



### **A Tribute Resolution of Heartfelt Appreciation Honoring Earl E. Gallas**

Whereas Earl Gallas has become the family advocate within his extended family, sharing his inherited Stamm and Hipple legacies with family, friends, and the public at every opportunity;

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

Whereas Earl Gallas served EDHS voluntarily with the highest distinction, becoming a member of the first EDHS Advisory Board 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 Earl Gallas embraced the vision of the Eastland Disaster Historical Society (EDHS), recognizing the value provided to the public by EDHS and becoming an advocate for the organization;

Whereas Earl Gallas has shown his on-going support of EDHS and its mission by organizing a custom Eastland Disaster program, personally presenting it at venues throughout Central Illinois, as well as by attending several Eastland Disaster programs including the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemoration;

Whereas Earl Gallas was interviewed for and shared his family's story in the 2019 documentary, "Eastland: Chicago's Deadliest Day"; 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 *Earl E. Gallas / EDHS Collection* at the Newberry Library, an iconic institution in Chicago; and
2. documenting Earl E. Gallas'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 28, 2019 by the EDHS Board of Trustees.

Susan Decker  
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