



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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RESOLUTION FOR BOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 18, 2010

RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing Commissioner Gloria Alitto Majewski's 26 years of service to the District and congratulating her on her well-earned retirement

WHEREAS, the Honorable Gloria Alitto Majewski having dutifully served as a Commissioner on the Board for the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago since 1984 has announced her retirement as a Commissioner effective November 30, 2010; and

WHEREAS, it was only after the tragic and sudden loss of her beloved husband, the Honorable Chester Majewski, Commissioner of the Board of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, that her late mother, Rose Durante Alitto, encouraged and supported Gloria in her campaign to fill her late husband's unexpired term; and

WHEREAS, with her daughters in tow and with the strong support of the late Congressman Dan Rostenkowski, Teddy Lechowicz and Ralph Caparelli and dear friend and attorney Andrew Raucci, Gloria hit the campaign trail running, with the family car as her transportation and the kitchen table as her campaign headquarters; and

WHEREAS, once elected, Commissioner Majewski was instrumental in expanding the District's reach and educating the public regarding the District by developing a Public Education Program and personally speaking to thousands of organizations about the District; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Majewski quickly became a distinguished leader on the Board of Commissioners and in 1986 made history when she became the first woman chosen by her fellow board members to serve as Chairman of the Finance Committee, an office she retained until her last day of service; and

WHEREAS, as Chairman of the Finance Committee, Commissioner Majewski pioneered a 5% or less tax cap on the District's tax levy four years before it was mandated by state law; and

WHEREAS, it was also not a coincidence that the District saw its bond rating improve to the highest rating it has ever been awarded by Fitch's, Moody's and Standard & Poor's by during Commissioner Majewski's tenure as Chairman of the Finance Committee, becoming one of a very select few agencies to be awarded AAA, Aaa and AA+ ratings respectively; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Majewski's success wasn't limited to the her role on the Finance Committee but also to the Maintenance and Operations Committee and as a Commissioner Board Member to the District Retirement Fund; and

WHEREAS, since 1987, Commissioner Majewski has safeguarded the District's Retirement Fund through sound fiscal management that resulted in steady and continued growth; and

WHEREAS, her knowledge of Maintenance and Operations was displayed early in her career as a Commissioner when she undertook a crusade to save the District millions of dollars while using European technology, all the while relying on American companies to develop a more efficient method of dewatering

biosolids; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Majewski also served outside her role as a Commissioner as volunteer for the Working in the Schools ("WITS) program and serving as a principal for a day for many years in the Chicago Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, other various organizations have benefited from Commissioner Majewski vast knowledge through her service on their executive boards, including but not limited to service on the boards at New Horizon Center, Governors State University, Village Scalabrini Home for the Aged and the Ground Hog Club; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Majewski no stranger to public recognition, has received , among others, the following awards: the Polish American Political League's Distinguished Service Award, the Disabled Veteran's "Commander's Award", the New Horizons Center for the Developmentally Disabled "Special Friend to Special Children Award", the Illinois Federation of Business and Professional Women's "Women of Achievement Award", the Metropolitan Chicago Minority Enterprise Development Council's "Recognition Award" and the Gregorian's "Humanitarian of the year Award";

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners and staff of the District extend their heartfelt wishes for as much success in her retirement as Commissioner Majewski enjoyed throughout her career and extend our sincere gratitude to Commissioner Majewski's family, her daughters, Joy Adelizzi and Kimberly Feeney, her son-in-law, Tony Feeney and her grandchildren, Shannon and Daniel Feeney for sharing Gloria's talents with the residents of the District; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, on behalf of ourselves and staff, do hereby recognize Commissioner Gloria Alitto Majewski's dedicated service for twenty six years as a Commissioner of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District and express our gratitude and appreciation for her work on behalf of the community and the environment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, in recognition of Commissioner Majewski's dedication to the citizens of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District in protecting the environment through exemplary public service, excellent public policy, fiscal responsibility and a vision of furthering the health and safety for all, that the Upper DesPlaines Tunnel and Reservoir Plan Reservoir be dedicated in the name of Commissioner Gloria Alitto Majewski in honor of her service as a member of the Board of Commissioners; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread upon the permanent Record of Proceedings of the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago and that a copy of same, suitably engrossed, be presented to Commissioner Gloria Alitto Majewski.

Dated: November 18, 2010

Approved: TERRENCE J. O'BRIEN, President; KATHLEEN THERESE MEANY, Vice-President; GLORIA ALITTO MAJEWSKI, Chairman, Committee on Finance; FRANK AVILA; PATRICIA HORTON; BARBARA J. MCGOWAN; CYNTHIA M. SANTOS; MARIYANA T. SPYROPOULOS; DEBRA SHORE Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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