



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF CP CRAWFORD

WHEREAS, CP Crawford was called home to be with the Lord on November 20, 2019; and

WHEREAS, CP Crawford was born August 25, 1905 in Jackson Mississippi to John and Mattie Crawford; and

WHEREAS, CP Crawford was the youngest of five siblings including three brothers and two sisters. At an early age, his mother passed away, and he was subsequently raised by aunts and uncles; and

WHEREAS, CP Crawford was not allowed to attend school that led him to start working in the fields picking cotton, ploughing the fields of corn and manning the gardens; and

WHEREAS, CP Crawford applied his early work experience and went on to a career at Southland Oil Refinery. He would eventually move to Chicago, Illinois in 1949 to work at Illinois Central Railroad; and

WHEREAS, throughout his lifetime, CP Crawford was known as a caring and charismatic person who was well respected by his peers. He enjoyed to fish, smoke cigars, and play cards; and

WHEREAS, CP Crawford's most significant accomplishment was the special relationship that he held with his four stepchildren, Shawn (Yolanda), Martez, Paige, and Curtis and his grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, in November 2015, CP Crawford was awarded an honorary high school diploma from Thornton Fractional South High School in Lansing, Illinois. This honor was in recognition of his love of education and the community; and

WHEREAS, since 2012, CP Crawford lived in Lansing, Illinois at the Tri-State Nursing Rehabilitation Center. The Village of Lansing and Mayor Patty Eidam provided CP Crawford with a recognition as being the oldest living resident in the community; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago White Sox honored CP Crawford at a game on September 12, 2019 for his service, contributions and longevity in the Greater Chicago area; and

WHEREAS, prior to his passing, CP Crawford was one of the oldest known living men in the United States; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County does hereby mourn the loss of CP Crawford and celebrates his life and many contributions bettering the lives of the citizens of Cook County, Illinois; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to the family of CP Crawford.