



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING SALUTE, INC. AND GUERIN PREP HIGH SCHOOL**

**WHEREAS**, Salute, Inc., was founded in 2003 by Will and Mary Beth Beiersdorf of Arlington Heights, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, shortly after 9/11, Will, a Naval Reservist, was called to active duty and deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba for thirteen months; and

**WHEREAS**, the severe financial impact was overwhelming to the Beiersdorfs and their three sons; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the lack of finances, Mary Beth and her children coped with the fear of the unknown and the emotional strain caused by their separation from Will; and

**WHEREAS**, with the help, support, and outpouring of love from family, friends, their church and their community, they were able to survive; and

**WHEREAS**, upon Will's return, both he and Mary Beth felt the need to give back by helping others who were experiencing similar hardships; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2003, the Beiersdorfs decided to start an organization whose fundraising efforts would be based around a yearly Memorial Day Family Run/Walk; and

**WHEREAS**, after sharing their vision with family, friends, Salute was born and SALUTE, INC. is now a recognized 501©(3) non-profit organization that provides financial support for our military men and women through a variety of fundraising activities; and

**WHEREAS**, Guerin Prep High School of River Grove has paired with Salute and is doing advocacy and fundraising to honor military members and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 13, 2013, Guerin Prep will hold a school-wide Pride Assembly to celebrate veterans' groups and to remember their service and sacrifice.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby commend SALUTE, INC. and Guerin Prep for their fundraising efforts on behalf of military families; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to Guerin Prep High School.