



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **JUDGE EDWARD H. MARSALEK, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom called Edward H. Marsalek from our midst on September 4, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, Edward H. Marsalek was born in Chicago to Frank and Karolina Marsalek on July 22, 1927, and lived to be 98 years old; and

**WHEREAS**, Edward Marsalek was the loving husband of Ann (Pollace) Marsalek for more than 62 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Edward Marsalek was the dear father of Judge Diann Marsalek (the late Roger McAuliffe), Carolyn Marsalek, and Edward Marsalek (Joyce Wonsil); and

**WHEREAS**, Edward Marsalek was the beloved grandfather of Nicholas, Alex, and the late Peter; and

**WHEREAS**, Edward Marsalek was the cherished brother of the late Stanley (Jean), the late Betty (John) Lusak, the late Wanda (Alex) Weigel, the late Mary, and the late Elizabeth. Edward was also the loving uncle and great uncle to many; and

**WHEREAS**, both of Edward Marsalek's parents died when he was young, and his sister Betty and her husband John raised him; and

**WHEREAS**, Edward Marsalek graduated from Lane Tech High School in Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, Edward Marsalek joined the United States Marine Corp in 1943 and fought in World War II in the South Pacific before being discharged as a corporal in 1946; and

**WHEREAS**, after the war, Edward returned to Chicago and attended Wilbur Wright College and later graduated from the University of Houston; and

**WHEREAS**, Edward then returned to Chicago and attended John Marshall Law School and was admitted to the Illinois bar in 1953; and

**WHEREAS**, after working in a small law firm for a few years, Edward Marsalek became an Assistant Attorney General in 1960 and rose to Chief of the Consumer Fraud Division. He helped draft the Illinois Consumer Fraud Act, which was signed into law in 1961; and

**WHEREAS**, Edward Marsalek worked as a deputy director for the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority and founded the law firm Marsalek and Lusak. He was appointed as an associate judge in 1986 and was later elected circuit judge where he was retained for several elections and retired in 1998; and

**WHEREAS**, Edward Marsalek mentored new judges and was well respected by his peers. He was a member of the Judicial Inquiry Board and was a member of many professional organizations, including the Advocates Society of Polish

Lawyers, the Chicago Bar Association, Catholic Lawyers, and the Chicago Society PNA, where he was honored as Person of the Year in 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, Edward was the president of the 44<sup>th</sup> Ward Democratic Organization for many years and was president of the United States Marine Corp 6<sup>th</sup> Division Jasco; and

**WHEREAS**, in retirement, Edward Marsalek traveled throughout the United States and in Poland. He loved spending time at this summer house in Wisconsin with his family, friends, and German Shepherd, Frank, who was always by his side; and

**WHEREAS**, Ed loved the Cubs and the Bears, but he especially loved 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 Judge Edward H. Marsalek; 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 Marsalek family so that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.