

RESOLUTION

In Support of A Complete Investigation and Prosecution by the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois of all Indictable Federal Crimes committed by Jon Burge and his Men

**Sponsored by
THE HONORABLE EARLEAN COLLINS, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

WHEREAS, Cook County is a home rule unit of local government pursuant to Article VII Section 6(a) of the 1970 Illinois Constitution, and as such may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs; and

WHEREAS, on April 24, 2002, the Hon. Paul Biebel, Presiding Judge of the Criminal Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County, appointed Edward J. Egan as Special State's Attorney and Robert D. Boyle as Chief Deputy Special State's Attorney to investigate allegations that Area 2 Violent Crimes Commander Jon Burge and Chicago Police officers under his command had systematically tortured scores of African American citizens at the Area 2 and 3 police headquarters; and

WHEREAS, the investigation conducted by special prosecutors Egan and Boyle consumed over four years and cost the tax payers of Cook County \$7 million dollars; and

WHEREAS, Egan and Boyle acknowledged that there was evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that certain individuals had been physically abused by Burge and Area 2 and 3 detectives under his command, and that there was reason to believe that abuse occurred in "many other cases;" and

WHEREAS, special prosecutors Egan and Boyle sought no indictments in a State court at the conclusion of their investigation, claiming that the Illinois statute of limitations barred prosecution of any of the perpetrators of Area 2 and 3 abuse; and

WHEREAS, in May of 2006, the United Nations' Committee Against Torture noted "the limited investigation and lack of prosecution" in the Chicago Police torture cases and recommended the United States Government "thoroughly and impartially investigate all allegations" of torture and seek to bring the perpetrators to justice in compliance with the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment and Punishment.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners fully support any action taken by the United States Attorney's of the Northern District of Illinois in the investigation and prosecution of any and all federal crimes allegedly committed by Burge and his men.

Approved and adopted this ____ day of _____.

TODD STROGER, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

(SEAL)

Attest: _____
DAVID ORR, County Clerk