



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LATE WILLIAM “BILL” EARL QUIGLEY

WHEREAS, William “Bill” Earl Quigley was born on January 26, 1927 in Indianapolis, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, Bill Quigley was abandoned as a baby in an orphanage and adopted by a poor family in the middle of the Depression; and

WHEREAS, Bill Quigley believed that the difficult times in his life instilled in him an ethic to be productive, to work hard, to seek to do the right thing, and to believe in the potential of success, values he passed to his children; and

WHEREAS, Bill Quigley completed high school and entered Purdue University. As he was starting his sophomore year, he was drafted into the U.S. Army during the Korean War where he served in the Signal Corps. There he learned technology including satellite and microwave communications that were then in their infancy; and

WHEREAS, after his military service, Bill Quigley spent his career working for AT&T as a supervising engineer. He was a member of the Communications Workers of America. He was transferred and promoted to the Chicago area and moved to Ottawa, Illinois upon his retirement; and

WHEREAS, Bill Quigley did volunteer work at a homeless shelter in Ottawa and served on the Ottawa Planning Commission. He was a longtime tinkerer with an interest in electronics that included building his family’s first color television; and

WHEREAS, true to his Indiana roots, Bill Quigley was what his family described as a “fanatical” Indianapolis 500 fan and attended races at the Brickyard for more than 60 years, wearing victory-flag checkered socks while running stopwatches on the lead cars; and

WHEREAS, Bill Quigley was also an avid chess player and learned to play the game before he learned to read; and

WHEREAS, Bill Quigley married Joan Louise Deputy in 1951 in Augusta, Georgia. They celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary in June 2018; and

WHEREAS, Bill Quigley is the father of former Cook County Commissioner and current U.S. Rep. Mike Quigley who represents Illinois’ 5th Congressional District.

WHEREAS, in addition to his son and wife, he is survived by his daughters Chris (Rex) Benson and Linda Quigley; his daughter-in-law Betty Quigley; and six grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents William E. (1952) and Lillian I. Quigley (1934); his sister, Barbara Quigley (1998); and by his son, Daniel P. Quigley (2017), a former employee of the Cook County Assessor’s Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County takes great pleasure in honoring and celebrating William “Bill” Earl Quigley’s life and his many contributions bettering the lives of and citizens of Cook County, Illinois;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to the family of William “Bill” Earl Quigley.