



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE OF TERESA LYNN SANTIAGO

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom called from our midst Teresa “Terri” Lynn Santiago, nee Flammang, on June 14, 2023, at the age of 62; and

WHEREAS, Terri attended Lane Tech High School in Chicago and after graduation pursued a degree in nursing; and

WHEREAS, upon earning her nursing degree, Terri attained a position at Old Irving Community Clinic, at which she accepted a lesser salary than she was capable of earning in order to serve the uninsured and underinsured thus starting her path toward helping others always; and

WHEREAS, while working at the clinic, she also coached several medical students from DePaul University, who worked at the clinic and said they would have never made it through medical school without her guidance; and

WHEREAS, Terri served at the clinic for over 8 years, and Dr. Charles Martinez, who opened the clinic expressed he never could have had the success he did in providing for the underserved without Terri’s help; and

WHEREAS, most recently, Terri worked as a Nursing Director at St. Coletta for the past 11 years, where she helped and consoled many on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, Terri was the most selfless, giving, and loving person who was always looking for a way to help someone if it was in her power to do so, whether it be family, friend, or stranger; and

WHEREAS, Terri was passionate about making sure everyone had everything they needed and then some, particularly at Christmas, as evidenced by her Angel Team, which held annual Christmas gift events for the homeless, distributing 1000’s of gifts to homeless men, women and children in Chicagoland shelters for 23 years making sure every gift was individually wrapped with a handwritten gift tag reading “To a Special Man, Woman or Child and signed “Love, Your Angel”; and

WHEREAS, Terri was always smiling, always hugging, always giving her last before considering herself, and will be missed by many;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby offer its deepest condolences and heartfelt sympathy to the family and loved ones of Teresa Lynn Santiago; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and a suitable copy be presented to the family of Teresa Lynn Santiago so that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.