



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING THE REVEREND STEPHEN E. RICHARDSON ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**WHEREAS**, the Reverend Stephen E. Richardson is the Senior Pastor of Jordan Temple Baptist Church in Hillside, and

**WHEREAS**, before entering the ministry, Pastor Richardson held several positions in the private financial sector, and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Richardson was the initial Property Manager for the center of the Chicago Public Library System, named after Mayor Harold Washington, and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Richardson and his beloved wife, Cynthia, created their own business that provided maintenance services to Downtown buildings and O'Hare Airport in addition to another business that built residential and commercial buildings across Cook County, and

**WHEREAS**, in 1993, Pastor Richardson succeeded his father in law, the Reverend Willie F. Jordan, Sr., in the Pastorate of Jordan Temple, and

**WHEREAS**, beginning in 1996 Pastor Richardson and his wife closed a portion of their businesses to better serve their church community, and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Richardson was diagnosed in 1996 with a disease that mandated two heart transplants and a kidney transplant, and

**WHEREAS**, since those transplants, the Pastor has become a vocal advocate for organ donation, and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Richardson's life exemplifies Psalm 34:19, which says Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all, and

**WHEREAS**, this year marked the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary that God has blessed Pastor Richardson with the honor to serve Jordan Temple, and

**WHEREAS**, beyond serving his church community, Pastor Richardson and Lady Richardson have been married 37 years and raised three children.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and Board of Commissioners that the Reverend Stephen E. Richardson is honored on the occasion of his 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary leading Jordan Temple Baptist Church.