



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE HISTORY OF INA'S KITCHEN

WHEREAS, In 1991 Ina Pinkney opened INA's Kitchen serving breakfast and lunch in Chicago's West Loop neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, The demand for INA's menu became so grand that Ms. Pinkney expanded her business to INA's in Chicago's West Loop Market District; and

WHEREAS, INA's quickly became Chicago's premiere brunch destination; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her career as Chef/Owner of INA's Ms. Pinkney was also sought for her expertise as a Chef to develop recipes for publications and corporations such as The World Book Encyclopedia *Christmas Around The World*, Quaker Oats, and the North Carolina Sweet Potato Commission to name a few. Her recipes have been syndicated globally and featured in many cookbooks; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pinkney's talents expanded well beyond that of a successful restaurateur. She has appeared several times on the Food Network as a guest on SWEET DREAMS with Gale Gand and on THE BEST OF. She may often be seen as a guest on local news and cable TV and appeared in a national Quaker Oats commercial as herself - the Breakfast Queen; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pinkney has received countless awards and accolades such as 2008 SBA Woman in Business Champion, 'Woman Making Her Mark' by the Women's Foodservice Forum, Chicago Magazine's 2011 Green Award for her role as co-founder of the Green Chicago Restaurant Coalition; and

WHEREAS, Notwithstanding her countless awards and acclaim she has garnered throughout her career, the most significant title she holds is Polio Survivor. Ina now speaks to Rotary groups about the late effects of polio in her effort to help Rotary and the Gates Foundation achieve their goal of the worldwide eradication of polio; and

WHEREAS, After a long and prosperous period of serving Chicagoans a delectable breakfast and lunch INA's will be closing its' doors on December 31, 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that President Toni Preckwinkle, and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, do hereby express their congratulations the "Breakfast Queen" Ms. Ina Pinkney for her illustrious career as Chef/Owner of INA's; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of same be tendered to Ms. Pinkney to commemorate this occasion.