



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE OF JAMES WILLIAM MEEKS

WHEREAS, on December 24, 2017, Almighty God in His Infinite wisdom called James William Meeks from our midst; and

WHEREAS, On January 1, 1927, James William Meeks was born in Carrolton, Mississippi to the union of Annie and Charlie Meeks, to this union he was the oldest of three boys; and

WHEREAS, James William Meeks had little formal education he was the jack-of-all trades, could fix almost anything and always had an extremely rigorous work ethic; and

WHEREAS, James William Meeks married Esther Mae Smith on May 16, 1947 at the courthouse in Grenada, Mississippi on their lunch breaks where he was a short order cook and Esther was a maid at a hotel; and

WHEREAS, their Seventy year union four children were born; Annie Lou, William Charles, Delores and James Trent; and

WHEREAS, in 1952 James and Esther moved to Chicago, Illinois to provide a better life for their growing family; and

WHEREAS, James worked briefly for his uncle before getting a job at Kentile Flooring where he was dedicated employee for forty years from 1952 to 1992; and

WHEREAS, James William Meeks and Esther was always dedicated to serving in the church, they joined Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in 1953 where he became a deacon on 1957; and

WHEREAS, James William Meeks remained at Shiloh until January 20, 1985 when he joined Salem Baptist Church under the Pastorate of his youngest son Pastor James Trent Meeks; and

WHEREAS, at Salem, Deacon Meeks was involved as anyone could be serving on the deacon board, being in the men's choir, and attending Sunday school regularly. Deacon Meeks or "Daddy Meeks" as he was affectionately called by most, was loved by everyone and will mostly be remembered for his heartfelt prayers and spontaneously leading worship from his seat.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family of James William Meeks and joins them in sorrow at their time of loss.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of the Resolution be tendered to the family of James William Meeks and a copy of the same be tendered to the auspicious body.