



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONGRATULATING EUNITA RUSHING ON THE CELEBRATION OF HER RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Eunita Rushing felt most at home when she was in the presence of her plants, so it's no surprise that since 1999 she has been the enthusiastic president of the Garfield Park Conservatory Alliance. The Alliance collaborated with the Park District to build and install a \$4.5 million permanent photosynthesis exhibit, which included winning a \$1.4 million grant from the National Science Foundation, and;

WHEREAS, Eunita has thirty years of experience in nonprofit management and has led the Garfield Park Conservatory Alliance's 20-member staff for 12 years, and;

WHEREAS, she holds her Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Wisconsin, Whitewater and her Master's Degree in Education from Loyola University, Chicago, and;

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Eunita Rushing, the Garfield Park Conservatory was brought to prominence as a national attraction through major exhibits such as the Dale Chihuly Glass Exhibit, and;

WHEREAS, the work of Eunita Rushing and the Alliance to revitalize the Garfield Park Conservatory, facilitated the Alliance's designation as 'lead agency' for East Garfield Park by LISC/Chicago. This partnership has since brought about significant community-wide improvements that include neighborhood gardens, public murals, employment opportunities for youth, grassroots health initiatives, foreclosure prevention programs, new retail, and new schools to the East Garfield Park community; and,

WHEREAS, Eunita Rushing is now embarking on a well-deserved, well-earned retirement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners that Eunita Rushing is to be congratulated on the achievement of her retirement at Garfield Park Conservatory Alliance, and that the sincere appreciation of the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners is to be extended to Eunita Rushing for her service to her community.