3, 1957 by Cardinal Samuel Stritch; and

**WHEREAS**, Fr. George H. Clements became pastor of Holy Angels Church in Chicago in 1969; and

**WHEREAS**, Fr. George H. Clements has been an active advocate for social justice issues and marched with the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr in Selma, Alabama; and

**WHEREAS**, Fr. George H. Clements originated the one church-one child program in the 1980's which utilized churches to find adoptive parents for African American children in need; and

**WHEREAS**, Fr. George H. Clements started the one church-one addict program in Washington D.C. in the 1990's to assist recovering drug addicts through counseling and spiritual consolation; and

**WHEREAS**, Fr. George H. Clements started the one church-one inmate program in 1999 to facilitate the transition of inmates from incarcerated life to life as productive and law-abiding citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, Fr. George H. Clements is the proud father of four adopted children: Joey, Friday, Stewart and Saint Anthony; and

**WHEREAS**, the hard work and dedication of Fr. George H. Clements has helped numerous individuals and children become thriving and productive members of society; therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby extend its warmest wishes and congratulations to Fr. George H. Clements on the occasion of his 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the priesthood, and join all who have had the pleasure of his friendship in wishing him still more years of good health and richly deserved happiness, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and an official copy of same be presented to Fr. George H. Clements to commemorate this joyous occasion.

**This item was deferred at the 5/9/2017 Board meeting.**