



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

GEORGE HERBERT WALKER BUSH, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called George Herbert Walker Bush from our midst; and

WHEREAS George Herbert Walker Bush was the beloved husband of the late Barbara (Pierce), and

WHEREAS George Herbert Walker Bush was the devoted father of George, Robin, Jeb, Neil, Marvin and Dorothy

WHEREAS, George Herbert Walker Bush enlisted in the United States Navy after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and bravely served as a Navy pilot in World War II until September 1945 and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism under fire during his service; and

WHEREAS, George Herbert Walker Bush began his political career when he became the Republican Party Chairman in Harris County, Texas and, in 1966, won a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives from Houston's Seventh District, and

WHEREAS, In December 1970, President Richard Nixon nominated George Herbert Walker Bush as the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, and

WHEREAS, In 1974, President Gerald Ford appointed Bush as the U.S. envoy to the People's Republic of China and in 1975 President Gerald Ford asked Bush to serve as the new director of the Central Intelligence Agency; and

WHEREAS, George Herbert Walker Bush ran for president in 1980 and was defeated in the Republican primary by Ronald Reagan, who chose him as his running mate in his successful bid for presidency. During his eight-year tenure as Vice President, Bush headed task forces on deregulation and the war on drugs; and

WHEREAS in 1988, George Herbert Walker Bush was elected President of the United States, defeating his Democratic opponent Michael Dukakis, becoming the first incumbent vice president in 152 years to be elected president; and

WHEREAS, during his presidency, George Herbert Walker Bush helped steer the nation through the perilous period at the end of the Cold War and helped build the coalition that was successful during the first Gulf War; and

WHEREAS, during his presidency, George Herbert Walker Bush signed into law the Americans with Disabilities Act, a civil rights law that prohibits discrimination based on disability; and

WHEREAS, George Herbert Walker Bush took steps in his later life to focus on healthcare through the founding of The George and Barbara Bush Endowment for Innovative Cancer Research at MD Anderson Cancer Center and to support communities affected by natural disasters including Haiti and Texas; and

WHEREAS George Herbert Walker Bush's public service has been characterized by decency, intelligence and integrity, and through all his endeavors, he has complemented his honesty and compassion with a refreshing sense of humor and humility, and

WHEREAS all who knew him will attest that George Herbert Walker Bush was a kind and compassionate man, virtuous

of character and gentle in spirit, admired and respected by all whom he served in public office, 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 George Herbert Walker Bush, 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 George Herbert Walker Bush, that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.