



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RICHARD J. ELROD, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called The Honorable Richard J. Elrod from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Richard J. Elrod was the beloved husband of Marilyn Elrod, his best friend and life partner with whom he shared 58 wonderful years of marriage; and

WHEREAS, Richard J. Elrod was the devoted father of Steven (Donna) Elrod and Audrey (Ron) Lakin; the doting and proud grandfather of Elizabeth (Russell) Mollen, Daniel Elrod, David Lakin and Lauren Lakin; and

WHEREAS, Richard J. Elrod was the devoted son of the late Cook County Commissioner Arthur X. Elrod and the late Della Elrod Mulmat; the cherished brother of the late Gloria Sheppard (late Jules) Bliss; the fond brother-in-law of the late Dorothy (Dr. Irwin and Angela Hill) Marcus; and

WHEREAS, Richard J. Elrod was the revered uncle of Barry (Hope) Sheppard, Robert (Elizabeth) Sheppard, Judi (John Hamel) Sheppard, Dr. Randall (Katy) Marcus, Sherry (Alan) Leventhal, and Melinda (AC Gonzalez) Marcus; as well as many great-nephews, great-nieces, and three great-great-nieces; and

WHEREAS, Richard J. Elrod served the people of Cook County as their elected Sheriff from 1970 to 1986; and

WHEREAS, since 1988, Richard J. Elrod was a distinguished and respected judge for the Circuit Court of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Richard J. Elrod received a Bachelor's Degree and Law Degree from Northwestern University; and

WHEREAS, Richard J. Elrod was a dedicated public servant and civic leader throughout the course of his remarkable career; and

WHEREAS, Richard J. Elrod began his service in elected office as a member of the Illinois General Assembly in the late 60's, prior to serving as Sheriff; and

WHEREAS, Richard J. Elrod was a leader that his peers would look to for guidance and wisdom, and was particularly skilled in mediating disputes in the interests of fairness and justice; and

WHEREAS, all who knew him will attest that Richard J. Elrod was a kind and compassionate man, virtuous of character and gentle in spirit, admired and respected by his many friends and neighbors, and dearly loved by his family.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and many friends of Richard J. Elrod, and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of same be tendered to the family of The Honorable Richard J. Elrod, that his memory may be so honored

and ever cherished.