



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING THE LIFE OF MRS. CLARA SILVESTRI**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, has called Mrs. Clara Silvestri from our midst; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Silvestri was born Clara Frabotta on January 19, 1928 in Pofi, Frosinone, Italy; she had three brothers including Luigi, who still lives in Pofi with his family; and

**WHEREAS**, as a girl Mrs. Silvestri was a soccer fan alongside her father and brothers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Frabotta family had a successful business selling material for clothes; and

**WHEREAS**, during World War II, at the age of 15, Mrs. Silvestri went to live on the Silvestri's farm to avoid the bombing in towns and cities; her future mother-in-law, Maria, lived on the farm as well with her family. Mrs. Silvestri would cry alongside Maria for Maria's son, Mario, who was away at war. When Mario returned in 1945 he and Mrs. Silvestri began a courtship which would culminate in a joyous marriage on August 19, 1950; and

**WHEREAS**, one month after getting married, Mario moved to Brantford, Ontario, Canada. The British consulate in Naples exacted five years of suffering from the newlyweds; they would not allow Mrs. Silvestri to join Mr. Silvestri in Canada until April of 1956; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 12, 1957 their child, Peter, was born; Mrs. Silvestri was a stay-at-home mother and enjoyed the affection and support of many female friendships in Brantford; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1962, Mrs. Silvestri, Mr. Silvestri, and their son, Peter, moved to Chicago, into a two flat on Superior Street owned by Mr. Silvestri's Uncle Sam. The building bustled with family energy: Mr. Silvestri, Mrs. Silvestri and Peter lived with Mr. Silvestri's parents. Upstairs was Uncle Guerino, Aunt Pat and their six children, Mary Jo, Anna, Sam, Frances, and later Dominick and Katherine. And nearby lived Uncle Italo, Aunt Norine and their three children, Debra, Sam and Kim, with whom Mrs. Silvestri, Mr. Silvestri, and Peter shared much fun and affection; and

**WHEREAS**, The Silvestris were parishioners at Holy Rosary and Peter and the other children in his extended family attended school there; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Silvestri went to work at Hart Schaffner and Marx, a clothing company in the West Loop, when Peter entered kindergarten, and quit when Peter finished law school; and

**WHEREAS**, many of the ladies who worked at Hart Schaffner and Marx spoke Italian, and Mrs. Silvestri made many life-long friends while working there; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Silvestri's two best friends were Rose Palella and Rosalie Dini, and their husbands Vito and Dino; Mrs. Silvestri and Mr. Silvestri baptized the Palella's youngest daughter, Laura; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1967, after living in Italy until her husband Peter's death, nonna Maria moved in with Mrs. Silvestri, Mr. Silvestri, and Peter; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1969, Ida Cinqueranella moved in with Mr. Silvestri, Mrs. Silvestri and Peter; Ida married Joe Scalise in June of 1971; and

**WHEREAS**, in November, 1971, the family moved to Elmwood Park; Mrs. Silvestri very much enjoyed decorating the house and tending to her yard; and

**WHEREAS**, nonna Maria died in 1974. Mrs. Silvestri profoundly grieved the loss of her mother; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1983, Mrs. Silvestri's father, Mario, at age 60, retired as a welder from International Harvester; Mrs. Silvestri also left her job at that time, at the age of 55; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1984, Peter married Lori Storto and, on October 8<sup>th</sup>, 1993, their son Christian was born; Mrs. Silvestri enjoyed being a grandmother and allowed her grandson privileges no one else enjoyed; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Silvestri enjoyed travelling, often visiting Canada, Endicott, Mexico, Italy, Port Charlotte and Disney World, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Silvestri was a devout Roman Catholic; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Silvestri enjoyed sewing, often making her own clothes; she enjoyed art, ceramics, and baking as well; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Silvestri was a big Juventus fan as well as a fan of her soccer-playing grandson, Christian; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Silvestri enjoyed Peter's political events; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Silvestri and Mr. Silvestri celebrated their 63<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary on August 19, 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Silvestri was a dutiful wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, aunt and friend. She was a business woman, worker and supervisor, a seamstress, artist, and baker. She rode a Vespa and added bling to everything.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Mrs. Clara Silvestri will live on in the hearts of all the people whom she touched and loved.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Mrs. Clara Silvestri leaves to grieve her husband, Mario, son, Peter, and grandson, Christian.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution be spread upon this Honorable Body and that a copy of this Resolution be tendered to the family of Mrs. Clara Silvestri.