



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION HONORING VETERAN EUGENE TERMINI FOR HIS MILITARY SERVICE AND VINES SENIOR HOMES' ACTIVITY DIRECTOR CATHY VADEN FOR HER OUTSTANDING WORK

WHEREAS, Eugene Termini proudly enlisted for the Coast Guard during World War II with his best friend at the age of 17; and,

WHEREAS, he actively served with air and sea rescue in Guam, Pearl Harbor, Panama, and San Francisco on the USS Key West. When he arrived in Guam, it was within a few days of the nuclear bombs being dropped on Japan; and,

WHEREAS, while in Guam he spent two weeks at a time at sea on weather patrol, encountering a typhoon and narrowly escaping to safer waters. After 8 months, he returned to Pearl Harbor and then San Francisco. He looks favorably on his time with the Coast Guard; and,

WHEREAS, he was honorably discharged from active duty status in St. Louis, 1946 but never received the medals he was owed; and,

WHEREAS, Eugene tried for 73 years to receive his military medals but was continuously stalled; and,

WHEREAS, no military veteran should be forced to fight for the medals they have earned; and,

WHEREAS, Cathy Vaden, the Activity Director at Vines Senior Homes in Elgin, stepped in to assist Eugene; and,

WHEREAS, without Cathy's diligence and perseverance Eugene may never have received his medals; and,

WHEREAS, finally, at age 92 and 73 years late, Eugene Termini was finally presented with his medals by American Legion Elgin Post 57 among family and friends at a patriotic celebration; and,

WHEREAS, Eugene Termini received the American Campaign Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, the World War II Victory Medal, a Coast Guard Honorable Discharge pin, and an Honorable Service Lapel Button; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Cook County Board of Commissioners, commend Cathy Vaden for her exemplary dedication and work ethic; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we, the Cook County Board of Commissioners, thank Eugene Termini for his service and congratulate him on his five medals.