



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE OF JUDITH ANN PIER

WHEREAS, Judith Ann Pier lived a rich and fulfilled life. She was an exceptional woman who left behind a devoted family, countless friends and a community profoundly enriched for having known her; and

WHEREAS, Judith Ann Pier was a lifelong Chicagoan, born on May 20, 1944. She excelled early in school, graduated with honors from high school and summa cum laude from college. She spent her early years teaching in the Chicago Public Schools, where she made a lasting impact on the students, many with whom she remained in contact throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, Judy met the love of her life, Wayne, when he was coaching her softball team over four decades ago and married him on July 4, 1975. The two began a journey abundant with deep love, mutual respect and a sense of adventure. The couple shared many incredible travels around the world and gathered friends wherever they went; and

WHEREAS, Judith Ann Pier was an absolute natural when it came to sales and was often singled out for recognition. She was voted sales person of the year by Tab Products in 1978; and was selected sales person of the year by Bradford Systems in 1983. She brought those talents along with her when she and her husband opened a small business; the two successfully ran Windy City Records Management Services until 2016; and

WHEREAS, Judith Ann Pier was a major force for good in the community. She was active in many civic organizations was a fixture and regular volunteer at Alderman Harry Osterman's office. She was a devoted Catholic and treasured member of the Committee for Community Life, where she organized countless events such as picnics, trips to visit people in nursing homes in addition to many other activities. She took great pride in hosting and introducing the city of Chicago to numerous visitors and foreign-exchange students. She was a tireless supporter of women's causes and had a formidable and tireless sense of justice. She never refused a request, whether it was from her church, her family, her neighborhood or her friends;

WHEREAS, Judith Ann Pier was uniformly regarded as a force of nature. She was at once a fierce competitor and a remarkably gracious winner, and she was an accomplished woman with a variety of talents. She remained a competitor to the end, despite her growing illness. Her competitive spirit was eclipsed by her humility and self-deprecating sense of humor. While undergoing chemotherapy, she organized a pool for her friends to place bets on when she was going to lose her hair; and

WHEREAS, the community has lost a great friend in Judith Ann Pier and she will be sorely missed. Her loss will be felt most acutely by her husband of forty-one years, Wayne, her family and the countless people who treasured her friendship. She will long be remembered for being a world-class best friend. She was thoughtful and exuberant and will be particularly remembered for the lovely handwritten notes of thanks she wrote for

even the smallest of things, which she continued doing even after she lost her ability to write; she would have Wayne send electronic cards; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County commemorates the life of Judith Ann Pier, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the contributions she has made to the Citizens of Cook County, Illinois; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to the family of Judith Ann Pier.