



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING MARGE KIELCZYNSKI ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Marge Kielczynski is retiring after 35 years of service to the LaGrange Police Department where she was best known and beloved as “Sarge Marge”; and

WHEREAS, “Sarge Marge” Kielczynski was the longest serving, most widely respected officer on the LaGrange Police Department and was the only officer in the State of Illinois to receive the coveted Certificate designating her “Chief Certified” by the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police which requires a long grueling set of tests and supervisory demonstrations; and

WHEREAS, “Sarge Marge” Kielczynski earned various degrees in preparation for her career, including Law Enforcement Executive Development from the FBI, a Bachelors of Science Degree from Lewis University and a Master of Science Degree - Management and Organizational Behavior from Benedictine University; and

WHEREAS, “Sarge Marge” Kielczynski also received additional training in various aspects of law enforcement including Homeland Defense Training/Preparation, Police Supervision, and was state certified in many areas of expertise, naming just of few - Juvenile Officer, Gang Crimes Officer, Community Policing Officer and Law Enforcement Thermography; and

WHEREAS; “Sarge Marge” Kielczynski served the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board as an instructor for the Transition to Leadership Program which taught newly promoted Sergeants on Community Policing, Leadership, and Ethics, as well as serving as a speaker at six International Police Association Conferences, and she also worked with the Romanian National Police Force as they transitioned from a Military Police Force to a Civilian Police Force; and

WHEREAS, “Sarge Marge” Kielczynski was deeply committed and worked tirelessly on numerous community programs such as Mom’s GED program in partnership with YMCA, Kids at Work after school tutoring program, Cops n Kids program, La Grange Vocational Training Program for non-violent offenders, and YMCA Summer Camp Scholarships; and

WHEREAS, “Sarge Marge” Kielczynski has been deservedly recognized for her outstanding service and dedication by many over the years which include WBBM Citizen of the Week, YMCA Service to Youth two-time winner, Whispering Oaks Girl Scout Council’s Woman of Distinction, NAACP’s Humanitarian Award, Presidents Award and Volunteer Award, Metropolitan Chicago YMCA Layperson of the Year and numerous police department awards, letters of recognition and letters of commendation; and

WHEREAS, “Sarge Marge” has been married to Jack Kielczynski [retired Metra Police Officer] since 1981 and together they raised three sons, John [married to Amy], Joe [married to K.C.] and Jim [married to Vanessa] and must have passed their civic responsibility to their children and their sons serve as Captain in the Pleasantville Fire Department, a Lieutenant in Lombard and an Engineer for Metra, respectively; and

WHEREAS, “Sarge Marge” Kielczynski has decided to retire and intends to spend more time with her grandchildren, John, Brooke, Elena, Matthew, Michael, Alexis and Giovanni;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Cook County President Toni Preckwinckle, Commissioner Elizabeth “Liz” Doody Gorman and the entire Board of Commissioner commends “Sarge Marge” Kielczynski for her years of service and wish her a long and healthy retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable body and that a copy also be tendered to “Sarge Marge” Kielczynski as a token of our esteem and best wishes in her future endeavors.