



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING BARBARA PRESSL ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AS CHIEF OF STAFF FOR COOK COUNTY CLERK DAVID ORR

WHEREAS, Barbara Pressl has dutifully and tirelessly served the County of Cook for over three decades. In those years she served with great distinction and earned the respect and affection of her co-workers, many of whom also describe themselves as friends; and

WHEREAS, in July 2015 Barbara Pressl will retire as Chief of Staff for Cook County Clerk David Orr in order to focus her attention on her son and extended family; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Pressl began working for the Cook County Clerk's office in 1982. She left and worked the Cook County Treasurer's office for a period of time, but returned in 1998 to serve as Deputy Director of Real Estate and Taxes. Later, Barbara was promoted to Director of Taxes, where she served until she became Cook County Clerk, David Orr's Chief of Staff two years ago. At the announcement of her promotion David Orr spoke glowingly, and noted that "Barb Pressl has been an exceptional public servant for many years," and;

WHEREAS, Barbara Pressl's leadership helped modernize the property tax process in Cook County. Working with staff, she helped implement the changes necessary to make the property tax process more transparent and more accessible online; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Pressl has been lifelong resident of Cook County; she was raised in Skokie and graduated from Niles North High School. She earned her bachelor's degree in political science from Indiana State University and has done graduate studies in public administration at Northern Illinois University. Her wisdom and critical thinking made her an asset to the County, her pleasant demeanor and sense of humor made her a delightful colleague with whom to work, she will be sorely missed; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Pressl fought through many difficult challenges armed with her wicked sense of humor and her grace, plus a cup of strong coffee and the prospect of a hot dog for lunch and a winning season for her favorite, oft challenged, Northside baseball team; 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 takes great pleasure in honoring Barbara Pressl on her retirement and herewith honors and thanks her for all that she has done bettering the lives of 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 Barbara Pressl on the occasion of her retirement as Chief of Staff for Cook County Clerk David Orr.