



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Chicago, IL

Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

LEWIS MANILOW, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Lewis Manilow from our midst, and

WHEREAS Lewis Manilow was the loving husband of Susan (nee Rosenberg), and

WHEREAS Lewis Manilow was the dear father of Karen, David (Mary Kenney) and John (Lynn), and

WHEREAS Lewis Manilow was the devoted stepfather of Edwin (Jennifer Schulze) Eisendrath and John (Jennifer Levin) Eisendrath, and

WHEREAS Lewis Manilow was adored grandfather of 15 grandchildren, and

WHEREAS Lewis Manilow grew up on Chicago's North Side and graduated from Senn High School, and

WHEREAS Lewis Manilow earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois and a law degree from Harvard Law School in 1951, and

WHEREAS Lewis Manilow worked as a Cook County assistant state's attorney at the start of his career and in 1956 was part of a group that launched a small resident theater company at the Studebaker Theatre in the Fine Arts, and

WHEREAS Lewis Manilow began a private law practice centering on development work, and

WHEREAS Lewis Manilow focused on philanthropic, civic and political endeavors and was one of the founding sponsors of Chicago's Museum of Contemporary Art and served as the Museum Board's President from 1976 until 1981, and

WHEREAS Lewis Manilow was an active advocate of the Chicago theater scene and was one of the first to propose a "theater row" in the North Loop as a way to reinvigorate the neighborhood. He co-chaired a capital campaign committee that successfully allowed the Goodman Theatre to leave its longtime home at the Art Institute of Chicago and move to a newly constructed complex on Dearborn in the Loop, and

WHEREAS Lewis Manilow was a lifetime trustee of the Art Institute of Chicago, a member of the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy, and served on the boards of the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs, the Progressive Policy Institute, the Visiting Committee of the University of Chicago's Harris School of Public Policy, and the Executive Committee of the Chicago Community Trust, and

WHEREAS Lewis Manilow was awarded the National Medal of Arts by President Bill Clinton in 2000, and

WHEREAS all who knew him will attest that Lewis Manilow was a kind and compassionate man, virtuous of character and gentle in spirit, admired and respected by his many friends and neighbors, and dearly loved by his family, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and many friends of Lewis Manilow, and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of same be tendered to the family of Lewis Manilow, that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.