



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING PERRI IRMER, PRESIDENT & CEO OF DUSABLE MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

WHEREAS, President Irmer, was born and raised in Hyde Park, holds a Professional Bachelor of Architecture degree from the Illinois Institute of Technology and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Chicago Law School; and

WHEREAS, in September 2015, President Irmer began her service as President & CEO of the DuSable Museum of African American History. President Irmer has since been dedicated to advancing the DuSable Museum as a center for African and African American arts and culture, as a center for thought leadership and as a vehicle for community advancement; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, President Irmer, reignited collaborations with the French Embassy including inviting French Artist, Nicolas Henry, to curate a photography exhibit that narrated the adventures of Jean-Baptiste Pointe DuSable; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, President Irmer reopened “Roundhouse” and “Palais de Tokyo”, which enjoined Chicago and French artists; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, President Irmer partnered with the French Embassy to commemorate the heroic story of the 370th Infantry Regiment of Illinois, under the command of French General Vincendon with French forces as it became the most decorated American unit of World War I; and

WHEREAS, in June 2021, President Irmer collaborated with the French Consulate on the Centennial of Bessie Colman who became the first Black woman to receive an international pilot’s license in France (at le Crotoy), which is currently on display at DuSable; and

WHEREAS, on June 28, 2021, President Irmer was awarded the medal of Chevalier des Arts et Lettres, France’s highest cultural honor, by Phillippe Etienne, Ambassador of France to the United States; and

WHEREAS, President Irmer was honored due to her significant contribution to furthering the arts and culture in France, Chicago, and throughout the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BILL LOWRY, COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONER of the 3rd DISTRICT AND DONNA MILLER, COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONER of the 6TH district, do hereby stand, and salute the presentation of this prestigious award to President Perri Irmer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution will be presented to President Perri Irmer and her family; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED: a copy of this Resolution will be filed within the **Office of Cook County Commissioner Bill Lowry 3rd District and Cook County Commissioner Donna Miller 6th district.**