



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **RONALD A. JOHNSEN, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS**, Ronald A. Johnsen lived a long and beautiful life full of family and friends passed away peacefully in his home on January 5, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, Ronald Johnsen is survived by high school sweetheart, Gail Johnsen, who became his wife of 66 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Ronald Johnsen was the father of Judith (Paul) Marchi, Lori (Joe) Dauven, Jeffrey (Cathy) Johnsen and Kimberly (Norm) Bittner; and

**WHEREAS**, Ronald was the proud grandfather to Carissa Felber, Jamie (Jason) Wojdyla, John (Lori) Opager, Teresa Lucas, Evan Bittner, and Caroline Bittner and Caroline; great-grandchildren, Grey, Harper, Bailey and Dorothy; and

**WHEREAS**, Ronald is predeceased by his parents, grandsons, Matthew Natale and Terry Lindaas and brother James Johnsen; and

**WHEREAS**, Ronald was born Ronald A. Johnsen on May 6, 1937, to proud parents Roy A. and Laura Karls Johnsen in Chicago, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, Ronald graduated high school from Lane Tech High School; and

**WHEREAS**, Ronald earned his bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from the Illinois Institute of Technology; and

**WHEREAS**, Ronald retired as president of Aquamatic, Rockford in 1997, after which he and Gail enjoyed traveling the world together; and

**WHEREAS**, Ronald was formerly a 42-year resident of Rockford, Illinois before moving to Janesville, Wisconsin; and

**WHEREAS**, Ron was a caring owner to his precious little puppy, Suzy; and

**WHEREAS**, Ron was a pillar of strength who worked tirelessly to provide for his family; and

**WHEREAS**, Ron was the rock in all of his family's lives. His wise words and unconditional love will be carried by his family forever.

**WHEREAS**, all who knew him will attest that Ronald Johnsen was an infinitely patient, kind and loving man admired and respected by his many friends and neighbors, and dearly loved by his family.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and many friends of Ronald A. Johnsen and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss; 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 Ronald Johnsen that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.