



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF KENNETH L. VALLOW

WHEREAS, God in his infinite wisdom called Kenneth L. Vallow from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth L. Vallow was born on December 3, 1946 to William “Buck” Vallow and Effie (Hathaway) Vallow; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth was drafted into the Army, where he served as a Military Police Officer at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. After two years of service, Kenneth returned home and continued working in civil service; and

WHEREAS, While employed with a trucking company, Kenneth also joined the East Hazel Crest Police Department, as well as the East Hazel Crest Fire Department as a volunteer fireman. Kenneth’s career spanned 49 years as a police officer with the East Hazel Crest Police Department, and 28 years as a fireman with the East Hazel Crest Fire Department. Kenneth held the titles of patrolman, Detective, Evidence Technician, Criminal Investigator, Field Training Officer and Chief of Police during his career with the East Hazel Crest Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth Vallow completed two stints as the Chief of Police; from 1979 until 1984, and from 2016 until his death; and.

WHEREAS, Kenneth L. Vallow was a devoted husband for nearly 50 years to Joanne (Pushala), beloved father to his sons Kenneth (Barbara), Keith (fiancé Jessica), Kristopher (Jillian) and Kevin (Lisa). Additionally, Kenneth was idolized and adored by his grandchildren Scotty, Justin, McKenna, Landon, Jaxon, Dominic, Jocelyn, Nolan, Camden, Kaylee and Kendal and great grandchild Evelyn, brothers William (Carol) Vallow, Thomas (Janice) Vallow, Timothy (Marsha) Vallow and Gerald Vallow; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth L Vallow’s physical presence may no longer be with us, we shall remember his strong work ethic, knowledge, dedication, loyalty and love have been passed on to his children and grandchildren, so that many more generations may flourish. Many people who have crossed Kenneth’s path say how lucky they were to have known him, while others felt privileged to call him a friend or family member.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on behalf of Toni Preckwinkle, President of the Cook County Board, the Board of Commissioners, and its 5.4 million residents of Cook County do hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy of the family of Kenneth L. Vallow; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to the family of Mr. Kenneth L. Vallow in his honor and be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body