



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **REMEMBERING DR. WILLIAM J HARDEN**

As the Apostle Paul said so eloquently to his protégé Timothy, “I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth, there is laid for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteousness judge, shall give me at that day; and on not to me only, but on to all that love his appearing.”

**WHEREAS**, God possesses omniscience, who is omnipresent and who is omnipotent summoned the angel, Gabriel to blow his almighty trumpet to welcome home Dr. William J. Harden, from his labor to receive his reward; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. William J Harden, coached countless football players in the Chicago Public Schools (CPS), served as the first African American to be appointed Director of Health, Physical Education and Safety in the City of Chicago and served the Chicago Public School system for approximately 40 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. William J. Harden, enjoyed serving our community as an educator with his love for learning and his quest for higher education, he also enjoyed being a sports announcer during the football season with legendary sportscaster, Bob Greenberg on WBEZ-FM Radio station; and

**WHEREAS**, many of us know excellent educators who work very hard each day to aggrandize and inspire those who are sometimes left behind. Some of us argue it is because of the outdated apparatus, some say it is because of insufficient wages, some say it is because of poor and unsafe working conditions in underprivileged areas, but one thing is certain, it is because our society needs more people like Dr. William J. Harden.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I Bill Lowry, Cook County Commissioner of the 3<sup>rd</sup> District, do hereby stand and solute the tireless work of Dr. William J. Harden.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution will be presented to the family of Dr. William J. Harden, Geneva Harden (spouse), Shawn Harden (daughter) and Dr. Shellie Harden (daughter).

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution will be filed within the office of Cook County Commissioner Bill Lowry.