



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### PROPOSED RESOLUTION

#### CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF FRANCINE CABONARGI

**WHEREAS**, Francine (Osweiler) Cabonargi, mother of Cook County Board of Review Commissioner Michael Cabonargi, died peacefully in her home on December 1, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, born on a farm in Keswick, Iowa on July 9, 1946, Francine learned lessons of love, family, faith and hard work at a young age. Francine graduated from Marycrest College in Davenport, Iowa, where she excelled in music and theater. She lived most of her life in Chicago and Highland Park, where she enjoyed a successful career in philanthropy; and

**WHEREAS**, Francine, one of the first employees of the MacArthur Foundation, helped build its arts and culture giving program. She served as a senior program officer in the arts for more than 20 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Francine served on a number of boards and commissions, including the Chicago Foundation for Women. She worked closely with institutions to help them become more economically secure and socially just. In her retirement, she volunteered at her local public library and “spoiled her grandchildren rotten;” and

**WHEREAS**, Francine was the loving and beloved mother of Michael (Erin Lavin) Cabonargi and Benjamin (Genevieve Patzka) Cabonargi; cherished grandmother of William, Jack, Andrew and Max Cabonargi; dear sister of Karyn (John) Diehl, Debbie (John) Pasquesi and John (Cathy) Osweiler; and proud aunt of many. She is preceded in death by her former husband and best friend Onorio Cabonargi, parents Hubert and Loretta Osweiler and her siblings Mary Louise, Andrew and Patricia Osweiler.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County, honors the life and contributions of Francine Cabonargi, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions she 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 same be tendered to the family of Francine Cabonargi.