



## **ILLINOIS RACING BOARD**

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### **GOVERNOR QUINN APPOINTS SPANN-COOPER TO RACING BOARD**

CHICAGO, IL - - Governor Pat Quinn announced the appointment of Melody Spann-Cooper to the Illinois Racing Board. President of WVON Radio, Chicago's only African-American owned and operated radio station, she is also Chairman of the station's parent company, Midway Broadcasting Corporation. She is the only female to hold these coveted positions in the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest broadcast market in the country. She joined an elite list of female broadcast owners in 1999 when she purchased the company's controlling interest.

Spann-Cooper holds a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice from Loyola University Chicago. She is married and is the daughter of legendary radio personality Pervis Spann. Her appointment is a six-year term effective September 5, 2014.