



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE ZERVAS FAMILY AS THE 2024 VERN CARSON LUMINARY AWARD HONOREES

WHEREAS, each year, the Luminary Award is given to individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to furthering Little City's mission throughout their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, the Zervas family first came to Little City when Board Member Eleni Bousis, a cousin of the Zervas Family, helped connect George and Dimitra when they were looking for a place where their son Mario could receive the support he needed and opportunities he deserved; and

WHEREAS, after previously trying day programs at other agencies and settings, Mario began at Little City and showed tremendous growth, and the Zervas family knew Little City was the right place for them; and

WHEREAS, since then, the Zervas family has become one of the biggest supporters of Little City, donating hundreds of thousands throughout the years and building up special events like the annual Gala and Little City Invitational into what it is today; and

WHEREAS, the Zervas Family's biggest gift of all came in 2016 when, inspired by Mario's years of success thriving in the adult residential program, they made a major contribution to the Duffey Family Children's Village as they wanted to ensure all families coming to Little City would have even more opportunities in the future; and

WHEREAS, Mario's Home opened in 2019, marking the fourth home in the Duffey Family Children's Village, and has already helped dozens of children experience the dynamic, therapeutic environment that allows them to learn vital life skills and social skills during the crucial development years before they turn 22; and

WHEREAS, the Zervas family's impact on Little City is immeasurable, as the gifts they have given to families who felt lost and overwhelmed just as they did all those years ago will last lifetimes; and

WHEREAS, for all their time, contributions, and continual dedication to Little City's work, the Zervas family was named as Little City's 2024 Vern Carson Luminary Award honorees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby offer its recognition and celebration of the Zervas family on the receipt of this award, and thank them for their continual work in their community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and suitable copies be tendered to Little City and the Zervas family in honor of the receipt of this award.