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**MAYOR RILEY H. ROGERS ON THE PASSING OF HERB KENT "THE COOL GENT"**

As Mayor of the Village of Dolton and on behalf of the citizens and my entire administration, we mourn the loss of the legendary Herb Kent "The Cool Gent."

Herb Kent was a pioneer in radio, music and television, who impacted and influenced many generations with his iconic style and personality. As a trailblazer in the industry, he used the airwaves for more than simply entertainment.

While we are truly grateful for his many musical contributions, we also acknowledge the prominent role Mr. Kent played during the Civil Rights movement. He used the airwaves to educate and inform using his platform during the 1960's to bring attention to the plight of African-Americans in Chicago and other parts of the country. He used his influence to challenge existing social and economic conditions by challenging gross inequality while at the same time showcasing our rich tapestry of rhythmic musical stylings.

His work and service to our community spanning more than 60 years serves as a source of inspiration to many.

Mr. Kent is truly beloved, well respected and will be sorely missed.