



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street
Chicago, IL

Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF DR. DONALD MARION PEDRO

WHEREAS, Donald Marion Pedro was born July 7, 1929 in Manhattan, New York to George and Georgie Pedro; and

WHEREAS, Donald completed his undergraduate degree in 1951 at Lincoln University in Pennsylvania and graduated from Howard University Medical in 1955; and

WHEREAS, While attending medical school Donald met and married Dolores Massey which was blessed with three children; and

WHEREAS, Donald M. Pedro, M.D. received an honorable discharge after serving in the U.S. Army in the 82nd Medical Company - 82nd Airborne Division in Ft. Bragg, North Carolina from 1957 until 1959; and

WHEREAS, He returned to Illinois and established his practice under the name of The Morgan Park Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pedro was a constant and faithful contributor to the Morgan Park Community as well as a supporter of the Jackie Robinson West Little League and its annual parade; the annual Phoebe's Place Health Fair at the Maple Park United Methodist Church and the Gatling's Chapel Annual Fest ; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pedro was an active member of the Midwest Bridge Unit, he served as president and was honored in 2005 with the organization's highest recognition for outstanding service, The Life Membership Award; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pedro was the only physician in the greater Chicagoland area to continue the service of making house calls long after the service was assumed obsolete; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pedro steadfast dedication to serving others is depicted throughout his career. Illinois Senate Democratic Leader, Emil Jones, Jr. appointed him to serve as a member of the Electoral College for the 1996 and 2000 Presidential election. In October 2000, 111th and Halsted Street was named "Dr. Donald M. Pedro Way" in recognition of his dedication to the community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pedro retired and left his practice in March 2008. At that time, when asked what advice he would give to the doctors of today and tomorrow, he responded, "You have to like people... if you don't like people - get another job; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board President and the members of the Board of Commissioners would like to extend their deepest condolences, and heartfelt sorrow at the passing of Dr. Donald Marion Pedro; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Cook County Board President and the Board of Commissioners shall recognize and honor Dr. Donald Marion Pedro in celebration of his life, accomplishments, and commitment to the citizens of Chicago; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings and the Cook County Clerk is

hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the family of Dr. Donald Marion Pedro.

Item 17-3699 was deferred at the 6/6/2017 County Board Meeting.