



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Chicago, IL

Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

DE LA SALLE INSTITUTE ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, De La Salle Institute was founded in 1889 as an independent Catholic secondary school in the tradition of Christian Education begun by St. John Baptist de La Salle, with a stated mission to foster a desire for excellence in education; and

WHEREAS, the new school opened as a two year commercial school, chartered by the State of Illinois as a degree-granting institution, with a cornerstone ceremony on May 19, 1889, at the corner of 35th and Wabash; and

WHEREAS, this historic 125th anniversary year celebration continues and throughout the decades, De La Salle Institute has continued to grow and thrive, exemplified by national recognition achieved in 1985 with designation as an “Exemplary School” by the United States Department of Education, an honor limited to just 65 private schools in the nation; and

WHEREAS, In the fall of 2002, De La Salle added another chapter to its rich legacy of excellence in the field of secondary education by opening a campus for young women in collaboration with the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis in Chicago's Bridgeport neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, since its proud beginning De La Salle Institute has continued to grow and serve the needs of the community, and has continued to build upon the traditions of family, education and leadership that have been so important to the neighborhoods of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2015, the “Great Futures Gala” will be held at the Ritz-Carlton and will be sponsored by Extollo Educational Foundation to commemorate this historic anniversary milestone and give students, staff, faculty, and alumni the opportunity to join together in celebration; and

WHEREAS, De La Salle Institute today is a thriving, modern educational institution, proud of its heritage, continuing its mission of service to over 1,000 young men and young women enrolled as students today; and

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby extend its congratulations to the staff, students, faculty, and alumni of De La Salle Institute on the continuing celebration of its 125th Anniversary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and an official copy of same be presented to De La Salle Institute, to commemorate this historic milestone.