



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF PASTOR VÍCTOR HUGO RODRÍGUEZ

WHEREAS, Pastor Víctor Hugo Rodríguez, affectionately known to community members as “Pastor Vic,” was born on January 16, 1967 in Nuevo Ideal, Durango, México to Juana and Emigdio Rodríguez; and

WHEREAS, as a young child, he and his family moved to the Little Village community on the Southwest Side of Chicago, a neighborhood for which he developed a life-long love and commitment; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Vic first met his wife, Magdalena, in January 1990 at Holy Trinity Church in Chicago. They were married for 27 years and were blessed with two sons and a nephew whom they regarded as a son: Víctor, Isaih, and Luis Alberto Perales; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Vic was a graduate of Christian Life College in Mount Prospect, Illinois, and was in full-time ministry for 26 years. He pastored the local body of La Villita Community Church for the past 20 years, and

WHEREAS, while Pastor Vic’s service began in the Church, he also felt a sincere calling to assist in advancing his community and was passionate about developing the next generation of local leaders; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Vic was a cornerstone of the La Villita community and a man who truly loved and served his community and was devoted to speaking truth and enacting social justice; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Vic’s work addressed pressing community issues such as violence prevention to youth development, health and wellness, domestic violence, and the expansion of homeownership as a way to combat gentrification; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Vic was on the Board of Directors of various community and religious organizations that included Lawndale Christian Health Center and *Un Nuevo Despertar*, as well as involvement with *Comunidad en Acción*; and

WHEREAS, notably, Pastor Vic founded the Chicago Youth Boxing Club in the basement of La Villita Community Church, which has developed young leaders and athletes with a focus on service and leadership, and has even established a satellite boxing program in México; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Vic passed on February 11, 2019 surrounded by his family and friends. His love and service to La Villita will be remembered through his long-lasting contributions to the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The President and Board of Commissioners assembled today do hereby express their sincere gratitude for the community work and contributions of Pastor Víctor Hugo Rodríguez throughout his life; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be spread upon this honorable body and be presented to the family and friends of Pastor Víctor Hugo Rodríguez and the La Villita Community Church.