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DOROTHY BROWN IS JOINED BY LEEANN TROTTER AND ENRIQUE GARCIA FUENTES IN HONORING EXEMPLARY EMPLOYEES AT ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

CHICAGO (January 30, 2008) -The Honorable Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, paid tribute to her many dedicated employees during the Clerk's Office's Sixth Annual Exemplary Employees of the Year Awards program, held Jan. 18.

"This ceremony is highly anticipated by employees because the nominations are made by fellow co-workers," said Clerk Brown. "I am delighted to reward my staff for the extraordinary service they provide to Cook County citizens throughout the year."

LeeAnn Trotter, entertainment reporter for NBC5 and Enrique Fuentes Garcia, investigative reporter from Telemundo Television, served as the event's emcees. An additional highlight of the night was the Clerk's Office's Employee Talent Showcase, which featured a friendly competition to break a tie for second place. The contestants, Bonnie Clark and Phaze III, a singing trio whose members include Eric Bryant, Russell Ermon and Craig Harris, are all Clerk's Office employees. Bonnie Clark won the second place spot after singing a gospel favorite, "His Eyes Are on the Sparrow." The Talent Showcase's First Place winner, Edwina Ratliff, performed a soulful rendition of Etta James' classic ballad "At Last."

Clerk Brown created the Exemplary Employees of the Year Awards program to keep employees motivated through recognition of jobs well done, as recommended by the Employee/Management Morale Committee she established in 2001.



(L to R) The Honorable Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, greets LeeAnn Trotter of NBC-5, who served as mistress of ceremonies, and Enrique Fuentes Garcia from Telemundo Television, who served as master of ceremonies, during the Clerk's Office's Sixth Annual Exemplary Employees of the Year Awards program.

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