



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING COOK COUNTY CLERK DAVID ORR**

**WHEREAS**, David Orr is concluding his tenure as Cook County Clerk on November 30, 2018 after 28 outstanding years of public service to the residents of Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, Clerk Orr has been a progressive voice in Chicago politics for more than 35 years, starting with his aldermanic career of the 49th Ward in City of Chicago in 1979; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1987, Clerk Orr became Mayor of the City of Chicago after the sudden passing of then Mayor Harold Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1990, Clerk Orr was elected to office of Cook County Clerk, an office responsible for one of the largest election districts in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout his career, Clerk Orr has ushered in a Voter Renaissance in Illinois making voter registration and voting easier and more accessible statewide; and

**WHEREAS**, Clerk Orr led the fight to implement the Motor Voter law in Illinois as well as introduced Early Voting legislation that now allows voters in Illinois to cast their ballots two weeks prior to an election; and

**WHEREAS**, Clerk Orr promoted passage of a statewide law that allows junior and senior high school students to serve as election judges, part of the Clerk's Teen Democracy Program; and

**WHEREAS**, Clerk Orr has used technology to improve customer service and save the county and taxpayers money, such as consolidating City and County vital records; and

**WHEREAS**, Clerk Orr created the free Running for Office Starter Kit which allows suburban Cook County residents to view the elected offices they are eligible to run for and receive the necessary information and documentation to complete the challenging process of running for office; and

**WHEREAS**, Clerk Orr worked closely with legislative leaders and civil rights groups to bring marriage equality to Illinois, efforts through which more than 14,000 same sex couples have gotten married in Cook County; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby extend our sincere and grateful appreciation to Cook County Clerk David Orr for his service 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 Cook County Clerk David Orr.