



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF BILL TIKNIS**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in his infinite wisdom called William Tiknis from our midst on November 20, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill Tiknis, born in Chicago on November 11, 1928 to William and Sophie, beloved husband to the late Charlotte Lange, loving father of Clay (Kathe), Mark (Pat) and the late Cory, cherished grandfather of Laurel Tiknis, Zac (Julie) Tiknis, Noah Tiknis, Thoreau Tiknis and Sophie Tiknis, proud great grandfather of Oscar and Henry, and dear brother of Julie Costello, Jeannie Rasmussen, was very active in his community for the majority of his life; and

**WHEREAS**, “Tik” was a long-time resident and public official to the citizens of Bartlett who was fundamental in facilitating and creating many of the amenities available in Bartlett today; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1956 Bill and his family moved to Bartlett by accident, as Bill described it; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill served in multiple public service roles after moving to town such as a Bartlett Volunteer fireman for 14 years, and Village Trustee for 10 years before being elected Village President; and

**WHEREAS**, during his time in those various offices he changed the Village of Bartlett for the better, helping to create the Bartlett Park District, obtain the Apple Orchard Park property and plan the original wastewater treatment plant, and was involved in the creation of the Northwest Suburban Mass Transit District; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1981 Tik was elected Hanover Township supervisor and served for 16 years; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1991 Bill co-chaired the Bartlett Centennial Commission, and in that same year was named a Bartlett Living Legend; and

**WHEREAS**, one of Bill’s most important accomplishments was the acquisition of Bartlett Hills by the village; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill Tiknis truly influenced and changed Bartlett for the better, and helped shape a community that the residents of Bartlett can enjoy and be proud of; and

**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 Bill Tiknis 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 that a suitable copy of the same be tendered to the family of Bill Tiknis so that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.