



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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RESOLUTION FOR BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 20, 2022

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners celebrating the life of Frank M. Zuccarelli

WHEREAS, Frank M. Zuccarelli was a native of South Holland, Illinois. As a young man, he attended Thornridge High School in Dolton, Illinois. After completing his tour of duty in the United States Air Force as a medic, Mr. Zuccarelli enrolled in South Suburban College in South Holland (SSC), then known as Thornton Community College, in 1974. In 1976, he earned an Associate of Science degree and in 1978 he earned an Associate of Arts degree. He later attended Governor State University in University Park, Illinois, where he earned a bachelor degree; and

WHEREAS, in 1977, Mr. Zuccarelli began serving on the Thornton Township Youth Committee Board; and

WHEREAS, in 1978, Mr. Zuccarelli joined the Board of Trustees for SSC and in 1987 he became the Chairman. He served in this role until his death. During his tenure at SSC, Mr. Zuccarelli contributed to the SSC and the Illinois community college system becoming the third largest community college system in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, Mr. Zuccarelli became the Thornton Township Supervisor. One of his biggest passions in this role was overseeing public assistance programs to assist those in need, including the operation of a food pantry, hosting of events at the senior center, and the hiring of teenagers to work in his summer lawn mowing program. Mr. Zuccarelli served as Thornton Township Supervisor until his death; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, Mr. Zuccarelli was elected to serve as Democratic Committeeman for Thornton Township, the largest township in the State of Illinois. He likewise served in this capacity until his death; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Zuccarelli was devoted to equity, inclusion, and providing opportunities to higher education. He was dedicated to providing educational and career training through community college educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Zuccarelli was the recipient of numerous awards including: a Service award from the Illinois Community College Trustees Association; the War on Hunger and Quality Service Community Leader award from the Greater Chicago Food Depository; the Distinguished Service award from the Illinois Committee for Honest Government; and a three time recipient of the Supervisor of the Year award from the Township Officials of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Frank M. Zuccarelli advocated passionately for the south suburban community for nearly forty-four years. He is widely appreciated for his unwavering dedication and his willingness to give second chances. He exuded passion for his work and his community and left no doubt that his commitment was genuine; 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 our staff, do hereby extend our condolences to the family of Frank M. Zuccarelli; 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 the family of Frank M. Zuccarelli.

Dated: January 20, 2022