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**CLERK DOROTHY BROWN REMEMBERS  
SQUIRE LANCE AS GREAT FRIEND AND MENTOR**

I am broken-hearted over the passing of Mr. Squire Lance on Friday, April 9, 2010. He was a lifelong community and political activist who made enormous contributions to the city of Chicago and the state of Illinois, and his death is a tremendous loss to us all.

I met Squire in 1997 and we formed a wonderful friendship and partnership. Through his tireless involvement and sage counsel, he was greatly instrumental in my successful campaign in 2000, for the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, and we rejoiced together when I was elected to this post.

I was fortunate to have Squire join me at the Clerk's Office where he served as the Executive Clerk of Public Policy and Human Resources from December 2000, until his retirement at the end of 2005. He was an anchor to the improvements of the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Squire Lance was a husband, father, political trailblazer, community organizer, accomplished entrepreneur, and he was a role model, mentor and friend to many. He was politically savvy, civic-minded and socially responsible. He was a spiritual man, who was generous, caring and passionate about many humanitarian causes.

My heartfelt condolences go out to his family: his children, Courtney and Squire, Jr., and his surviving siblings, including his sister Kay, a retired employee of the Clerk's Office.

I owe a great debt of gratitude to Squire for all that he contributed to my life and career. To have known him is a great gift, and he leaves us with a lasting legacy.

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