



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING DONNA SCANLAN, VILLAGE OF POSEN**

**WHEREAS**, Donna Scanlan has been married to husband Steve for thirty-one years, and they have three grown children and four grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS**, Donna attended local schools in the Palos/Orland Park area; and

**WHEREAS**, Donna was bullied as a child, grew up in a time where civil and women's rights were explosive; and

**WHEREAS**, Donna has always stood up for the underdog which got her into a lot of fights; and

**WHEREAS**, Donna worked over ten years for a major food and drug company in Security Systems and later challenged the food and drug store chain for sex discrimination. Afterwards she went to school to pursue her dream of becoming a firefighter/paramedic; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1997, Donna graduated Valedictorian (receiving the only A in the class) from Christ Hospital and Medical Center Paramedic School; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1998, at the age of forty Donna was hired by the Posen Fire Department, as a paramedic, where she immediately enrolled in the District Two Fire Academy and became a firefighter; and

**WHEREAS**, Donna was promoted through the years to the current rank of Lieutenant; and

**WHEREAS**, in May 2003 Lieutenant Donna Scanlan and a crew of five Posen Fireman rescued a family of five from a burning building and received the State of Illinois Fire Fighting Medal of Honor from the State of Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2008, Lieutenant Scanlan implemented a program for the Village of Posen to inspect all businesses and residential properties bringing them up to code; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2010 Lieutenant Scanlan created the Junior Fire Academy, a summer week-long event so that children could see if they wanted to become a firefighter; and

**WHEREAS**, In August 2016, a call came across the radio for physical evaluation which Lieutenant Scanlan heard from her car radio. Arriving at the scene, she sees a young woman and a little girl that was very upset, trying to be of help before the ambulance crew showed up. An officer comes over to Lieutenant Donna and inform her that the mother and daughter was acting a little strange. Lieutenant Scanlan immediately approached the child and identified that she may be autistic and the mother bipolar, calmed a situation that could have become much worse.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize Lieutenant Donna Scanlan of the Posen Fire Department for exemplary work for the Village of Posen.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body

and a suitable copy be presented to Lieutenant Donna Scanlan.