



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING CHIEF RALPH ENSIGN FOR MORE THAN FOUR DECADES IN FIRE SERVICE

WHEREAS, Ralph Ensign started his fire service career as a firefighter/paramedic with the Winnetka Fire Department in 1976; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Ensign earned a bachelor's degree in fire service management from Southern Illinois University in 1978; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Ensign joined the Highland Park Fire Department in 1978, and was promoted to lieutenant in 1989; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Ensign was promoted to captain with the Highland Park Fire Department in 1991; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Ensign was hired as Deputy Fire Chief for the Village of Glenview Fire Department in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Ensign was promoted to Chief of the Village of Glenview Fire Department in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Ensign served as Chief of the Village of Winnetka Fire Department from November 2010 to January 2011; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Ensign has also been a paid-on-call and paid-on-premise firefighter with the Northfield Fire-Rescue Department, where his father retired as an Assistant Chief in 1979; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Ensign was instrumental in the design and construction of Fire Station 6, which was moved from Glenview Road in the downtown area to 1215 Waukegan Road; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Ensign was a critical voice in planning the replacement for Fire Station 8 at 1901 Landwehr Road; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Ensign worked to train the next generation of life-savers with the creation of, a paramedic training ride-a-long program through Advocate Lutheran General Hospital

WHEREAS, Ralph Ensign not only worked to stop fires, but stop them before they start with the implementation of a smoke detector installation program; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Ensign co-founded the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) Division III Hazardous Materials Response Team, a partnership of 19 north suburban communities to share fire department personnel, equipment and resources when needed; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Ensign has been praised by Village Manager Matt Formica as "a strong asset to Glenview and an all-around great person to work with;" and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby honor Ralph

Ensign for his contribution to fire safety in the Glenview, Northfield, Winnetka and Highland Park communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of the Resolution be tendered to Ralph Ensign as a means of communicating our thanks and well wishes.