



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE 90th BIRTHDAY OF JACK ROSENBERG

WHEREAS, Jack Rosenberg was born on May 21, 1926 in Pekin, Illinois. The son of Sam Rosenberg, Jack had two siblings, Leonard and Rosella; and

WHEREAS, from the beginning Jack was a natural leader, he was elected Student Council President at the beginning of his senior year at Pekin High School in 1943. Jack knew from an early age that he wanted to be a newspaperman, as a student he worked at the *Pekin Daily Times*; he worked his way up to sports editor; and

WHEREAS, Jack went into the Navy in June 1944, the week of D-Day, and completed his service in May 1946. Following the Navy, Jack went to work at the Peoria Journal-Star, the largest downstate Illinois newspaper, where he won two NCAA awards as tops in the nation for college baseball reporting for papers over 100,000 circulation; and

WHEREAS, Jack moved to Chicago in 1954 to work for WGN, where he served as sports editor for more than 40 years and built a nationally renowned sports department; and

WHEREAS, Jack Rosenberg along with Arne Harris and Jack Brickhouse were the most innovative team for baseball coverage and covered more baseball games than any other broadcasting team; and

WHEREAS, Jack Rosenberg Arne Harris and Jack Brickhouse created the multi-camera and various replay effects to make television coverage better; and

WHEREAS, Jack snared an exclusive interview by Vince Lloyd with President Kennedy on the Lead-Off Man before the 1961 Sox-Senators season opener in Washington, DC, and a 1981 Brickhouse interview in the White House with President Reagan; and

WHEREAS, Jack retired in 1999 after 45 years with WGN television and radio. His work was regularly singled out for distinction. He was inducted in 2011 into the 'Silver Circle' by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, was inducted in 2012 into the Illinois Broadcasters Association, as a 'Broadcast Pioneer' and was inducted into the Chicagoland Sports Hall of Fame as a 'sports legend'; in 1983; and

WHEREAS, Jack married Mayora Gitlitz on February 5, 1956 and they had two children, David and Beth and six grandchildren, Abby, Carly, Jaclyn, Molly, Laura and Ethan; and

WHEREAS, Jack Rosenberg is a generous and supportive mentor to many in his field. His wisdom and guidance helped shape the next generation of journalists. Aspiring sportscasters, writers and producers frequently seek his advice and wisdom; and

WHEREAS, Jack Rosenberg is a tireless community leader and philanthropist. He was instrumental in organizing the

Jack Quinlan Memorial Golf tournament that raised thousands for charity. Jack currently serves on the Faculty Board of Directors at Swedish Covenant Hospital in Chicago. He was honorary chairman of the Women's Health Initiative Campaign, where Swedish Covenant Hospital's Mayora Rosenberg Women's Health Center was named in honor of his late wife. He is deeply cherished for his kind, limitless devotion to Swedish Covenant Hospital and the neighborhood it serves.

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 90th birthday, hard work and many accomplishments of Jack Rosenberg 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 Jack Rosenberg in honor of his 90th Birthday.