



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **DE LA SALLE INSTITUTE ANNIVERSARY**

**WHEREAS**, De La Salle Institute was founded in 1889 as an independent Catholic secondary school in the tradition of Christian Education begun by St. John Baptist de La Salle, with a stated mission to foster a desire for excellence in education; and

**WHEREAS**, the new school opened under the leadership Brother Adjutor of Mary, as a two year commercial school, chartered by the State of Illinois as a degree-granting institution, with a cornerstone ceremony on May 19, 1889, at the corner of 35th and Wabash; and

**WHEREAS**, this historic 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary year will give rise to the occasion of honoring influential leaders who have helped to build a lasting legacy of support for De La Salle Institute, including the Honorable Richard J. Daley (class of 1919), the Honorable Richard M. Daley (class of 1960), Michael P. Daley (class of 1961) and Michael L. Daley (class of 2004), the John C. (class of 1946) and Carolyn Noonan Parmer Family, and the Brothers of Christian Schools; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout the decades, De La Salle Institute has continued to grow and thrive, exemplified by national recognition achieved in 1985 with designation as an "Exemplary School" by the United States Department of Education, an honor limited to just 65 private schools in the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, In the fall of 2002, De La Salle added another chapter to its rich legacy of excellence in the field of secondary education by opening a campus for young women in collaboration with the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis in Chicago's Bridgeport neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, since its proud beginning De La Salle Institute has continued to grow and serve the needs of the community, and has continued to build upon the traditions of family, education and leadership that have been so important to the neighborhoods of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 15, 2014, the "Great Futures Gala" will be held at the Chicago Hilton and Towers to commemorate this historic anniversary milestone and give students, staff, faculty, and alumni the opportunity to join together in celebration; and

**WHEREAS**, De La Salle Institute today is a thriving, modern educational institution, proud of its heritage, continuing its mission of service to over 1,100 young men and young women enrolled as students today.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby extend its congratulations to the staff, students, faculty, and alumni of De La Salle Institute on the joyous occasion of its 125th Anniversary; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and an official copy of same be presented to De La Salle Institute, to commemorate this historic milestone.