



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING HIS EMINENCE BLASE JOSEPH CARDINAL CUPICH ON THE OCCASION OF HIS ELEVATION TO CARDINAL IN THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Archbishop Blase Joseph Cupich was elevated to the rank of Cardinal Priest on November 19, 2016 at the Vatican by His Holiness Pope Francis; and

WHEREAS, Blase Joseph Cupich was born in Omaha, Nebraska and attended St. John Vianney Seminary at the University of St. Thomas in Saint Paul, Minnesota, from where he obtained his B.A. in Philosophy in 1971. He then studied in Rome at the Pontifical North American College and Pontifical Gregorian University, earning a Bachelor's in Sacred Theology (1974) and a Master of Arts in Theology (1975); and

WHEREAS, Blase Joseph Cupich was ordained to the priesthood in 1975 and served in the Archdiocese of Omaha until 1998; and

WHEREAS, on July 6, 1998, Blase Joseph Cupich was appointed Bishop of Rapid City, South Dakota, by Pope John Paul II; and

WHEREAS, On June 30, 2010, Blase Joseph Cupich was appointed Bishop of Spokane by Pope Benedict XVI; and

WHEREAS, On November 18, 2014, Blase Joseph Cupich was installed as Archbishop of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, On October 9, 2016, Pope Francis announced that Archbishop Blase Joseph Cupich would be elevated to the College of Cardinals on November 19, 2016 and assigned to the titular church of San Bartolomeo all'Isola; and

WHEREAS, since his installation in Chicago, Blase Joseph Cardinal Cupich has led an important archdiocese-wide initiative to consider the significant questions of revitalization and reorganization in the local church to ensure its long term stability and success; and

WHEREAS, Blase Joseph Cardinal Cupich has also worked tirelessly to address many of the significant social and economic issues that affect all the citizens of Cook County and has sought a role for the local Catholic Church in finding solutions to problems that trouble Cook County residents; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby offer its heartfelt thanks to His Eminence Blase Joseph Cardinal Cupich and wishes him much success in his important role as Cardinal in the Roman Catholic Church; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to His Eminence Blase Joseph Cardinal Cupich.