



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING THE 60TH BIRTHDAY OF JOHN ZBESKO

WHEREAS, on May 23, 2015, John Zbesko a man of many talents and a municipal man of mystery, will turn 60 years old; and

WHEREAS, John is an “agitator,” in every sense of the word; and

WHEREAS, for his day job, John “actuates” as a member of a team of equity analysts at Charles Schwab who conduct ongoing research to enhance Schwab Equity Ratings. John uses this tool to identify timely stocks to buy and sell and tests and integrates academic and practitioner research; and

WHEREAS, John has previously worked as a research consultant at Chicago Investment Analytics. John has also served as a portfolio manager for First Chicago Bank and a hedge fund analyst for The Oak Group. At Zacks Investment Research, he developed quantitative stock analysis software; and

WHEREAS, a long-term “stirrer” of democracy in our communities, John has a deep history of public service; and

WHEREAS, John was appointed to the Northshore Mosquito Abatement District as a Trustee, where he has pushed for property tax and environmental reform; and

WHEREAS, John has served for decades as a member of the Board of Directors of the Democratic Party of Evanston, where he has held just about every position, including President. Most importantly, John acts as the Party’s chef de cuisine in his role as grillmaster at the Party’s annual 4th of July Picnic, the donut distributor on election day and the head brewer at local political events; and

WHEREAS, John’s public service included running for Alderman of the 7th Ward of Evanston in 2009; and

WHEREAS, in John’s personal hobbies, he chooses to “mix” it up in a variety of manners; and

WHEREAS, as a homebrewer, John spends his free time “fermenting” his “Zbest-o” brew. John is an active member of the Evanston Home Brew Club, whose fantasy is to one day open a brewery, much to the chagrin of his children because he only dines at brewpubs on family trips. His honey ginger beer is a favorite of many a resident of Evanston; and

WHEREAS, John has been “excited” about hockey for over 25 years. He played recreationally as a student at the Massachusetts of Technology and continues to play with the Evanston Hockey Dads; and

WHEREAS, he calls himself “Farmer John” as he “tills” the soil in two different gardens at the Ecology Center of Evanston and in his yard. Farmer John grows his own hops and always grows too many vegetables, causing much distress for his poor wife, who is forced to cook his bounty; and

WHEREAS, John always has to “tread” while on vacations, much to the dismay of his family. John always has to climb whatever summit he can surmount and always has a “shortcut,” which often become “long cuts; and

WHEREAS, John even plays accordion, eliciting “outcries” for his renditions of "In Heaven there Ain't no Beer" to “Hava Nagila;” and

WHEREAS, John “stimulated” his mind by earning a Bachelor of Science degree in management science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and his Master of Arts degree in economics from the University of Chicago. He is a Chartered Financial Analyst charterholder and holds multiple NASD licenses; and

WHEREAS, most importantly, nothing “rouses” John up more than his family. John is married to his wonderful wife Pam, a licensed clinical social worker in private practice. Together, they have three amazing children; Emily, who is married to Marc and has a 17 month old daughter named Ella; Jacob a graduate student at the University of Arizona; and Sophie, a student at American University; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the 5.2 million people of Cook County, does hereby wish John Zbesko a very happy 60th Birthday; 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 John Zbesko as a token of this Honorable Body’s appreciation.