



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

FATHER DONALD JOSEPH AHEARN, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Father Donald Joseph Ahearn from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Donald Ahearn, son of the late Daniel and Helen Ahearn and brother to the late Eleanor, Marion, Peggy, and Bill, grew up on the West Side and attended Presentation Parish; and

WHEREAS, Father Ahearn progressed through the seminary system, first at Quigley High School and then at Mundelein Seminary; and

WHEREAS, Father Ahearn was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago on May 3, 1951; and

WHEREAS, Father Ahearn's first assignment was St. Gertrude Parish in Franklin Park, where he served as the assistant pastor for eight years; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure at St. Gertrude, Father Ahearn acted as a chaplain at St. Patrick High School in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Father Ahearn's next assignment was as assistant pastor at St. Barbara Parish in Brookfield, where he served for seven years; and

WHEREAS, in 1966, Father Ahearn transferred to St. David Parish in Chicago, where he served as assistant pastor for four years; and

WHEREAS, over the next several years, Father Ahearn worked in various capacities at St. Nicholas, Holy Rosary, All Saints, and Our Lady of Ransom; and

WHEREAS, Father Don found his home at St. Juliana Parish in the Edison Park neighborhood of Chicago, where he served as pastor from August of 1975 through June of 1995; and

WHEREAS, during that time, Father Don was a member of the Pastor Review Board and the School Board Advisory Committee and served as Assistant Vicar for Senior Priests; and

WHEREAS, from 1995 until his passing on January 1, 2017, Father Ahearn was pastor emeritus at St. Juliana, where he will be remembered for his Irish wit and warmth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Father Donald Joseph Ahearn 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 that a suitable copy of the same be tendered to the family of Father Ahearn so that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

