



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **EDWARD PATRICK “COACH” GALVIN, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom called Edward Patrick Galvin from our midst on September 18, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, Ed Galvin was the loving husband of Eileen, (nee Day) for 62 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Ed Galvin was the devoted father of six daughters: Peggy (Bill) O'Reilly, Maripat (Rick) Wooliver, Eileen (John) Healy, Kathy (Rick) Dasko, Joanne (Joe) Siciliano, and Tracy (Dan) Welsh; and

**WHEREAS**, Ed Galvin was the cherished grandfather of Ryann, Caitlin, Liam, Maggie, Shannon, Katie, Jack, Kaileen, Eddie, Mary Kate, Kasey, Danni, Drew, Joey, Charlie, Danny, Molly, and Maeve and the proud great-grandfather of Liliana, Luca, Bennett, Frankie, Johnny, and Mikey; and

**WHEREAS**, Ed Galvin was born in Chicago to Irish immigrants, the late Tom and Molly (nee Herlihy) Galvin. Ed was the loving brother of the late Mary (John) Wilkie, the late John (late Betty) Galvin, and the late Thomas (Sarah) Galvin; and

**WHEREAS**, Ed Galvin grew up on the West Side of Chicago and graduated from Presentation Grammar School and St. Philip High School; and

**WHEREAS**, upon graduation, Ed Galvin went to college on a full scholarship for basketball at Loyola University in New Orleans where he received a Bachelor of Science in physical education; and

**WHEREAS**, at Loyola, Ed Galvin set team scoring and rebound records, was MVP for three straight years, was a member of Collier Magazine's All-American Basketball Team, and was drafted by the NBA's Syracuse Nationals (now the Philadelphia 76'ers); and

**WHEREAS**, instead of entering the NBA, Ed Galvin served in the U.S. Army as a military police officer from 1955 until 1957; and

**WHEREAS**, Ed Galvin began his Hall of Fame coaching career as an assistant at St. Philip before becoming head coach at St. Rita High School and then at Fenwick High School. He coached ten years at Fenwick and was voted the Chicago Catholic League Coach of the Year for all sports in 1971; and

**WHEREAS**, Ed Galvin also served as the first men's basketball coach at Rosary College (now Dominican University), then went to North Central College, and finished his forty-year coaching career at the Illinois Math and Science Academy with more than 600 coaching wins; and

**WHEREAS**, Ed Galvin was selected as a member of five halls of fame: Chicago Catholic League, Chicagoland Sports, Illinois Basketball Coaches Association, St. Rita High School, and Loyola University New Orleans Athletics; and

**WHEREAS**, Ed Galvin served the community of Elmwood Park for several years as the recreation director and as a trustee; and

**WHEREAS**, Ed Galvin later worked as a trader at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and then established Galvin Marketing with his lifelong friend Dan O'Donnell; and

**WHEREAS**, Ed Galvin was also known for his golf game and his Irish wit, but trumping all else was his love and devotion to his family.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby extend their deepest condolences to the family and friends of Ed "Coach" Galvin; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to the family of Ed Galvin so that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.