



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street
Chicago, IL

Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF BILLY LAWLESS TO THE IRISH SEANAD

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Billy Lawless has been appointed to the Irish Seanad as the representative of the Irish diaspora; and

WHEREAS, Billy Lawless was born in Galway and moved to Chicago in 1997; and

WHEREAS, Billy Lawless opened a bar-restaurant, The Irish Oak, in Wrigleyville in 1998 and has since opened many other bar-restaurants that employ over 250 workers in the city of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Billy Lawless has been a tireless supporter of undocumented residents in Chicago and has served as Vice President of the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights; and

WHEREAS, Billy Lawless has been a powerful advocate for marginalized immigrants on the local and national level and has assisted in bringing various immigrant groups together to work on social and legal issues that have benefited the local immigrant community; and

WHEREAS, Billy Lawless serves as Vice President in the Irish Fellowship Club of Chicago which has supported Chicago's civic, cultural and educational community for over 115 years.; and

WHEREAS, Billy Lawless became a United States citizen in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Billy Lawless will now be the formal voice of the Irish diaspora in the Irish Seanad; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby extend its warmest wishes and congratulations to Billy Lawless on the occasion of his appointment to the Irish Seanad, and join all who have had the pleasure of knowing him in wishing him success in his new position, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and an official copy of same be presented to Billy Lawless to commemorate this joyous occasion.