



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **CELEBRATING THE 70<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL JAMES WITHEY, UNITED STATES AIRFORCE RETIRED**

**WHEREAS**, on February 15, 2015, Cook County native Lieutenant Colonel James Withey will celebrate his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday; and

**WHEREAS**, Colonel Withey learned his leadership skills while growing up in the south suburbs of Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, Colonel Withey used his leadership skills as the quarterback of Thornton Fractional High School team; and

**WHEREAS**, Colonel Withey took those leadership skills to the University of Arizona where he met his wife Lyn; and

**WHEREAS**, the Withey's raised three children and are currently the grandparents of eight; and

**WHEREAS**, Colonel Withey served as an United States Air Force Officer for over 20 years with tours of duty in Vietnam and various stateside assignments including the Pentagon; and

**WHEREAS**, Colonel Withey developed many innovative traffic enforcement programs that were used in the District of Columbia in the 1960's to enhance traffic flow on 4<sup>th</sup> Street, S.E. and speed the crossing of moving trucks across the South Capitol Street Bridge; and

**WHEREAS**, Colonel Withey, after retiring from the Air Force became a communication executive whose talents and leadership have led to many innovative systems; and

**WHEREAS**, Colonel Withey has always acknowledged his Cook County roots and the early lessons on leadership that helped form him; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County takes great pleasure in honoring and celebrating the 70th birthday of Lieutenant Colonel James Withey, USAF Ret. and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions he has made to the citizens of Cook County, Illinois; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to Lieutenant Colonel James Withey, USAF Ret. in honor of his 70th Birthday.