



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

---

**File #:** 15-1180, **Version:** 1

---

### PROPOSED RESOLUTION

#### **RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE OF THE HONORABLE PAT QUINN, 41<sup>ST</sup> GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS**

**WHEREAS** for the past five decades Pat Quinn, has been actively engaged and involved in public life in Cook County and the State of Illinois, and,

**WHEREAS** Pat Quinn is a proud and distinguished graduate of Fenwick High School in the Village of Oak Park, Illinois, Class of 1967, and,

**WHEREAS** Pat Quinn is a proud and distinguished graduate the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, and

**WHEREAS** Pat Quinn is a proud and distinguished graduate of Northwestern University School of Law, and,

**WHEREAS** even before running for public office, Pat Quinn was an important and active part of the democratic process in the State of Illinois, running public grassroots issues campaigns and working to strengthen citizen representation in state government, and,

**WHEREAS** in 1982, Pat Quinn was elected Commissioner of the Cook County Board of Tax Appeals, now known as the Cook County Board of Review, and worked in his capacity on that Board to create the Citizens Utility Board, which provided a voice for residential utility customers throughout the State of Illinois, and,

**WHEREAS** Pat Quinn served the State of Illinois honorably as State Treasurer from 1991 through 1995, and,

**WHEREAS** Pat Quinn served the State of Illinois honorably as Lieutenant Governor from 2003 until January 29, 2009, and,

**WHEREAS** on January 29, 2009, Pat Quinn become Governor of Illinois following the impeachment and removal from office of his predecessor, assuming office under uniquely challenging and difficult circumstances, and,

**WHEREAS** Pat Quinn's honesty, decency, and unparalleled work ethic helped to restore legitimacy and stability to the government of the State of Illinois, and,

**WHEREAS** voters of the State of Illinois honored Pat Quinn's commitment to their best interests by electing him to a full term in office on November 2, 2010, and,

**WHEREAS** Pat Quinn, as Governor, created the Illinois Healthcare Reform Implementation Council by executive order to help the state implement provisions of the Affordable Care Act, and

**WHEREAS** Pat Quinn, as Governor, signed Senate Bill 26 into law, implementing Medicaid expansion in Illinois, and,

**WHEREAS** Pat Quinn has been an unrelenting advocate for the hardworking taxpayers of the State of Illinois, fighting for consumers, environmental protection, healthcare, veterans' services, and equal and fair treatment under the law for all Illinoisians,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cook County President and Board of Commissioners honor the distinguished service of The Honorable Pat Quinn, 41<sup>st</sup> Governor of the State of Illinois, recognize his extraordinary accomplishments and express to him sincerest thanks and appreciation for his many contributions to the State of Illinois, to Cook County, and his dedication to improving the welfare of all Illinoisians.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a suitable copy of this resolution be made available to Governor Pat Quinn.