



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

---

**File #:** 17-5669, **Version:** 1

---

### PROPOSED RESOLUTION

#### HONORING TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL: 100 YEARS OF EMPOWERING YOUNG WOMEN

**WHEREAS**, in 1917, five Sinsinawa Dominican sisters traveled from southwestern Wisconsin to River Forest to found a Catholic college for girls; and

**WHEREAS**, money was tight during World War I so the sisters decided to start with a high school, utilizing an existing building on the land they had purchased; and

**WHEREAS**, by 1922, the high school, called Rosary House, was a four-year school with a its first graduating class of 28; and

**WHEREAS**, Trinity High School was chartered in 1925, and the new Trinity High School opened its doors in September of 1926; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1933, Trinity was awarded a first-class rating. At a time when only 33 percent of the adult population in the U.S. had ever enrolled in high school, Trinity was sending approximately 75 percent of its students to college; and

**WHEREAS**, in December of 1941, Trinity students, now numbering 700, sold War Bonds and Stamps and were frequently recognized by the U.S. government for their impressive efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1961, ground was broken for a new addition, and by 1968 the faculty consisted of 37 sisters, 24 lay teachers, two priests and a student population of 1,200; and

**WHEREAS**, with the influence of the Women's Movement in the 1970's, Trinity's curriculum grew to meet the challenges of a rapidly changing society, and this effort was rewarded with scholarships and other recognition; and

**WHEREAS**, Trinity's tradition of academic excellence continued with the introduction of the prestigious International Baccalaureate (IB) program inaugurated in 1994; and

**WHEREAS**, Trinity anticipated the next millennium in 1998 by building a Technology Center and went on in the early 2000's to renovate the library and chapel and build a new athletic facility; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2017, Trinity's IB program was named one of the best in the country. By choosing to remain a single-gender school, Trinity affirms its commitment to the needs of young women, challenging and preparing them to be tomorrow's leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, Trinity will open its Centennial Celebration with a mass and reception in the auditorium celebrated by Reverend Monsignor Velo.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate the students, alumni, faculty, and staff as they celebrate the school's centennial.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a ceremonial copy of this resolution be tendered to Trinity High School as an

expression of appreciation for its educational tradition and achievements.