



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING SISTER MARY THERESE HARRINGTON ON HER RETIREMENT

WHEREAS on Sunday, February 5, 2023, Sister Mary Therese Harrington will retire after 60 years of service to the developmentally disabled, most recently at the SPRED Chapel Special Religious Development at the Archdiocese of Chicago in Chicago's Bridgeport neighborhood, and

WHEREAS Sister Mary Therese Harrington was instrumental in helping start the services for the developmentally disabled in the Archdiocese of Chicago, and

WHEREAS Sister Mary Therese Harrington studied a method in France that would later be adopted by St. John in 1964 and established as an agency of the Archdiocese of Chicago in 1966, and

WHEREAS the Archdiocese of Chicago has credited Sister Mary Therese Harrington with changing the program to move away from clustering people with disabilities in one or two locations and instead establishing parish-based classrooms, and

WHEREAS in 2022, the program was serving nearly 700 people with special needs in 114 parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago, and

WHEREAS, throughout her 60 years of service, Sister Mary Therese Harrington's work has been premised on SPRED's mission statement that "the Church, the Sacraments and the Love of God are here for all of us. Every man, woman and child has a right to come into the Church and live its liturgy, experience its rich history and traditions, and feel the presence of God in their lives. It is our obligation as Christians to help as we can to make that right a reality for those with physical, mental, emotional and intellectual challenges," now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby extend its thanks to Sister Mary Therese Harrington for this special recognition, and extends its gratitude on behalf of Cook County for her outstanding service, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and an official copy of same be presented to Sister Mary Therese Harrington, to commemorate the occasion of her retirement.