



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF CAMERINO GONZÁLEZ VALLE**

**WHEREAS**, Camerino González Valle was born on August 21, 1939 in Jalisco Mexico; and

**WHEREAS**, at the age of 12, Camerino moved from his hometown of Jalisco to Mexico City, where his grandfather taught him how to make and sell one of the most popular culinary arts of Mexican gastronomy: tacos; and

**WHEREAS**, when the United States and Mexican governments created diplomatic labor agreements that allowed Mexican men to come to the United States and work short-term, known as the Bracero Program, Camerino crossed the border and lived in California picking oranges; and

**WHEREAS**, Camerino left the agricultural labor to work in the trucking industry, a route that eventually landed him in the Windy City; and

**WHEREAS**, Camerino took a job in the meatpacking industry, where he learned the cuts and qualities of meat; and

**WHEREAS**, combining his knowledge of tacos, the meatpacking industry, and seeing the need to provide a meal that would remind the growing Mexican immigrant community a taste of home, Camerino founded Los Comales in 1973; and

**WHEREAS**, Los Comales would expand throughout Cook County and beyond, including Milwaukee, Wisconsin and San Antonio, Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, Camerino knew many members of the community were immigrants who worked long labor hours and, during the holidays, were often alone, reminiscing of their native home. Camerino extended his business hours and would have his restaurants open during the holidays; and

**WHEREAS**, Camerino had a heart of gold. If he heard of a person who was struggling and in need he would offer a helping hand; and

**WHEREAS**, Camerino passed away on June 23, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, Camerino is survived by his wife Patricia, son Lawrence, daughter Christina, stepsons Nicholas Acevedo, Richard Acevedo, Fernando Franco, Jose Franco and Miguel Franco, and extended family; and

**WHEREAS**, Camerino is also mourned by many of the Little Village and Latino community. His immigrant journey and American Dream is a legacy that will carry on; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family of Camerino González Valle and honor the life and memory of this outstanding Cook County resident.