



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING FORMER STATE REP. EUGENE “GENE” SCHLICKMAN

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Eugene “Gene” Schlickman from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Eugene “Gene” Schlickman began his career in public service as a trustee in the Village of Arlington Heights; and

WHEREAS, Eugene “Gene” Schlickman was elected to State Representative from Arlington Heights in 1964 and served his district proudly for almost 20 years from 1964 to 1981; and

WHEREAS, Eugene “Gene” Schlickman was respected on both sides of the aisle and is remembered for his willingness to reach out to his democratic colleagues in the name of good policy; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure in the state legislature Eugene “Gene” Schlickman is admired for his work on prison reform to get funding for art and education for the prison system and championing disability rights; and

WHEREAS, Eugene “Gene” Schlickman was also known for advocating for better communication and an integrated approach to regional transportation in the RTA’s infancy; and

WHEREAS, upon retirement from the state legislature Eugene “Gene” Schlickman continued to practice law and co-wrote the first biography on Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens; and

WHEREAS, Eugene “Gene” Schlickman continued to serve his community throughout his life raising funds through his church for earthquake ravaged Haiti despite failing health; and

WHEREAS, all who knew Eugene “Gene” Schlickman and had the privilege to work with him can attest to the fact that he was a kind and compassionate man and was admired and respected for his service to people; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook county does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathies to the family and friends of Eugene “Gene” Schlickman; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to the family of Eugene “Gene” Schlickman, that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.