



Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLUTION HONORING JENS JENSEN AND DWIGHT HEALD PERKINS

WHEREAS, on February 11, 2015, the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) is pleased to honor Mr. Jens Jensen and Mr. Dwight Heald Perkins for their extraordinary vision more than 100 years ago in creating the nation’s first forest preserve system dedicated to conservation. Mr. Jensen and Mr. Perkins strove to ensure that the residents of Cook County would forever have access to nature and the natural and cultural history that the Forest Preserves protect; and

WHEREAS, Dwight Heald Perkins and Jens Jensen prepared an open space plan that laid the groundwork for the formation of the Forest Preserves of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Perkins and Mr. Jensen tirelessly promoted the concept of the forest preserves and generated tremendous public support for the Forest Preserves through such organizations as the *Saturday Afternoon Walking Club* that promoted the exploration of wilderness, the benefits of spending time in nature, and camaraderie; and

WHEREAS, Jens Jensen became one of the most revered landscape architects who promoted the appreciation and use of native plants and Dwight Heald Perkins became a nationally known architect and planner; and

WHEREAS, both of these men serve as role models for all who seek to create resilient and healthy communities that benefit all living creatures; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Arnold L. Randall, General Superintendent, and Toni Preckwinkle, President, and the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, hereby thank and congratulate Dwight Heald Perkins and Jens Jensen for their vision and tenacity to create the Forest Preserve District and thus to protect nature for the benefit of the plants, animals, and people of this region.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to the Jens Jensen and Dwight Heald Perkins’ descendants as a token of appreciation for Dwight Heald Perkin’s and Jens Jensen’s service to the Forest Preserves and the citizens of Cook County.

Approved and adopted this 11th day of February, 2015.