



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE, TALENTS AND LEGACY OF ROSAMOND CAMPBELL

WHEREAS, Rosamond Campbell, a woman of exceptional talent who tirelessly promoted the arts, died August 15, leaving behind family, countless friends and a community enriched for having known her; and

WHEREAS, Rosamond Campbell spent her early years in New York; a native of Brooklyn, she graduated from Sarah Lawrence University, was a graduate student at Bank Street College of Education and studied piano at the Julliard School; and

WHEREAS, Rosamond Campbell came to Illinois in 1952, where she met her husband Richard, a native Chicagoan, at their first teaching jobs in the Village and Farm School of Northbrook. Together they were strong advocates for education and became teachers whom their students treasured and admired. Rosamond took time to raise the couple's three children and then later returned to teaching at the Winnetka Community Nursery School. Richard was a respected and much venerated teacher for decades at New Trier high school, and Rosamond taught music in the New Trier Extension program; and

WHEREAS, Rosamond Campbell, a passionate enthusiast of the dulcimer, published an instruction and repertoire book for beginning to advanced students of the mountain dulcimer and founded the Dulcimer Society of Northern Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Rosamond Campbell generously shared her love of music. She regularly performed at music festivals, worked with music therapy projects at local hospitals and was a private instructor at Hogeys Music in Evanston. As a teacher, she considered her greatest accomplishment to be that she helped students at all levels find a beauty in the music they had created; and

WHEREAS, Rosamond Campbell was a longtime member of Unity Church on the North Shore, where she shared her talents with the church choir; and

WHEREAS, Rosamond Campbell was a great admirer of the Victorian era who regularly collected antique furniture. It was her deep love of the Victorian era that led her to become a published author. She was concerned that, unlike the antique furniture of the era, the ephemeral nature of music would cause it to be lost to history. So she published two books of historical Victorian parlor music and one book of technique. It was her hope that her books would permanently preserve Victorian parlor music; and

WHEREAS, Rosamond Campbell was the cherished wife of Richard for over sixty years and was a devoted mother to Jennifer, Rick and Andrew. Rosamond was the doting grandmother of Cody and Jesse Campbell Pruitt, Emma Campbell, and Ethan, Alexander, Anna and Lucy Chen Campbell; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County commemorates the extraordinary life of Rosamond Campbell, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions she has made to the Citizens of Cook County, Illinois; and

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 the family of Rosamond Campbell.