



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING NATIONAL MUSEUM OF GOSPEL MUSIC AND DON JACKSON**

**WHEREAS**, the National Museum of Gospel Music is the nation's first museum dedicated to celebrating the impact of the Gospel music industry; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Museum of Gospel Music will be constructed at the former site of the Pilgrim Baptist Church in Chicago's Bronzeville community, the church of its late long-time music director Dr. Thomas Dorsey, who is recognized as the father of Gospel music; and

**WHEREAS**, through the National Museum of Gospel Music, the lives and legacy of Gospel music will be preserved and accessible to the public via a state-of-the art facility; and

**WHEREAS**, Don Jackson is the Founder and Chairman of the National Museum of Gospel Music, and

**WHEREAS**, Don Jackson is the Chief Executive Officer of Central City Productions, Inc., a national television production, sales, and syndication company based in Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, Don Jackson is the founder of the Steller Gospel Music Awards, the first and oldest television awards show honoring Gospel Music Artist for more than 30 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Don Jackson is recognized as a civic leader for his community involvement as the former Board Chairman of the DuSable Museum of African American History and has served on the boards of the Chicago Transit Authority, Columbia College, the Gateway Foundation, Junior Achievement of Chicago, and Northwestern University; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, honor the National Museum of Gospel Music and founder Don Jackson and praise their essential contribution to the cultural viability of Cook County.