



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street
Chicago, IL

Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING ROBERT ALLEGRINI

WHEREAS, Robert Allegrini is a graduate of Northern Illinois University where he won the Dean's Award in political science and subsequently won a graduate fellowship to study foreign affairs at the University of Florence in Italy; and

WHEREAS, Robert Allegrini is currently the Vice President of Corporate Communications at Hilton Worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Robert Allegrini's prior positions include Assistant Vice President in charge of public relations for Hyatt Hotels and Director of Corporate Communications in charge of public relations for all Swissotel properties worldwide. He has worked extensively in the hospitality industry in Asia, Europe, and the East Coast in addition to his native Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Robert Allegrini has long been active in Italian American civic affairs on local and national levels; and

WHEREAS, Robert Allegrini served as Executive Director of the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans and founded the Chicago chapter of the Accademia Italiana Della Cucina; and

WHEREAS, Robert Allegrini currently serves as Midwest Regional Vice President of the National Italian American Foundation as well as President of the Italian American Chamber of Commerce of the Midwest. He is also a board member of the Italian American Human Relations Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Robert Allegrini's services to the Italian American community have been recognized both by Italy's former royal family, the House of Savoy, which made him a Cavaliere (Knight) in 1991 and by the Republic of Italy, which made him a Commendatore (Knight Commander) in the Order of Merit in 2002; and

WHEREAS, in 2005 Allegrini authored the book, *Chicago's Grand Hotels*, which was made into a documentary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County President and Board of Commissioners hereby honor Robert Allegrini as he receives the prestigious 2013 Business Executive of the Year Award from the Italian American Chamber of Commerce at the Hilton Chicago on September 26, 2013.