



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN HONOR OF FOUR HEROIC CHAPLAINS

WHEREAS, February 2, 2014 marks the 71st anniversary of one of the most inspiring acts of heroism during World War II; and

WHEREAS, in a final act of love and dedication, four chaplains, representing the Methodist, Roman Catholic, Jewish and Dutch Reformed faiths, gave their own life jackets to four American servicemen and directed the young soldiers to life boats; and

WHEREAS, the four United States Army chaplains, arms linked about each other while praying, then sank into the cold waters of the North Atlantic with the torpedoed U.S.A.T. Dorchester, an army transport ship; and

WHEREAS, every year hence, residents across our country have remembered the courage and extraordinary generosity of these four heroic men of faith; and

WHEREAS, this year's memorial program is hosted by the Polish Legion of American Veterans, and is sponsored annually by the Combined Veterans Association of Illinois.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County does hereby designate Sunday, February 2, 2014 to be "Four Chaplains Sunday" in Cook County, and urge all Cook County residents to preserve the memory of these individuals who demonstrated their boundless love for others.