

Legislation Text

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## **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

## HONORING JAMES JENNINGS, ESTEEMED EDUCATOR IN ELMWOOD PARK

**WHEREAS**, James Jennings is a highly respected, beloved educator who has dedicated a total of thirty-three years to the field of education, leaving an enduring mark on the educational institutions in Elmwood Park; and

WHEREAS, he has served as a popular Principal of Elmwood Park High School for 17 years, and more recently as Assistant Superintendent and Chief School Business Officer of Elmwood Park Community Unit District 401; and

WHEREAS, as a principal of Elmwood Park High School, he demonstrated leadership, vision, and a commitment to providing an environment of academic excellence to nearly a generation of high school students; and

WHEREAS, as Assistant Superintendent and Chief School Business Officer, James has shown a commitment to leadership and organizational management, particularly showcasing his proficiency in the financial aspects of managing educational institutions; and

**WHEREAS**, James earned his Bachelor's degree in Mathematics, holds a Master's degree in School Administration; and holds a Certificate in School Business Administration, providing a foundation for his professional roles in the financial administration of District 401; and

WHEREAS, he began his career as a teacher in Long Beach, California, where he met his wife, Kim, also a teacher, and they taught together before ultimately transferring to Elmwood Park, where they have been married for 28 years and raised four daughters; and

WHEREAS, James Jennings is retiring after a long and fruitful career in education; and

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, offer their congratulations to James Jennings in recognition of his serving his students and his community with passion and distinction;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that a copy of this Resolution be tendered to James Jennings, as a token of the respect of the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners.