



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### PROPOSED RESOLUTION

#### HONORING THE WORK AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF BENITA PULEO

**WHEREAS**, after many years of service, Benita Puleo will retire from the Cook County Assessor's office; and

**WHEREAS**, Benita came to the United States from the Philippines as a nurse in 1979. She began working at St. Francis Hospital in Evanston. Benita met her future husband, Sam Paleo, Sr., in 1980 when he was hospitalized at St. Francis and she was his night nurse. He describes pursuing her for six months before she agreed to go out on a date. They were married in 1983 and raised their three children: Sam Jr., Joseph, and Antonette. in Niles, Illinois. They now have two grandchildren, Isabella, and Evan Puleo; and

**WHEREAS**, Benita became a U.S. citizen in 1987 and fully embraced her new country. She and Sam were regulars at the Fourth of July parades, Benita always wearing her U.S flag shirt. They were regular volunteers for the Democratic Party Committeewoman Laura Murphy and helped organize the coffee and bingo nights; and

**WHEREAS**, Benita worked at St. Francis for fifteen years before taking a job in the Morton Grove School District working with children with autism; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2002, Benita switched careers and took a job with the Cook County Assessor's Office. She initially worked in community outreach organizing numerous meetings in the community before being assigned to work in the office at the Cook County Courthouse in Skokie; and

**WHEREAS**, as in her previous work, Benita was the ultimate professional, working tirelessly to address the concerns and questions of those who visited the Cook County Assessor's office at the Skokie courthouse. Her high standards of professionalism were not limited to assisting people with their issue. She dedicated herself to doing so in a courteous and kind manner. Her exemplary kindness and dedication made her an exceptional ambassador for both the Assessor's office and government service in general.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County, honors the work and contributions of Benita Puleo, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions she made to the Citizens of Cook County, Illinois; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of same be tendered to Benita Puleo.