



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF ROBERT EDWARD JANES**

**WHEREAS**, Robert Edward Janes, 91 of Evanston, passed away Friday, July 24, 2020 at Auberge Orchard Park Assisted Living in Morton Grove. A lifelong Cubs fan, he died peacefully on Cubs opening day and hours before he turned 92. Covid-19 blew out his birthday candle; and

**WHEREAS**, born July 25, 1928 in Evanston, Bob was the son of the late Leonard Reed Janes and the late Lucie Janes, nee Fogel. He was a lifelong Evanstonian. He was proud to be an Eagle Scout, Korean War veteran, and dedicated community volunteer. He played (clarinet) for his alma mater Northwestern in two Rose Bowl games - 1949 and 1996. He worked as a CPA and used his accounting skills to be the volunteer treasurer for countless civic and political organizations. He was an elected Lighthouse Park District Commissioner and their treasurer; and

**WHEREAS**, Bob had many interests. He served as an election judge whenever he could, made sure his family always voted, donated blood regularly and always found a way to help. He was an avid sailor and worked to clean up Lake Michigan. He was a long-time member and volunteer at Northminster Presbyterian Church. He taught his family to recycle before it was a thing. He loved reading and studying maps. He road tripped across America and travelled the world with his family. He skied and hiked the mountains of Colorado until well into his mid-80s. He went on an Honor Flight at age 88. He was a faithful Cubs fan who lived long enough to see them win a World Series; and

**WHEREAS**, Bob is survived by his beloved wife of 54 years, Barbara-Jean Janes, nee Payne; children Trina (Greg Smith) and Greg (Leslie); grandchildren Jackson, Mackenzie, Zach, the late Henry, Nathaniel, and Theo; and his dog Skye; and

**WHEREAS**, his family is thankful to have had a chance to say goodbye to him while some wore PPE in his room and others looked in his room window from outside and said goodbye via speakerphone. Bob lived a long, full life. He was soft-spoken and loyal to the bone. His family believes that he was just the nicest guy on the planet.

**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 contributions of Robert Edward Janes, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions he has 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 the same be tendered to the family of Robert Edward Janes.