



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE HON. CHARLES MONROE MAY

WHEREAS, the Honorable Charles Monroe May, Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County was born in Shreveport, Louisiana on March 16, 1927. He was the youngest of six children born to Mamie Morrell and Reverend John Henry May; and

WHEREAS, in 1958 Charles married Julia Chavez. and from that marriage their only child, Jennifer Lynn May, was born; and

WHEREAS, Charles graduated from Crispus Attucks High School in Indianapolis, Indiana after first attending Evanston Township High School. He attended Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee until drafted into the Army during WWII where he achieved the rank of Sargent. At Fisk, he joined the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, later becoming a lifetime member of the organization. After his military service, he continued his education at Fisk University where he received his undergraduate degree. He then went to DePaul University College of Law in Chicago, Illinois where he received his Juris Doctorate; and

WHEREAS, after completing his Law degree, Charles became a partner in various law firms in Chicago. He also served as an Assistant State's Attorney for several years before he was appointed Associate Judge in 1985. He maintained this position at the Cook County Juvenile Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County until his retirement; and

WHEREAS Judge May changed the course of many children's lives for the better through his total involvement in their cases; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his love for family and the law, Charles loved playing golf and traveling. His life theme should have been "Have golf clubs, will travel" as he always looked for a golf course wherever he went. His many destinations included The Bahamas, Mexico, Hawaii, Canada, California, Florida, and Nevada. He particularly enjoyed his last two trips visiting friends in Belize; and

WHEREAS, Judge May was preceded in death by his wife, Julie, and his parents and siblings. He leaves to cherish his memory his beloved daughter Jennifer (Mark L.) Lund; nephew Horace "Kris" (Elida) Graves; and friend Katrina (Eric) Butler.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County commemorates the life of **HON. CHARLES MONROE MAY**, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the years of service he gave to the Citizens of Cook County, Illinois; and

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 **HON. CHARLES MONROE MAY**.