



Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER ADNAN NAMMARI

WHEREAS, Adnan Nammari will retire from public service to the Forest Preserves of Cook County on December 29, 2023, after a 43-year career in various civil engineering posts, including 28 years of service to the Forest Preserves; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nammari graduated from the Illinois Institute of Technology with bachelor's and master's degrees in civil engineering and started work as a senior civil engineer for the Forest Preserves in December 1995, after serving for 15 years in private-sector engineering consultant positions; and

WHEREAS, for the past 20 years, Mr. Nammari served as Chief Construction Engineer, succeeding Paul Pearson, Harry Barrett and others, in this prestigious Forest Preserves' position; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as Chief Construction Engineer, Mr. Nammari managed the Civil Engineering section of the Department of Planning & Development and introduced new technology-based systems and tools for performing engineering design and administration of capital funds, in addition to maintaining standards and procedures for Forest Preserves' construction contracts; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nammari also oversaw many significant Forest Preserves' construction programs and challenging construction contracts for new or improved bridges, dams, parking lots, picnic shelters, canoe and kayak launches, and other outdoor recreation amenities; and

WHEREAS, notable outdoor recreation projects managed by Mr. Nammari included the expansion of the fitness stairs at Swallow Cliff, a new nature play area and fitness stairs at Dan Ryan Woods, new picnic and program shelter prototypes, new accessible canoe and kayak facilities, and repairs to many bridges and dams at fishing lakes throughout Cook County ; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nammari was responsible for oversight of the \$25 million Motor Fuel Tax agreement with Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways which has resulted in transportation-related infrastructure improvements to numerous trails, bridges, access roads and adjacent parking areas; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nammari was responsible for regular inspections and improvements to dams and other drainage and water-control structures and oversight of water and stormwater infrastructure projects on Forest Preserves' land; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nammari is a devoted husband and father of three adult children who enjoys traveling to visit family in the U.S. and Middle East and spending time outdoors walking and biking in the Forest Preserves and along Chicago's lakefront.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that President Toni Preckwinkle along with the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners, General Superintendent Arnold L. Randall, and on behalf of all citizens of Cook County, do hereby extend thanks to Adnan Nammari for his dedication, leadership and outstanding service and wish him continued success in all his future endeavors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to Adnan Nammari in recognition of

his significant contributions to the Forest Preserves of Cook County.