



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **COMMEMORATING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF THE HONORABLE LEVON “LEE” TAMRAZ**

**WHEREAS**, Levon “Lee” Tamraz a fifty-eight year highway engineer employee of the Cook County Highway Department and Niles Township Supervisor was a man who devoted his life to work, family, and faith. Lee Tamraz, died on August 31, 2014 at age 79 leaving behind family, countless friends, co-workers and a community enriched for having known him; and

**WHEREAS**, Lee Tamraz was a Supervisor of the Material and Testing Division in the Construction Bureau for the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways where he served tirelessly for over fifty-eight years. In that capacity he was a key team member on every Cook County highway project and he saw all the major County highways built and rebuilt over the years; and

**WHEREAS**, Lee Tamraz also diligently served Niles Township for over three decades as a Niles Township Board member, as a Trustee and for the last seven years as Supervisor; and

**WHEREAS**, Lee Tamraz was a major force for good in the community. He was a tireless supporter of the Niles Township Food Pantry and his introduction of Niles Township’s Coast2Coast Rx program had a great impact in the lives of many. Because of his support, the Coast2Coast Rx program has helped save more than \$1 million in overall drugs costs by providing free prescription drug discount cards; a project that immeasurably improved the lives of Niles Township residents and served as a model for other townships; and

**WHEREAS**, Lee Tamraz proudly served his country and was a veteran of the United States Army. He was an active member of the American Legion Post 134; and

**WHEREAS**, Lee Tamraz was a former Plan Commissioner Member and was a former Chairman of the Morton Grove Traffic and Safety Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, Lee Tamraz’s exceptional dedication and commitment were honored by the Transportation Builders Association who awarded him their “Field of the Industry” award in 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, Lee Tamraz was dedicated to church life and was a prominent member of Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church; and

**WHEREAS**, Lee Tamraz is survived by his daughters Tammy and Catherine Tamraz; 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 who he served dutifully, commemorates the extraordinary life of Lee Tamraz, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable and innumerable contributions he 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 Lee Tamraz.