



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING ANTHONY LISANTI FOR HIS SERVICE TO COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, after serving at the request of seven County Board Presidents and six different decades of Cook County Commissioners, court reporter Anthony “Tony” Lisanti is retiring in September 2020; and

WHEREAS, Tony was born and raised on the near West Side of Chicago. Grand Avenue neighborhood often referred to as the “Patch,” and

WHEREAS, he grew up with his older brother Bobby and attended Holy Rosary School and Austin High School, and

WHEREAS, after high school he served one tour in the Army. He was stationed in Germany and was trained in explosives. He played on the United States Army baseball team which toured Europe from 1957-1959. Upon returning from overseas, he served two additional years in the reserves, and

WHEREAS, he married the love of his life Janet Bottiglieri in October 1962, a partnership in love and family which has lasted nearly 60 years, and

WHEREAS, he soon began his career in court reporting, eventually starting his own court reporting business with two partners, and

WHEREAS, in 1969 he was appointed to his Federal Reporter position where he served under Judge Frank McGar. Judge Henry Alesia, and Judge James Zagel where he would report cases such as the Amoco Cadiz spill and Oakland A’s owner Charlie Finley taking on Major League Baseball.

WHEREAS, in 1966 Janet and he welcomed their first son Joseph; then, soon after, Michael in 1969; and then Bobby in 1973. The family would settle in the Galewood neighborhood and spend parts of summers in Ludington, Michigan creating fond memories for all throughout the 70’s and 80’s. It was during this time that Tony’s children would inherit his love of sports. Nurturing their talents, Tony’s children would go on to play many competitive collegiate and professional sports, and

WHEREAS, Tony took on additional work with Cook County Government, serving as a court reporter. Through this time, Tony would capture the proceedings of the Board as it came to shape and define the modern County mission. Before and after the County began audio and video recording of Board meetings, Tony was a frequent presence--never missing a public hearing, Litigation Subcommittee meeting or Budget Night passage, no matter how long into the evening it would run, and

WHEREAS, the Secretary to the Board’s office, over the course of his 51 years of service to the County, has benefitted greatly from the work of Tony and his team to capture the proceedings of the Board and its committees, and

WHEREAS, the President, Cook County Board of Commissioners, Cook County staff and all who know Tony wish him well as he now has more time to spend with his wife, his sons families and their nine grandchildren, Luke, Elena, Jake, Anthony, Ava, Luciana, twins Mila and Livia and Antonia.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, do recognize Anthony Lisanti for all that he has contributed to Cook County Government and wish him all the best for a long, healthy and happy retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to Anthony Lisanti.