



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE HONORABLE JUDGE PAUL P. BIEBEL, JR., PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE CRIMINAL DIVISION OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE BENCH

WHEREAS, Paul Biebel, a Chicago native, has been the Presiding Judge of the Criminal Division, Circuit Court of Cook County, since 2001. He oversees the operation of the George N. Leighton Criminal Court Building, the largest and busiest criminal courthouse in America; and

WHEREAS, Judge Biebel has been on the bench since 1996. He has also served in the Cook County Juvenile Court, Child Protection Division, and as a chancellor in the Chancery Division; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Judge Biebel has received numerous awards and honors, including the John Howard Association Award for the Development of Innovative Mental Health and Drug Courts, and the Outstanding Judicial Leadership Award from the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless for the creation of the WINGS project in the Circuit Court of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, one of Judge Biebel's lasting legacies as Presiding Judge of the Criminal Division has been the introduction and expansion of collaborative, "problem-solving" courts designed specifically to serve veterans, those dealing with substance abuse dependency, and mental health challenges; and

WHEREAS, Judge Biebel's combination of vision, compassion and intelligence has left a legacy on the Cook County Circuit Court for which this President and Board of Commissioners of Cook County are deeply grateful; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the President and the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that Judge Paul P. Biebel, Jr. is to be congratulated on a remarkable judicial career; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President and the Board of Commissioners of Cook County extend their very best wishes to Judge Paul P. Biebel, Jr. and his wife, Judy, for a joyful and enriching retirement.