



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING GERALD C. TURRY'S DECADES OF SERVICE

WHEREAS, Gerald C. Turry is a distinguished resident of Cook County, Illinois and has dedicated himself to a honorable civic service career in public service to the Village of Lincolnwood, first as a Trustee from 1995-2005, then as Village President until 2017; and

WHEREAS, Gerald C. Turry, provided model leadership to the Village of Lincolnwood and contributed to the vitality of the Village toward a better quality of life for its citizens, and during his tenure as Village President was instrumental in making significant improvements to the Village such as securing grants to install two multi-use recreational trails and a pedestrian overpass bridge, replacement of Village infrastructure including Village parks, water mains and street lights, upgrading the traffic signal at Pratt and Central Avenues, implementing a pilot stormwater management project, streetscape improvements at Touhy and Crawford Avenues, securing a grant for future streetscape improvements on Devon Avenue, reconstruction of Crawford Avenue, developing the Northeast Parkway connector roadway, and creating two Tax Increment Financing Districts; and

WHEREAS, Gerald C. Turry, led the Village of Lincolnwood to the successful completion of several economic development improvements including, The Carrington at Lincolnwood, new Hyundai and Kia auto dealerships, and new retail establishments including Libanais Sweets, CVS, Binny's Beverage Depot, and Illinois Bone and Joint; and

WHEREAS, Gerald C. Turry's administration worked diligently to bring new improvements and the financial tools necessary to run Village of Lincolnwood offices, including the prestigious GFOA Budget and CAFR Awards for ten straight years; and

WHEREAS, Gerald C. Turry, was a driving force behind the implementation of several key ordinances and policies which will help the Village of Lincolnwood continue to thrive, including an update to the Village's Comprehensive Plan, conducted biennial strategic planning sessions with the Village Board, established a retail overlay district for Touhy Avenue, amended the Village Code to allow restaurant drive-thrus in certain retail areas, bulk regulations for stormwater management and alternate side parking for snow removal; and

WHEREAS, Gerald C. Turry demonstrated leadership which allowed open access to government and inclusion of residents in the decision making process by his work with the Village of Lincolnwood committees and commissions, appointing new faces who brought new ideas forward; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County, does hereby honor Gerald C. Turry for his decades of public service through which he has made invaluable contributions 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 same be tendered to Gerald C. Turry.