



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING GLORIA MURAWSKA ON HER 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY AND 36<sup>TH</sup> YEAR ON THE LEYDEN HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**WHEREAS**, Gloria Anne Dallagiacomo was born on New Year's Eve, 1932, in the small coal-mining town of Clinton, Indiana; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1942, Gloria Dallagiacomo moved to Taylor Street in Chicago with her parents and two brothers, Robert and Richard; and

**WHEREAS**, Gloria graduated from CPS's Harrison High School in 1950. She went on to receive her bachelor's degree in history education from Northern Illinois University and her master's degree in history from DePaul University; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1955, Gloria Dallagiacomo started her teaching career at Elmwood Park High School as part of the first class of teachers hired at the new high school; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1964, Gloria married James F. Murawska who was also a teacher at Elmwood Park High School. James Murawska grew up in River Grove and was a Leyden graduate; and

**WHEREAS**, Gloria and James had two children. Lisa was born in 1966, and Jim was born in 1969; and

**WHEREAS**, Gloria Murawska raised Lisa and Jim mostly on her own due to the unfortunate death of her husband James in 1970. Both Murawska children also went on to be Leyden graduates; and

**WHEREAS**, for several years, Gloria was a leader of Lisa's Campfire Girls troupe and was very involved in the Rhodes Elementary School PTA; and

**WHEREAS**, defying the passage of time, Gloria keeps in touch with several other PTA moms from that era. They call themselves "The Rhodes Scholars"; and

**WHEREAS**, Gloria has four grandchildren: Anthony, James, Leah, and Ryan. She attended nearly all Leyden football games played by her son and two of her grandkids, Anthony and Jimmy. Gloria was always the loudest fan in the stand and could be heard from the field by her son and grandsons; and

**WHEREAS**, Gloria Murawska taught history, government, and work-study classes at Elmwood Park High School for 40 years, retiring in 1994; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1986, Gloria Murawska was first elected to the Leyden High School Board of Education; and

**WHEREAS**, Gloria has served as vice president on the Leyden High School Board of Education since 2007-for a total of 36 years-drawing on her historical perspective as a parent, teacher, tax payer, and citizen; and

**WHEREAS**, Gloria Murawska has been a steadfast supporter of students everywhere, and even as she turns 90, she remains committed to "What's best for the kids!"

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby celebrate Gloria Murawska as she turns 90 and honor her for her 36 years of service on the Leyden High School Board of Education; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to Gloria Murawska as a token of our appreciation for her ongoing contributions to education and beyond.