



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING AND RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF LARRY R. ROGERS, SR.

WHEREAS, Larry R. Rogers, Sr. was born on December 29, 1947, and raised in Chicago, where he lived for 75 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rogers began his family in Roseland while working as a respiratory therapist, a gas station attendant, and other various jobs before beginning his storied law career; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rogers was a homegrown scholar as an alum of Saint Xavier College and DePaul University College of Law; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rogers won several record-breaking medical malpractice cases to secure fair and just treatment for Illinois residents. Mr. Rogers secured hundreds of millions of dollars in verdicts for his clients, including national precedent-setting cases involving infant development and irreversible brain damage; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rogers was affectionately referred to by his son, Larry R. Rogers, Jr. as “the Michael Jordan of law before Michael Jordan was the Michael Jordan of basketball.” Along with his accolades as an outstanding attorney, Mr. Rogers was highly regarded as a family man and a community stalwart; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rogers lived an immense life including a historical and impactful 37-year career as one of the most influential trial lawyers in the country; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rogers’ career gave life to a family engrained in law: an injury attorney son, a court reporter daughter, an attorney stepson, an employment attorney niece, a real estate litigator nephew, an injury lawyer grandson, and a granddaughter set to begin law school this year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rogers. passed on from this life on Thursday, January 20, 2023, after a valiant five-year fight with cancer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rogers leaves behind a loving wife, two children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, numerous other family members, his extended family at the Power Rogers law firm, and his various communities across Chicago to mourn his loss; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rogers’ constant drive to support Black lawyers left an endearing impact on the field of law and our understanding of justice; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY, the President and its members do hereby extend their gratitude for the courageous and fortified life of Larry R. Rogers, Sr. as they offer their deepest condolences to his friends, family, and communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Larry R. Rogers, Sr. as an honorable expression of appreciation for his life and work.