



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING TOMAS VASQUEZ UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, Tomas (Tom) Luna Vásquez was born on October 12, 1943 in Matamoros, Tamaulipas, México, to Maria del Socorro and Trinidad Vásquez and is one of fourteen children; and

WHEREAS, Tom emigrated to Brownsville, Texas, at the age of fifteen to pursue his dream of moving to the United States, where he married the love of his life, Irma Reyna, in 1962; and

WHEREAS, Tom and Irma moved to Chicago in 1967 to the Pilsen/Little Village community; and

WHEREAS, Tom and Irma have been blessed with four boys, eight grandchildren, and eleven great grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Tom dedicated countless hours of volunteer service at his Parish, St. Agnes of Bohemia, and as a distinguished precinct captain in the 22nd Ward Independent Political Organization for 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Tom contributed to the historic elections of Mayor Harold Washington in 1983, the 1986 election of Jesús García as the first Mexican-American Alderman of the 22nd Ward, the 1996 election of Sonia Silva as the first Latina State Representative; and

WHEREAS, Tom worked tirelessly to provide for his family at several jobs including at Westinghouse, Sears, Clark Oil, and the Chicago Transit Authority; and

WHEREAS, Tom started his career at the Chicago Transit Authority as a bus servicer then rose to the position of laborer then labor leader which carried with it substantial responsibilities, including snow command, supervising units of the Sheriff's Work Alternative Program and the Earned Work Force Program; and

WHEREAS, Tom chose to retire from the Chicago Transit Authority after twenty-six years of dedicated service on December 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate Tomas Vásquez for twenty-six years of extraordinary service to the Chicago Transit Authority and his commitment to the Little Village community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, this text be spread upon the proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to Tomas Vásquez with our thanks and sincere wishes for good health and happiness during his retirement.