

RESOLUTION NO. 128-2025(COTW), *First
Reading*

By President Cuda

A Resolution recognizing the life and contributions of John J. "Jack" Boyle III; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, Jack Boyle's deep commitment to public service and community betterment was rooted in the values passed down from his parents, Lois Hale and John Boyle Jr., and his grandparents, County Treasurer John Boyle and Minnie Maloney Hale; and

WHEREAS, Jack began his active political career in 1963 at the age of 24, and upon moving to Cleveland Heights, became a leader in efforts supporting public education, fair housing, and the revitalization of the Greater Cleveland region; and

WHEREAS, his passion for civic engagement marked the beginning of a lifelong dedication to serving others and enhancing the quality of life in his community; and

WHEREAS, among his proudest accomplishments in Cleveland Heights were helping the City achieve its designation as an All-America City in 1975 and contributing to the landmark federal lawsuit challenging racial steering in residential real estate; and

WHEREAS, Jack became the first Democrat—and the youngest individual—elected to the Cleveland Heights City Council, and was later re-elected multiple times, serving as the City's first Democratic Mayor; and

WHEREAS, after leaving elected office, he continued to shape inclusive and sustainable urban development through his service on the Planning Commissions of both Cleveland Heights and Shaker Heights; and

WHEREAS, Jack was appointed by President Bill Clinton to serve as a civic leader with the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, where he advised on the historic first elections held in Bosnia in 1997; and

WHEREAS, as Chair of the Ohio PEACE Commission, he played a pivotal role in advancing collective bargaining rights for Ohio's public safety forces; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, Jack Boyle worked to "improve the view"—for his family and friends, for the citizens of Cleveland Heights and beyond, and for communities across Ohio and the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, that:

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SECTION 1. This Council hereby recognizes and honors the lifetime of public service and enduring contributions of John J. "Jack" Boyle III, and extends its heartfelt condolences to his family and friends.

SECTION 2. Notice of this Resolution shall be presented to the family of Jack Boyle as an expression of the City's deepest respect and appreciation.

SECTION 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of the Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

SECTION 4. Notice of the passage of this Resolution shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of its contents, prepared by the Director of Law, once in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights, or by posting the full text of this Resolution on the City of Cleveland Heights website.

SECTION 5. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective as an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Cleveland Heights, such emergency being the need to recognize the life and contributions of John J. "Jack" Boyle III in a timely manner. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five or more of the members elected or appointed to this Council, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time allowed by law.



TONY CUDA
President of Council



ADDIE BALESTER
Clerk of Council

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PASSED: June 16, 2025

Presented to Mayor: 06/18/2025 Effective date: 06/27/2025*

KAHLIL SEREN
Mayor

*Effective date per Article IV, Section 5 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights