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The late Police Department SWAT Officer Randal D. Simmons, who was killed in the line of duty during a raid in February at a Winnetka house, was a hero not only for his police work but also for his years of community service.

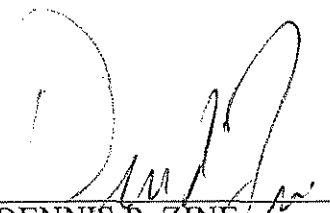
Officer Simmons always loved children, he was a SWAT officer with a huge heart, and it is appropriate that a children's play area in West Valley Park was just named in his honor.

However, in addition to his police work, Officer Simmons gave back to the community on his own time. He volunteered on the streets of inner-city neighborhoods where he ministered to children on weekends as part of a church group he founded called Glory Kids Ministries, which steers children away from gangs and toward Christianity.

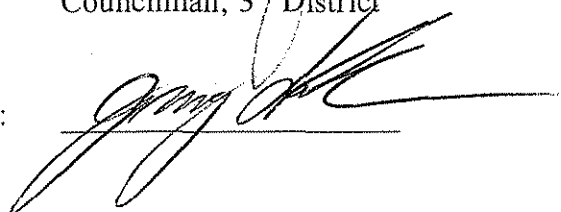
The selfless devotion to community which Officer Simmons maintained for many years, is deserving of even greater recognition. It is appropriate that in addition to the children's play area, the entire West Valley Park be also named in his memory.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners be requested to also name the West Valley Park in memory of the late Police Department SWAT Officer Randal D. Simmons in recognition of his personal sacrifice and his dedication to the community.

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