



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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Legislation Text

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MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR BOARD MEETING OF DECEMBER 18, 2014

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners extending sympathy and condolences to the family of Tommy Lee Nowlin

WHEREAS, Tommy Lee (T.L.) Nowlin was born on April 9, 1937, the third of four sons to the late Willie P. Nowlin, Sr. and Emma Fields Nowlin in Winston-Salem, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, T.L. accepted the Lord and was baptized at an early age; and

WHEREAS, the family relocated to Chicago in 1939 and T.L. graduated from Manley High School; and

WHEREAS, T.L. married Gladys Wilson in 1957 and the couple welcomed son Derrick and daughter Shunseen to complete their family; and

WHEREAS, a talented man of many trades, T.L. worked over the years for the Postal Service, as a CTA driver, drove a taxi and worked as an electrical technician for Western Electric and the General Telephone and Electronics Corporation, retiring in 2002; and

WHEREAS, T.L. and his son Derrick founded the Chicago Church Newspaper, of which T.L. was the editor; and

WHEREAS, T.L. remained close to a group of friends he'd known since grammar school and had a personality that brightened everyone around him and a sense of humor that kept friends and family laughing; and

WHEREAS, T.L. made a peaceful transition to eternity on September 8, 2014 surrounded by his family; and

WHEREAS, T.L. was reunited with his parents, his brothers Robert and Larry, and his son Derrick Lee, who preceded him in death; and

WHEREAS, those left to cherish T.L.'s memory include his wife of 57 years, Gladys; his daughter, Shunseen; granddaughters Chauntina, Shavonn, and Whitney; his brother, Willie Nowlin, Jr.; sisters-in-law Dorothy Nowlin and Ida Russel; brothers-in-law Willie (Zodie) Johnson and Cecil Tate; godson Sean Rose; surrogate daughter Luzviminda Calo; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends; and

WHEREAS, family was the most important thing in T.L.'s life, and he was a devoted husband, father and papa, and his family and friends will miss him dearly; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, on behalf of ourselves and staff, extend our sympathy and condolences to the family and friends of Tommy Lee Nowlin; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread upon the permanent Record of Proceedings of the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, and that a copy of same, suitably engrossed, be presented to the family of Tommy Lee Nowlin.

Dated: December 18, 2014

Approved: BARBARA J. MCGOWAN, Acting President; MARIYANA T. SPYROPOULOS, Chairman, Committee on Finance; MICHAEL A. ALVAREZ; FRANK AVILA; TIMOTHY BRADFORD; CYNTHIA M. SANTOS; DEBRA SHORE; KARI K. STEELE; PATRICK D. THOMPSON, Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

Approved as to Form and Legality: Ronald M. Hill, General Counsel