



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **IN MEMORY OF JOHN A. "COACH" SCHNEITER**

**WHEREAS**, John A. Schneiter, a dedicated and inspirational coach to innumerable students in Cook County passed away on January 21, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, Coach Schneiter was an elected member of both the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame as well as the Illinois High School Tennis Hall of Fame. Coach Schneiter has the distinction of being the only individual honored in both; and

**WHEREAS**, John A. Schneiter was head coach at Oblong and Stephen Decatur High Schools. Later, Coach Schneiter became legendary as the long-time basketball coach at New Trier High School. Coach Schneiter retired from teaching in 1997 but the hall-of-fame coach was later lured out of retirement and asked to teach the game of basketball at North Shore Country Day. His coaching there marked the start of a sweeping transition that provided instruction at a more competitive level for the school; and

**WHEREAS**, Coach Schneiter inspired his athletes to personal and competitive greatness, amassing over 770 basketball wins and 8 State tennis championships; and

**WHEREAS**, John A. Schneiter's coaching skills were frequently singled out for distinction by his peers. Coach Schneiter was a past winner of the Buzzy O'Conner Award, an award that is considered to be the highest honor in Illinois for coaching basketball; and

**WHEREAS**, John A. Schneiter was a devoted husband to his wife of almost 45 years Suzanne Schneiter; and was cherished by his four children, Jill Schneiter, Steve Schneiter, Joanna (Jeff) King, and Clay (Marla) Schneiter; and was a doting grandfather of Avery and Carly King, and Maddie and John Payton Schneiter ; and

**WHEREAS**, John A. Schneiter distinguished himself at Millikin University earning both a bachelor's degree as well as an M.S. in Psychology at Millikin. He was chosen to be a member of the Millikin 100 and can be found in the Millikin Hall of Fame, an award that recognizes alumni who have demonstrated exceptional athletic achievements; and

**WHEREAS**, John "Coach Schneiter leaves behind numerous students, friends, neighbors and many others whose lives were touched by his inspiration and sense of humor; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board on behalf of the nearly the 5.2 million residents of Cook County commemorates the extraordinary life of John A. Schneiter, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions he has made to the Citizens of Cook County, Illinois; and does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the students, coworkers, family, and many friends of Coach John A. Schneiter and joins them in sorrow at the loss of this remarkable and accomplished teacher and coach; 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 John A. Schneiter, that his memory may be so honored.