



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### PROPOSED RESOLUTION

#### REMEMBERING AND HONORING THE LIFE OF JOSEPH CANADY

**WHEREAS**, Joseph Canady was born on March 1, 1955, to the late Frank Canady Sr. and Mattie Lee Fountain in Macon, Georgia; the second of five children. Joe graduated from Southwest High School in Macon, Georgia in 1973. After graduation, Joe's second mother, Vera Mae Stovall, presented him with an opportunity to relocate to Chicago, IL with the promise of a job and a chance to build a life for himself and his future; and

**WHEREAS**, Joe was able to gain employment at Midas International, where he would go on to work in Manufacturing & Distribution for 29 years. He began his career in an entry level position but worked hard to continue his education and develop his professional skills to allow him to move up in the company. While working with Midas International, Joe attended Northwest Business College for Business Administration, graduating in 1999. He was also named "Graduate of the Year." By the time Joe retired from Midas, he had been promoted multiple times, ending as Plant Manager; and

**WHEREAS**, after retiring from Midas, Joe worked as a Property Manager for Park Towers in Richton Park, IL. During his time at Park Towers, Joe developed countless personal and professional relationships in the community, and even earned his Real Estate license. Living and working in Richton Park, Joe began to explore how he could serve the people of Richton Park; and

**WHEREAS**, inspired by his new passion for his community, Joe served on the Village of Richton Park's Planning & Zoning Commission for three years. He has served as both Vice President AND President of Alpha Beta Gamma's National Honor Society, (1995, 1998) and has also served as Benjamin O. Davis VFW Post 311's Men's Auxiliary Vice President. Joe was also a member of the Village of Richton Park's Beautification Committee, and Richton Park's Greenfield Townhome Homeowners Association; and

**WHEREAS**, in April 2012, Joe was appointed Village Clerk of the Village of Richton Park, to fulfill the last year of the late and previous Clerk's term. The following year Joseph ran for election for the position and won outright. During his tenure as Village Clerk, Joe continued his Clerk education by attending classes in Springfield, IL led by the University of Illinois and Southern Illinois University. These activities resulted in him earning the recognition of Registered Municipal Clerk (R.M.C.) He was a member of Municipal Clerks of Illinois Association, the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, and the South/West Suburban Municipal Clerk's Association; and

**WHEREAS**, in June 2019, Joe was appointed to Village Trustee, where he proudly served until his death. Joe's servant heart and ability to care for others were some of the best qualities he possessed throughout his life. He was passionate about his family and did what he could to always make sure that those close to him knew how much he loved and cared for them. Joe was a man of faith who accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior at an early age. He was a member of Apostolic Church of God in Chicago IL; and

**WHEREAS**, God called Joe home on the morning of December 24, 2022. Joe was loved and will be missed by many, but his legacy will live on forever. He leaves behind to cherish his memory a host of loved ones, family, and friends.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby remember Joseph Canady as a distinguished member of the community and the honorable former Trustee of the Village of Richton Park and offers its deepest condolences and heartfelt sympathy to the family and loved ones of Joseph Canady; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and a suitable copy be presented to the family of Joseph Canady so that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.