



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING VITO P. CALI AS HE RECEIVES THE MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD FROM SOCIETA SAN GIOVANNI BOSCO SS. CROCIFISSO DI CIMINNA

WHEREAS, Società San Giovanni Bosco SS. Crocifisso di Ciminna will honor Vito P. Cali as Man of the Year at its dinner dance on March 5, 2016, at Alta Villa Banquets in Addison; and

WHEREAS, the son of Filippo and Vita Maria (Campagna) Cali, Vito was born in Ciminna, Sicily, and came to America with his family when he was nine years old. He grew up in the St. Philip Benizi Parish on the Near North Side, meeting his future wife, LeeAnn (Nuccio), during his teen years; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Lane Tech High School, Vito Cali attended DePaul University, where he majored in marketing and served as the president of his fraternity, Alpha Phi Delta; and

WHEREAS, soon afterward, Vito was approached by Salvatore Miceli to help him found and lead a new society organized by local Ciminnesi in honor of San Giovanni Bosco; and

WHEREAS, Vito served as president of Società San Giovanni Bosco SS. Crocifisso di Ciminna from 1960 to 1981, and he currently serves as president emeritus of the society; and

WHEREAS, Vito Cali has dedicated most of his life to working on behalf of the Italian American community. He is the chairman of the board of the Italian American Executives of Transportation Charitable Foundation, a past president of the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans (JCCIA), and a past chairman of the Italian American Soccer Club, Maroons; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, Vito was honored as Man of the Year by the Italian American Executives of Transportation and continues to serve as a member of the advisory board. He was also honored as Man of the Year by the Maroons. He was the recipient of the Cardinal Bernardin Humanitarian of the Year Award from the JCCIA in 2005 and the Leonardo Da Vinci Award from the Illinois Grand Lodge of the Order Sons of Italy in America for outstanding achievement in community leadership in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Vito is currently president of Vito P. Cali Insurance Agency, representing State Farm Insurance Companies, where he has received many awards, including being inducted into the State Farm Hall of Fame for life insurance sales in 1981 and being a member of the elite Lifetime Presidents Club; and

WHEREAS, Vito and LeeAnn have been married for 54 years and have three children, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate Vito P. Cali for his commitment to the Italian American Community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be sent to Vito Cali as he receives the Man of the Year Award from Società San Giovanni Bosco SS. Crocifisso di Ciminna.