



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN MEMORY OF DR. ROBERT CLIFFORD SULLIVAN

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, has taken from our midst Dr. Robert Clifford Sullivan, born into life on July 13, 1940 and born into eternal life on February 19, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sullivan was the beloved husband of Joy [Purdy]; loving father of Sean [Betsy] and Dr. Brian [Deidre], devoted son of the late Dr. Clifford P. and Marion Sullivan; dear brother of Dr. Thomas Sullivan, Donna Stockholm and Jeanine McGill; and grandfather of six; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sullivan grew up in the Beverly neighborhood of Chicago; he attended Christ the King grade school and St. Ignatius High School; attended the University of Notre Dame for 3 years and graduated from St. Precopius College (now Illinois Benedictine College) in preparation for his medical career; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sullivan received his fellowship training in orthopedic surgery from Sofield-Seabury Traveling Fellowship, Loyola University; his Medical Degree from Loyola University; his orthopedic surgery residency at Loyola-Shriners Hospital, Chicago and his internship at Cook County Hospital, Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sullivan was a fellow of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons and the American College of Surgeons; and a member of the American Medical Association and the American Academy of Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sullivan served his country as a captain in the United States Air Force from 1968 to 1970 during the Viet Nam Era; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sullivan had a special interest in congenital disorders such as cerebral palsy and received awards for his contributions in biomedical engineering; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sullivan always found that working with children and helping them lead active lives to be particularly enjoyable and noted that the biggest challenge in pediatric orthopedics is decision-making and stated that if a child has an abnormal gait there may be many reasons and it takes careful examination and thought to determine the best solution; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sullivan maintained a fierce loyalty to Shriners Children's Hospital in both California and Illinois, where he would return for several weeks during the summer each year to teach residents.

WHEREAS, Dr. Sullivan was highly respected, loved and cherished by his numerous colleagues, patients, family and friends who will sorely miss his professionalism, compassion, wit, graciousness and special smile;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, do hereby express our deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family as well as to the many friends and loved ones of Dr. Robert Clifford Sullivan, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the text of this resolution be spread across the Journal of these Proceedings and that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to the family of Dr. Robert Clifford Sullivan so that his rich legacy may

be so honored and ever cherished.