



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF COLETTE ANN DURKIN**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, has called a deeply loving and beloved woman, Colette Ann Durkin, from our midst; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Durkin was born on July 8, 1930 and grew up on Chicago's West Side; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Durkin attended St. Thomas Aquinas Grammar School, graduated from Sienna High School in 1947 and, subsequently, attended classes at DePaul University; and

**WHEREAS**, for over 62 years, Mrs. Durkin was the cherished wife of Thomas J. Durkin; and

**WHEREAS**, home safely from the Korean War, Mr. Durkin worked during the day and, under the GI Bill, took classes at night toward his college degree; Mrs. Durkin successfully raised eight boys to manhood: Thomas, Kevin, Terry, Michael, Patrick, James, Robert and William; she insisted that each son receive a Catholic education and each earn a college degree; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Durkin's devotion to her sons was further evidenced by the fact that she was an unwavering, supportive presence at her sons' activities, whether it be an athletic event, play, concert or recital; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Durkin volunteered at Divine Infant Grammar School and Fenwick High School; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Durkin and her husband gave food to the poor at Christmas time, and made sure their children took part in this act of kindness, to instill in them a sense of gratitude for what they had; and

**WHEREAS**, in her spare time, Mrs. Durkin attended mass daily, volunteered to help the homeless, and served as a Eucharistic Minister at Loyola University Hospital; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Durkin's love and affection extended to her eight daughters-in-law, whom she esteemed to be the daughters she never had, as well as to her 27 grandchildren, and her nieces and nephews; Mrs. Durkin's extended family enjoyed many fun and fulfilling occasions and celebrations with Mrs. Durkin, her husband and sons; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Durkin and her husband were generous benefactors of Catholic Charities, Misericordia and Mercy Home; and

**WHEREAS**, in losing Mrs. Durkin, we have lost a woman who gave selflessly of herself to others and whose gusto for living was an inspiration for all who had the privilege to spend time with her; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Durkin was predeceased by her brother, Thomas McHugh; Mrs. Durkin leaves to mourn her passing her husband, Thomas J. Durkin; sons, The Honorable Thomas (Gail Fundakowski) Durkin, Kevin (Kathy) Durkin, Terry (Patti) Durkin, Michael (Julie) Durkin, Patrick (Mary) Durkin, The Honorable James (Celeste) Durkin, Robert (Laura) Durkin and William (Erin) Durkin; grandchildren, Chris (Christine) Durkin, Colin (Meagan) Durkin, Connor (Lindsay) Durkin, Jess Durkin, Katie Durkin, Mike Durkin, Kristy Durkin, Mackenzie Durkin, Tommy Durkin, Billy Durkin,

Michelle Durkin, Matt Durkin, Kim Durkin, Kelly, Sean Durkin, Brian Durkin, Colleen Durkin, Adrienne Durkin, Madeline Durkin, Emma Durkin, Caroline Durkin, Jane Durkin, Patrick Durkin, Maggie Durkin, Jack Durkin, Molly Durkin and Joey Durkin.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Colette Ann Durkin shall be cherished in all of the hearts of the people she touched and loved.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that I, Toni Preckwinkle, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, do hereby express my deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family as well as to the many friends and loved ones of Colette Ann Durkin, and may a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to the family of Colette Ann Durkin, so that her rich legacy may be so honored and ever cherished.