



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

GREGORY BATES HART, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, God in His Infinite wisdom has called Gregory Bates Hart from our midst on March 9th, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Gregory Bates Hart was born on September 1, 1950 to James and Jimmy-Lee Henderson. He was the eldest of six brothers. Gregory and his family grew up in the Ida B. Wells Darrow Homes and was known as the “undercover gentleman”. He was tough on the outside but he had a heart of gold.

WHEREAS, Gregory learned to sew from his grandmother who was a professional seamstress, he also excepted Jesus Christ at an early age and was a faithful servant; and

WHEREAS, Gregory was a football player at Wendell Phillips High School, sporting #77 on the award-winning team, and dominating his position as a defensive lineman; he also was as a skilled negotiator and peace maker on and off the field. He fathered his eldest son Darren and continued in school graduating and attending college; and

WHEREAS, in 1974 Gregory married his high school sweetheart, Paulette, the love of his life and best friend, to this union they were blessed with three children Nikkida, Gregory Jr. and Jameel. Greg loved all of his children, grandchildren and children he raised and mentored dearly; and

WHEREAS, Gregory was a truly a family man, he touched the lives of all who knew him through his kindness, generosity, and vivacious spirit; and

WHEREAS, IN 1975, Gregory joined the Pembrock Rough Riders, a club of African American men who created a rodeo. He managed the Rodeo for over 15 years, which afforded thousands of people of all ages to experience a spectacular event that highlighted the skills of African American Urban Cowboys; and

WHEREAS, Gregory worked for the City of Chicago Police Department as a detention office. Later employed with the Chicago Housing Authority as a stationary engineer. Gregory was a dedicated, hardworking employee and loyal member of Local 1 and Local 399 until his retirement in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Gregory continued giving back to his community by serving in the youth mentoring program through Cease Fire and was a dedicated donor/mentor at IMPACT Family Center teaching them to develop a good work ethic in his special hilarious style. The Gregory B. Hart Scholarship will be awarded to teens pursuing vocational training. He also enjoyed giving his time in the political arena in the 5th District of Cook Commissioner Deborah Sims and assisting the 34th Ward Alderman/Committeeman Carrie M. Austin with helping the resident in the community.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners, do hereby express their sorrow and heartfelt condolences to the family of Gregory Bates Hart.