

## Board of Commissioners of Cook County

## Legislation Details

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Title:	PROPOSED RESOLUTION				
	<ul> <li>HONORING FOUR HEROIC U.S. ARMY CHAPLAINS</li> <li>WHEREAS, February 4, 2018 marks the 75th anniversary of the sinking of the U.S.A.T. Dorchester; and</li> <li>WHEREAS, on that day in 1943 while transporting soldiers overseas over the North Atlantic the U.S.A.T. Dorchester was struck by a torpedo which knocked out the ship's electrical system, leaving the ship dark which created panic among the men aboard, many of them trapped below deck. It is what happened during these crucial 20 minutes before the ship sank, the reason we remember this day; and</li> </ul>				
	<ul> <li>WHEREAS, in a final act of valor and courage, four U.S. Army first lieutenant chaplains Methodist Reverend George L. Fox, Roman Catholic Priest John P. Washington, Jewish Rabbi Alexander D. Goode, Dutch Reformed faiths Reverend Clark V. Poling calmed the men and organized an orderly evacuation of the ship; and</li> <li>WHEREAS, as they helped guide wounded men to safety into life boats and as life jackets were passed out to the men, the supply ran out. The chaplains removed their own life jackets and gave them to others. They then linked arms while praying and went down with the ship as it sank into the cold waters of the North Atlantic; and</li> </ul>				
	WHEREAS, every year hence, citizens across our country have remembered the courage and extraordinary display of bravery from these four heroic men of faith, and				
	WHEREAS, this year's memorial program is hosted by the Jewish War Veterans and is sponsored annually by the Combined Veterans Association.				
	of Commissioners, do hereby o	lesignate Sunday preserve the men	Toni Preckwinkle, President of the Cook County Board y, February 4, 2018 FOUR CHAPLAINS SUNDAY IN hory of these individuals who demonstrated the		
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