



A Tribute Resolution of Heartfelt Appreciation Honoring Robert P. Jerich

Whereas Robert Jerich was one of the first people to embrace the vision of the Eastland Disaster Historical Society (EDHS) at a very early stage in its organizational history;

Whereas Robert Jerich quickly recognized the value that would be provided to the public by EDHS;

Whereas Robert Jerich thoughtfully took a huge leap of faith to join an organization whose business plan consisted primarily of the vision and passion of its founders;

Whereas Robert Jerich committed to volunteer his time and talents to help lead EDHS at the earliest stages of organizational development;

Whereas Robert Jerich served EDHS voluntarily with the highest distinction, becoming a member of the first EDHS Board of Trustees in 2002, helping to lead EDHS from its infancy to its status as an important and relevant not-for-profit organization whose reach impacts people across the country;

Whereas Robert Jerich personally pledged and secured a \$25,000 corporate sponsorship from Lucent Technologies, Inc. for EDHS's first-ever event during its initial year of mission-based operations;

Whereas Robert Jerich was a featured speaker at EDHS's first-ever event, with over 300 persons attending;

Whereas Robert Jerich had the foresight to save from destruction 1-of-a-kind original source records from the Western Electric Company containing unique and vital content pertaining to the Eastland Disaster, donating it decades later to EDHS and thereby preserving this information for public use for generations to follow;

Whereas Robert Jerich had the foresight to save from destruction a near complete collection of the Hawthorne Works' monthly newsletter, "The Microphone," donating it decades later to the Chicago History Museum and thereby preserving this information for public use for generations to follow; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Eastland Disaster Historical Society, on behalf of its members and Board, commits to:

1. creating a collection of artifacts to permanently bear the name *Robert P. Jerich / EDHS Collection* at the Newberry Library, an iconic institution in Chicago; and
2. documenting Robert Jerich's personal contributions to EDHS on a webpage to be permanently tied to the "About Us" section of the EDHS website.

So moved and seconded on October 26, 2019 by the EDHS Board of Trustees.

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