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RESOLUTION HONORING THE BIG 10 CONFERENCE FOR BUILDING NEW HEADQUARTERS IN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Big Ten Conference has recently completed construction on its new headquarters—a three-story, \$20 million, LEED-certified building- located in Rosemont; and

WHEREAS, the new headquarters, which is part of Rosemont's new entertainment district on the east side of the Tri-State Tollway near Balmoral Avenue, employs 40 full-time employees; and

WHEREAS, the 3,000-square-foot Big Ten museum on the building's first floor will be a interactive experience, featuring touch screens and TVs with footage from past games; and

WHEREAS, the museum will offer a movie theater-style panoramic area that will allow fans to experience what it feels like to be on the football field or on the foul line in a basketball game; and

WHEREAS, Big Ten Conference officials estimate the 50,00-square-foot building will host roughly 130 athletic and academic meetings annually and will allow school leaders to share ideas and develop best practices among their institutions; and

WHEREAS, the Big Ten Conference's inception can be traced to a meeting of university presidents at Chicago's Palmer House in 1895. After spending 18 years in Schaumburg, the conference moved to Park Ridge in 1991; and

WHEREAS, conference officials began looking again for a new headquarters once they decided the conference had outgrown its location at Higgins and Dee roads in Park Ridge; and

WHEREAS, the new Rosemont location provides easier access to O'Hare Airport, hotels, and restaurants; and

WHEREAS, as part of the entertainment district, the new facility offers a pedestrian-friendly experience, including free admission to the museum.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby commend the Big Ten Conference for remaining in Cook County and constructing this new interactive facility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to the Big Ten Conference in honor of its contribution to Cook County.

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