



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF COOK COUNTY SHERIFF'S INVESTIGATOR CUAUHTEMOC ESTRADA

WHEREAS, The members of Cook County Board and the Cook County Sheriff were deeply saddened to hear of the untimely death of Cook County Sheriff's Investigator Cuauhtemoc "Temo" Estrada, (Star #345), who was killed in the line of duty on Friday, December 20, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Investigator Estrada, a Department of Corrections officer for nearly twenty years, was fatally wounded after attempting to intervene and protect his daughter from armed robbers outside of an Estrada family holiday party in Bellwood; and

WHEREAS, Investigator Estrada dedicated his life to both public service and public safety, having previously served with honor as a United States Marine; and

WHEREAS, Investigator Estrada was a lifetime resident of Cook County, having been born and raised in Pilsen and residing most recently in Maywood, in close proximity to his family; and

WHEREAS, Investigator Estrada joined the Cook County Sheriff's Office in February 1994, going on to work within the divisions of the Cook County Jail as well as the Vocational Rehabilitation Impact Center; and

WHEREAS, Investigator Estrada served with distinction for 13 years as an investigator with the Electronic Monitoring Unit; and

WHEREAS, Investigator Estrada brought a strong work ethic to duty to his career at the Cook County Sheriff's Office; his dedication to his job surpassed the hardest of workers, frequently leaving weeks' worth of vacation time on the table in favor of coming in to work and supporting his colleagues in the field; and

WHEREAS, Investigator Estrada commanded the respect both of detainees, a particularly important quality considering the realities of working with individuals on electronic monitoring, many of whom are homeless and have no home with which to return, and

WHEREAS, Investigator Estrada was beloved by his colleagues in the Sheriff's Office, complementing his renowned professionalism with an affable and humorous personality, and

WHEREAS, Investigator Estrada's reputation for carrying out his responsibilities in a tough but also fair and humane manner made him the model with which his Department of Corrections colleagues aspired, and

WHEREAS, Investigator Estrada's Spanish fluency allowed him to cross language barriers and diffuse dangerous situations, maintaining civility both inside and outside of the jail, and

WHEREAS, Investigator Estrada is survived by a loving family, including a son, three daughters and three granddaughters, with whom all of Cook County grieves; and

WHEREAS, Investigator Estrada lived as he died - tirelessly protecting his family, our community and our Nation; now, therefore,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, Cook County Sheriff Thomas J. Dart, and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, assembled this 15th day of January, 2014, do hereby honor the life and memory of Investigator Cuauhtemoc "Temo" Estrada, and extend our heartfelt condolences to his family; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the Family of Investigator Estrada as a sign of our sympathy and good wishes.