



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING COMMISSIONER RICHARD BOYKIN**

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Richard Boykin (1st District) will vacate his seat on the Cook County Board of Commissioners on November 30, 2018 after four outstanding years of public service to the residents of Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Boykin grew up in Chicago's Englewood community and attended Chicago Vocational High School; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Boykin graduated Magna Cum Laude from Central State University, where he majored in Political Science; and

**WHEREAS**, upon returning to Chicago, Commissioner Boykin became a board member to the Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1991, Commissioner Boykin began his legal education at the University of Dayton, School of Law; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Boykin continues to practice law in the Chicago and Washington D.C. offices of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, where he is a partner; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Boykin began his career in public service as a Lyndon B. Johnson Intern for U.S. Representative Bobby Rush, followed by serving as a Congressional Black Caucus Fellow for former U.S. Senator Carol Moseley-Braun; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Boykin served as Legislative Director and then Chief of Staff for United States Congressman Danny K. Davis where he was instrumental in welfare-to-work, health care, energy and utility, and appropriations measures; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Boykin was elected to the Cook County Board of Commissioners for the 1st District in 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Boykin served as a member of the Board's sub-committee on litigation and as chair of the Human Relations Committee, where he held a number of hearings to advocate for human rights; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Boykin has advocated to reduce the gun violence issue plaguing the City of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout his years of public service, Commissioner Boykin has been dedicated to the needs and values of the residents of Cook County; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby extend our sincere and grateful appreciation to Commissioner Richard Boykin for his service on the Cook County Board of Commissioners, and our best wishes to him for continued success, happiness, and good health in the years to come.

**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 Commissioner Richard Boykin.