



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE OF CAPTAIN EUGENE CERNAN

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Captain Eugene Cernan from our midst on January 16, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Captain Cernan was born on March 14, 1934 in Chicago, Illinois, to Andrew and Rose Cernan; and

WHEREAS, the family soon relocated to the Village of Bellwood, Illinois, where Captain Cernan was raised; and

WHEREAS, Captain Cernan went on to study at Purdue University, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering; and

WHEREAS, Captain Cernan joined the United States Navy ROTC and served aboard the USS Roanoke while he was still in college; and

WHEREAS, Captain Cernan was commissioned into the Navy and became a Naval Aviator in 1958; and

WHEREAS, he graduated with a Master of Science Degree in Aeronautical Engineering in 1963 from the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School; and

WHEREAS, that same year, Captain Cernan was selected by NASA as an astronaut to participate in the Gemini and Apollo programs; and

WHEREAS, Captain Cernan commanded the Apollo 17 mission, the final lunar landing; and

WHEREAS, at the time of his death, Captain Cernan remained the last person to walk on the face of the moon; and

WHEREAS, following his service with the Navy and NASA, Captain Cernan went on to a successful career in business and spent much time meeting with young people to encourage them to always shoot for the moon; and

WHEREAS, Captain Cernan was married to Jan and raised three daughters, Teresa, Kelly, and Danielle; and

WHEREAS, the people of Bellwood and Cook County commend Captain Cernan on his many accomplishments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Captain Eugene Cernan and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss.