



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### PROPOSED RESOLUTION

#### HONORING DINO'S PIZZA & ITALIAN RESTAURANT ON ITS 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

**WHEREAS**, Dino's Pizza & Italian Restaurant, located at 7004 W. Higgins in Chicago, has been a family-owned and operated restaurant since 1968; and

**WHEREAS**, Dino Borrini arrived to America from Italy in 1956 and learned much of his craft working with other immigrants at Father & Son Pizza on the South Side; and

**WHEREAS**, the first Dino's was at Armitage and Tripp in what is now Hermosa. Dino's made the move north to Norwood Park in 1968; and

**WHEREAS**, all recipes at Dino's have been handed down from Dino and his wife, Tina, to their daughters, Bianca and Bruna, who are currently carrying on the family tradition at the restaurant along with their husbands, Joe and Darek; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to carrying on Dino's recipes, his descendants are also carrying on Dino's traditions of kindness and respect for the customer; and

**WHEREAS**, Dino's Pizza is known for its thin-crust, tavern-style pizza, using a sauce that is neither too sweet nor too tart, and its sausage-a zesty special blend that's heavy with fennel-has developed a virtual cult following; and

**WHEREAS**, Dino's menu has grown over the years to include salads, sandwiches, appetizers, and a full range of Italian dinners, in addition to providing catering and banquet facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, Dino's old-school dining room remains intact, yet its menu has adapted well to changing dietary needs, including offerings such as vegan cheese and gluten-free crusts; and

**WHEREAS**, Dino's grandson, Joey Henniges, started bussing tables when he was 14 and is now a third-generation pizza maker with great respect for the tradition his grandparents built; and

**WHEREAS**, another of Dino's grandsons, Kevin Morrison, was recently elected to the Cook County Board, but he will always call Dino's home.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate Dino's Pizza & Italian Restaurant on the occasion of its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Dino's family in honor of its long history on Chicago's Northwest Side.