



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **REMEMBERING AND HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN ROYAL BODINE**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom called from our midst John Royal Bodine on Sunday, June 28, 2020 at the age of 76; and

**WHEREAS**, John was born in Washington DC on October 16, 1943 to Mary Jane and Royal John Bodine; and

**WHEREAS**, John and his sister grew up in River Forest, IL and graduated from Oak Park High School; and

**WHEREAS**, John received his BA and Master's Degree from Purdue University, and had a fellowship to work on his PhD at The University of California, Riverside; and

**WHEREAS**, John was a renaissance man who started his career as a Political Science professor and Crew coach at West Virginia University, Charleston, Columbia in New York City and later Purdue University; and

**WHEREAS**, John was working on his PhD before he joined his 115-year-old family business in 1983, Bodine Electric, whose Corporate Headquarters were located in Chicago until 10 years ago when it was moved it to Northfield; and

**WHEREAS**, John became CEO and President in 1989 where he served until 2017 after which he became Chairman of the Board for the last 3 years of his career; and

**WHEREAS**, John appreciated every employee at Bodine, and at Bodine and in his daily life, he made such an impact on so many lives and always had a smile, would share an idea, a pearl of wisdom or a joke; and

**WHEREAS**, John was well-read, well-traveled, smart, inclusive, generous and always engaged, and his love for his family was only matched by his tireless desire and hard work to make Bodine Electric a world-class manufacturer; and

**WHEREAS**, John would travel as often as possible, bringing friends, his children and grandchildren, and delighted in showing them the world, in all traveling to 75 countries; and

**WHEREAS**, John is survived by his loving wife of 56 years Sherill, daughter Heidi Anderson, sons Alan and Michael Bodine, daughter Kate Huff, fourteen grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bodine family has pledged to continue his legacy of excellence;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby offer its deepest condolences and heartfelt sympathy to the family and loved ones of John Royal Bodine; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and a suitable copy be presented to the family of John Royal Bodine so that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.