



# City of Chicago



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| <b>Meeting Date:</b>            | 4/30/2014                                  |
| <b>Sponsor(s):</b>              | Burke (14)                                 |
| <b>Type:</b>                    | Resolution                                 |
| <b>Title:</b>                   | Tribute to late Honorable Richard J. Elrod |
| <b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b> |  |

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS,** The Honorable Richard J. Elrod has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 80; and

**WHEREAS,** The Chicago City Council has been informed of his passing by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

**WHEREAS,** A widely admired Circuit Court Judge and former Cook County Sheriff, the Honorable Richard J. Elrod was the loving husband for fifty-eight years of Marilyn, nee Mann; and

**WHEREAS,** The Honorable Richard J. Elrod was the much-adored father of Steven and Audrey and the grandfather of five to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities that he possessed in abundance; and

**WHEREAS,** Born into a politically influential family, the Honorable Richard J. Elrod was the son of the late Cook County Commissioner Arthur X. Elrod and his wife, Della; and

**WHEREAS,** The Honorable Richard J. Elrod earned his undergraduate and law degrees from Northwestern University and entered public service; and

**WHEREAS,** The Honorable Richard J. Elrod served as a State Representative and as Chief Prosecutor for the City of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS,** During a 1969 demonstration in downtown Chicago led by the radical Weathermen faction, the Honorable Richard J. Elrod suffered serious spinal damage while attempting to subdue a protestor who was fleeing police; and

**WHEREAS,** Despite suffering permanent injury, the Honorable Richard J. Elrod never allowed his physical limitations to define his future life or career; and

**WHEREAS,** The Honorable Richard J. Elrod served four terms as Cook County Sheriff from 1970 to 1986; and

**WHEREAS,** A resident of Lincolnwood, the Honorable Richard J. Elrod began his long and distinguished tenure as a member of the bench beginning in 1986; and

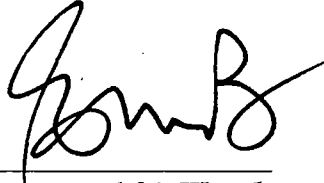
**WHEREAS,** The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of the Honorable Richard J. Elrod serve as an example to all; and

**WHEREAS,** The Honorable Richard J. Elrod will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives, friends and admirers; and

**WHEREAS,** To his beloved family, the Honorable Richard J. Elrod imparts a legacy of faithfulness, service and dignity; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED,** That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this thirtieth day of April, 2014, do hereby commemorate the Honorable Richard J. Elrod for his grace-filled life and do hereby express our condolences to his family; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of the Honorable Richard J. Elrod.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Elrod', written over a horizontal line.

**Alderman – 14<sup>th</sup> Ward**