



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING RONALD M. SERPICO FOR RECEIVING THE GUERIN PREP COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARD

WHEREAS, Guerin Prep High School each year bestows its Community Leadership Award upon a leader who has exhibited vision and demonstrated leadership to the community; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Serpico has served as Mayor of the Village of Melrose Park since 1997; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Serpico has deep family roots in the Village of Melrose Park, having graduated from Our Lady of Mount Carmel School in 1966 and Proviso East in 1970. Ron and his wife, Donna, have three children and are the proud grandparents of nine grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Serpico holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Illinois State University and received his Juris Doctorate from DePaul University College of Law in 1977; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Serpico, inspired by his immigrant grandfather Domenico's vision of the American Dream, first ran for office to focus on the hopes, dreams, and concerns of all of the residents of Melrose Park; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Ronald Serpico has ushered in an economic turnaround in Melrose Park. He was responsible for the Melrose Park Water Project, a water transmission system that will ensure a steady flow of clean water for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Serpico was also instrumental in making major infrastructure improvements in all sections of the village, including a railroad overpass and a planned retail and industrial development at the site of the former Maywood Park Racetrack; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Serpico is a former member of the Board of Directors of the Proviso Council on Aging, former president of the Proviso Municipal League, and chairman of the West Suburban Preservation Agency; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Serpico has been honored as the Illinois State Crime Commission's Municipal Leader of the Year and is a recipient of the JCCIA Peacemaker Award; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Serpico is a member of numerous organizations, including the Necahual Foundation, the Cavaliers of Villa Scalabrini, and the Knights of Columbus. His concern for others inspired the founding of a charitable organization, the Melrose Park Sports and Family Benefit Fund, which has donated more than one million dollars to benefit local youth, senior, school, and athletic organizations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate Ronald Serpico on his well-deserved Community Leadership Award; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to Mayor Serpico as an expression of our appreciation for his community leadership.