



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN MICHAEL CARSON

WHEREAS, loyal, former employee of the Cook County Clerk David Orr's office, who was known for quality constituent services and for exceptional leadership as an election official; and

WHEREAS, John was born in 1957 to Mary Jo Carson and John Hatvagner. After his father died, Mary Jo married Merrill Carson who adopted John and raised him as his son; and

WHEREAS, John was raised in Thornton Township by his loving mother, along with his faithful brother David. John attended Thornton Township High School before going to college at South Suburban College. He later took courses at the University of Illinois at Chicago while working for the Cook County Clerk; and

WHEREAS, John moved to Evanston in 1992 and immediately became a key member of the Democratic Party of Evanston serving in various leadership roles; and

WHEREAS, John was employed in the Cook County Clerk's Office from 1991 to 2010 and held multiple constituent outreach and election positions; and

WHEREAS, John had a reputation for being laser-focused on whatever task he undertook. One of his favorite projects was voter registration. He set records for registering new voters at many public events. He especially liked working 4th of July parades in Evanston, Morton Grove and Skokie where one year he registered over 500 new voters from the crowds watching the various parades; and

WHEREAS, John was always a team player looking for ways to help others and contribute to the team efforts on any task; and

WHEREAS, John overcame many health challenges during his life. In 2010, he was forced to retire because of illness. For the last 12 years, he has lived in a health care facility where he showed grace under difficult circumstances; and

WHEREAS, John is survived by his brother David Carson, and his cousin, Mary Olsson.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County, honors the life and work of John Michael Carson and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions he 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 same be tendered to the family of John Michael Carson.