



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Chicago, IL

Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

ANGELO CAPUTO, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom called Angelo Caputo from our midst on June 16, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Angelo Caputo was the beloved husband of the late Romana (nee Berlen); and

WHEREAS, Angelo Caputo was the devoted father of Nat, Caterina (Giuseppe) Ruffolo, and Antonella (Robertino) Presta, and was the loving grandfather of eleven and the great-grandfather of five; and

WHEREAS, Angelo Caputo, founder of Caputo's Fresh Markets, was born January 1, 1932, in Mola Di Bari, a seaside village on Italy's southeast coast; and

WHEREAS, the son of Natale and Caterina, Angelo Caputo was fortunate to have been brought up in a family environment with deep family values built on sacrifices and hard work; and

WHEREAS, shortly after arriving to Chicago, Angelo Caputo enlisted in the Army. While on furlough, he returned to Italy and reconnected with Romana Berlen, whom he soon married; and

WHEREAS, in 1958, Angelo and Romana Caputo opened their first store, "Caputo's New Farm Produce and Italian Specialties," at the corner of Harlem and Wrightwood in Elmwood Park; and

WHEREAS, the Caputos stood out from their competition as they offered quality fruits and vegetables and the freshest meats and seafood at great prices combined with their unique personal service; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Angelo Caputo grew the family-owned business to employ more than 1,600 people at stores in Addison, Bloomingdale, Carol Stream, Elmwood Park, Hanover Park, Naperville, and South Elgin; and

WHEREAS, Angelo never fully retired, continuing to source new products and visit suppliers whenever he had the opportunity; and

WHEREAS, Angelo leaves a legacy of service and innovation, and Caputo's has won awards from the Illinois Food Retailers Association and from Progressive Grocer; and

WHEREAS, Angelo Caputo was a true legend who created opportunities for many and was renowned as an inspiration and a teacher.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family of Angelo Caputo; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to the family of Angelo Caputo so that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.