



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup> AS DORIS “DORIE” DAY**

**WHEREAS**, Doris “Dorie” Miller Post 915, The American Legion, Department of Illinois is an organization of wartime veterans who have dedicated themselves to the service of the community, state and nation also dedicated to building a proper monument honoring Nave seaman Doris “Dorie” Miller; and

**WHEREAS**, Doris “Dorie” Miller was born October 12, 1919 in Waco Texas and on September 16, 1939 he enlisted in the United States Navy; and

**WHEREAS**, Doris Miller attended the Naval Training Station in Norfolk Virginia and was assigned to USS West Virginia, stationed at Peral Harbor, Hawaii; and

**WHEREAS**, Dorie Miller helped the movement to desegregate the Armed Forces; and

**WHEREAS**, during the attack on Pearl Harbor Dorie Miller, pulled a captain and several crewmates to safety under heavy enemy fire; and

**WHEREAS**, after making sure his fellow sailors were out of harm’s way, Dorie Miller secured an unattended 50-caliber anti-aircraft gun and began firing at Japanese wartime aircrafts. Dorie Miller shot down several enemy plans; and

**WHEREAS**, for his heroism Dorie Miller was awarded the Navy Cross by Admiral Chester Nimitz; and

**WHEREAS**, Dorie Miller accepted a request to join the direct marketing effort to raise war bonds desperate military battles and successfully encouraged supports nationwide to contribute; and

**WHEREAS**, Dorie Miller requested to be transferred back to active duty and was assigned to USS Liscome Bay. The carrier was sunk in the Gilbert Islands; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the Navy Cross, Dorie Miller received the Purple Heart, American Defense Service medal-Fleet Clasp, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign medal and the WWII Victory Medal; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1973, the Knox-class frigate, USS Miller, was renamed for Doris “Dorie” Miller; and

**WHEREAS**, Doris “Dorie” Miller Day was celebrated at the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center on June 12, 2019; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize October 12, 2019 as, Doris (Dorie) Miller Day; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board encourages all of its residents to celebrate Doris (Dorie) Miller DDAY and that the text of this resolution be spread across the journal of proceedings of this honorable body.