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Memorial Resolution for Richard Elrod

WHEREAS, it is with great sadness that members of this Chamber learned of the death of Richard Elrod on April 19th, 2014; and

WHEREAS, The City Council has been informed of his passing by The Honorable Margaret Laurino, Alderman of the 39th Ward; and

WHEREAS, early in his promising career as an assistant corporation counsel, Richard Elrod was present at the 1969 Days of Rage protests in Chicago, and was seriously injured in an altercation with a protester, leaving him with limited mobility in his limbs; and

WHEREAS, determined to not allow physical barriers to dictate the future success of his career, he went on to serve one term in the Illinois House of Representatives, four successful and consecutive terms as Cook County Sheriff, and more than 25 years as a Circuit Court judge, and was still, as an octogenarian, a member of the Cook County bench at the time of his death; and

WHEREAS, known professionally as a sharp and powerful presence in the courtroom and an astute legal mind, Judge Elrod was also active in his community and recognized for his efforts in youth counseling and drug awareness; and

WHEREAS, besides his impressive professional career, Richard Elrod was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He will be deeply missed, but the memory of his commitment to the protection of the people of the City of Chicago, despite his physical limitations, has been a true testament to the spirit of courage and dedication to the service of others; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this thirtieth day of April, 2014, do hereby express our sorrow on the death of Richard Elrod and extend to his family and friends our deepest sympathy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Richard Elrod.

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