



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### PROPOSED RESOLUTION

#### HONORING AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF FALLEN CHICAGO FIREFIGHTER JERMAINE PELT

**WHEREAS**, in the afternoon of April 11, 2023, firefighter crews responded to a house fire in the West Pulman neighborhood, which quickly spread to three buildings, and

**WHEREAS**, while dousing the fire from an adjacent building's second floor, Firefighter Jermain Pelt received an order to evacuate the building due to worsening conditions as that structure had also caught fire, and

**WHEREAS**, unfortunately Officer Pelt lost consciousness before he could evacuate, losing his life from smoke inhalation, sacrificing himself while saving the lives of others, and

**WHEREAS**, Officer Pelt joined the Chicago Fire Department in 2005 and served the Roseland community in the South Side his entire career, and

**WHEREAS**, Officer Pelt graduated from Corliss High School in the Pullman neighborhood before attending Olive-Harvey College, and

**WHEREAS**, Officer Pelt, 49 years of age, had recently proudly walked his 28-year-old daughter down the aisle to get married, and

**WHEREAS**, firefighters from Officer Pelt's firehouse at 119th and South Morgan recall him as a kind-hearted man with a true service spirit who was a registered nurse, a paramedic, an instructor at the fire academy, and a great firehouse cook, and

**WHEREAS**, Officer Pelt is remembered for his heart, his smile, and his dedication to service and as a devoted family man, a husband, son, brother, and father of two who leaves behind an adoring family - including a 6-year-old son Jared, and a daughter, Jorie, and

**WHEREAS**, this tragic event serves to impress all of us with a deeper appreciation of the valor of our local firefighters who are always prepared to face dangerous hazards to protect the citizens of our County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County does hereby offer our deepest most heartfelt condolences to the family of Firefighter Jermaine Pelt, and express our appreciation for the ultimate sacrifice made by Firefighter Jermaine Pelt on April 11, 2023, while selflessly serving the residents of Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this text be spread upon the Official Proceedings of this Honorable Body so that this tragic event and the loss of Firefighter Pelt's life shall never be forgotten.