



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

NANCY FRANCO-MALDONADO, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Nancy Franco-Maldonado, the dear wife of the Honorable Roberto Maldonado, Alderman of the 26th Ward and a former Cook County Commissioner, from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Franco-Maldonado was the much-adored mother of Rene, Roberto II and Raquel, to whom she imparted values of character, strength and kindness. Nancy also leaves behind her parents, Felicita Montanez and Hector Franco and many relatives and friends; and

WHEREAS, born on January 13, 1970, into a family of community activists, Nancy Franco-Maldonado was raised in the Humboldt Park neighborhood and graduated from St Boniface Elementary School, Holy Trinity High School and Rosary College in River Forest; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Franco-Maldonado worked for fifteen years as a mortgage underwriter and later as an auditor for Household Bank International, she eventually left her profession to raise her children and devote more time to advancing the goals and aspirations of her community; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Franco-Maldonado reached out to assist single mothers by coordinating turkey giveaways and boot drives and actively supported the Save Our Seniors Foundation (S.O.S.) and the LGBT community; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Franco-Maldonado was a trusted sounding board for her husband and served as his chief political advisor during his two aldermanic election campaigns, a role in which she helped to shape and define key policy initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Franco-Maldonado actively supported the building of the 65th Infantry Borinqueneers building to provide affordable housing for Latino veterans. She also envisioned the construction of the Paseo Boricua Arts building, a mixed-use building designed to provide affordable residences for artists with commercial space and a theatre on the ground floor; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Franco-Maldonado campaigned to name the Humboldt Park Library Branch for veteran Congressman Luis V. Gutierrez, and encouraged young, first-time homeowners to invest in the 26th Ward, many of whom became the next generation of Humboldt Park residents; and

WHEREAS, let the vision, sacrifice and dedication of Nancy Franco-Maldonado, serve as an example to all; and as a woman of elegance, grace and charm, Nancy Franco-Maldonado will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by her many relatives, friends and admirers; and

WHEREAS, to her beloved family, Nancy Franco-Maldonado imparts a legacy of faithfulness, service and dignity.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Members of the Board do hereby offer their deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to our dear friend Alderman Roberto Maldonado, and join him and the many friends and family of Nancy Franco-Maldonado in sorrow at this time of loss; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to Alderman Roberto Maldonado so that Nancy's memory may be so honored and ever cherished.