



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Chicago, IL

Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING SISTER ROSEMARY CONNELLY

WHEREAS, Sister Rosemary Connelly, a native of Chicago, is a member of a Religious Sisters of Mercy, and

WHEREAS, Sister Rosemary Connelly has been a member of the Sisters of Mercy for 70 years, and

WHEREAS, Sister Rosemary Connelly has earned a B.S. in Social Science in 1959, a Master of Arts in Sociology from St. Louis University in 1966, a Master's in Social Work from Loyola University Chicago in 1969, and

WHEREAS, Sister Rosemary Connelly has received nine honorary doctorate degrees from the following prestigious educational institutions: University of Notre Dame, St. Mary's College of Notre Dame, Loyola University Chicago, DePaul University, Lewis University, Saint Xavier University, Dominican University, Marquette University and MacMurray University and

WHEREAS, Sister Rosemary Connelly has received countless awards recognizing her work and accepts them on behalf of everyone involved in Misericordia, and

WHEREAS, in August of 1969, Sister Rosemary Connelly joined Misericordia, which means "heart of mercy" in Latin, as its Executive Director, and

WHEREAS, Sister Rosemary Connelly, a visionary who has devoted 50 years to the Misericordia community, oversees 600 children and adult residents, an outreach program serving more than 140 families, 1,100 employees and volunteers both on and off campus, and

WHEREAS, with the help of many benefactors, Misericordia has become one of the nation's leading communities for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and

WHEREAS, Sister Rosemary Connelly continues her leadership of Misericordia, she remains steadfast in her commitment to provide opportunities for all those with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live lives that are as fulfilled, meaningful and independent as possible, and

WHEREAS, we are grateful for Sister Rosemary Connelly's seventy years as a member of the Sisters of Mercy and 50 years as Misericordia's Executive Director, and therefore

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, that the Board does hereby congratulate Sister Rosemary Connelly on the occasion of her celebration, and does hereby offer its appreciation on behalf of a grateful community for her many years of dedication and service, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a ceremonial copy of same be presented to Sister Rosemary Connelly to commemorate this event.