



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING VALERIE SALMONS FOR HER YEARS OF SERVICE AS VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE VILLAGE OF BARTLETT

WHEREAS, Valerie Salmons, Village Administrator for the village of Bartlett is retiring after thirty-five years of service; and

WHEREAS, prior to becoming Village Administrator, she started her career in Deerfield, and served as assistant manager in Decatur; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, Valerie Salmons became the first full time administrator in Bartlett's 125 year history; and

WHEREAS, her arrival corresponded with the community's impressive growth, navigating the housing boom, issuing some 900 building permits a year, and ramping up the corresponding services defined her early years in Bartlett, the village increased its population from 13,254 to more than 42,000 and its size from eight to almost 16 square miles; and

WHEREAS, she was the first woman appointed to the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board in 1990, she was later reappointed by six Illinois governors and was the first woman elected to serve as its chairman; and

WHEREAS, locally, Salmons set a high bar for the Bartlett Police Department, consistently performing above expectations, the department was awarded its first Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies designation in 1997 and has been re-accredited six times since; and

WHEREAS, placing a top priority on infrastructure, Salmons introduced a 5-year Capital Improvements Program in the Village, this valuable financial planning tool helps ensure the timely completion of street, water, sewer and other projects while keeping costs down.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby thank Valerie Salmons for her outstanding career for the public good and extends its best wishes to her in her well-deserved retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered as evidence of the esteem in which she is held by this Honorable Body.