



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

MURIEL AND IRVIN KAAGE, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Muriel G. Kaage (nee Planz) and Irvin L. Kaage, Jr., from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Irv Jr. died April 26, at 4 p.m. and Muriel died April 28 at 4 a.m. Their hospital beds had been pushed next to each other so they could hold hands and be side by side as they had been for seven decades; and

WHEREAS, Irv and Muriel were known as the couple behind the Kaage's Corner newsstand on Northwest Highway, which was a mainstay in Edison Park for 77 years; and

WHEREAS, Irv and Muriel Kaage were the loving parents of Irvin L. (Laurel) Kaage, III, Michael (Karen) Kaage, and Patricia (the late Edward) Yauch; and

WHEREAS, Irv and Muriel Kaage were the proud grandparents of Katherine (Daniel) Esposito, Irvin L. (Claire) Kaage, IV, Kristen Kaage, Christopher Kaage, and Kent (Grace) Kaage; and

WHEREAS, Irv and Muriel Kaage were the loving great-grandparents of Aellah Kaage, Barjona Kaage, Irvin L. Kaage, V, Alexander Esposito, Ryan Esposito, Thurlow Kaage, Elisabeth Esposito, and Soren Kaage; and

WHEREAS, Irv was the beloved brother of Genevieve (the late Ian) Clark, and was preceded in death by his siblings Marie (the late Robert) Kjellan, Gabriel (Warren) Frost, Elvina, Virginia (the late Ronald) Machaj and George (Eleanor); and

WHEREAS, Muriel was the beloved sister of Arlene (the late Henry) Kraus and Diane (the late Donald) Langguth; and was preceded in death by her brother Edwin (the late Helen) Planz; and

WHEREAS, Irv Jr. worked at the newsstand owned by his father; after Irv and Muriel married, Irv added two more newsstands, helped his father with a Chicago Daily News delivery route and, with horseracing in its heyday, worked for the scratch sheets - the daily scorecards for horseplayers. The Kaage's then bought a beauty shop just across the street from the newsstand where Muriel would work; and

WHEREAS, Irv Kaage prided himself on knowing his customers by name and which newspaper they wanted. He was a mentor, teacher, and cherished friend to many; and

WHEREAS, Muriel gave up her beauty shop after the children were born, though she continued to see regular customers out of her home. She never lost her flair for style and fashion, favoring hats for herself and making sure she and Irv wore matching outfits if they were going out; and

WHEREAS, the Kaage family turned out in force in 2012 when an honorary street sign designating Kaage's Corner was erected at Northwest Highway and Oliphant Avenue, where they operated their newsstand since 1943.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby offer its

deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family of Irv and Muriel Kaage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to the family of Irv and Muriel Kaage so that their memory may be so honored and ever cherished.