



Lake County Illinois

Legislation Text

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Special recognition to Roycealee Wood for her years of service to Lake County.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

WHEREAS, Roycealee Wood, a native of Rockford, Illinois, is a graduate of Rockford East High School and holds Bachelor and Master's degrees from Northwestern University. She has also completed doctoral graduate Administrative study and received the superintendent endorsement certificate from National Louis University; and

WHEREAS, Wood served the North Chicago Public Schools as a teacher, guidance counselor, assistant principal, guidance director and as the assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction; and

WHEREAS, On November 5, 2002, she was elected as Regional Superintendent of Schools for Lake County and was re-elected to four additional terms, the most recent in 2018. In this role, she had interaction with and responsibility for the 45 Lake County school districts, three Special Education Cooperatives, the Lake County High School Tech Campus and the Lake County charter schools; and

WHEREAS, Roycealee Wood established the Regional Office of Education Foundation, which awards scholarships to Lake County students who will be pursuing two- or four-year degrees; and

WHEREAS, Roycealee Wood believes, "Every child should have an opportunity to be successful every day"; and

WHEREAS, she has served in many civic roles including as a member of the Rotary Club of Waukegan, the Lake Forest-Lake Bluff League of Women Voters, Waukegan American Association of University Women, Illinois Association of School Administrators, Illinois Association of Regional School Superintendents, Beta Upsilon Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Education Sorority, Chicago North Shore Chapter of Zeta Phi Eta Communications Sorority and Phi Delta Kappa Lake-Kenosha-Racine County Chapter; and

WHEREAS, Roycealee Wood also served on the Board of Directors for the Allendale Association, Inc., Friends of the Lake County Museum, A Safe Place (Advisory Board), the N.E. Illinois Council-BSA, NICASA, the Mothers' Trust Foundation and the Great Lakes Naval Museum Association, Inc. She also served for three years as Chair of the Board of Directors

of the Illinois Crossroads Council of the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. with responsibility for 24,000 girls and 8,000 volunteers; and

WHEREAS, she is a Past President of the Great Lakes Region of the Navy League of the U.S. (NLUS) and has been a member for 40 years. In addition to the Great Lakes Presidency, Roycealee Wood has served as president of the Lake County Council of the NLUS, Illinois State President of the NLUS, and a National Director of the NLUS for 30 years.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RECOGNIZED, that this County Board of Lake County, Illinois, offers its sincere gratitude and appreciation to Roycealee Wood for her years of outstanding and dedicated public service to the residents of Lake County.

BE IT FURTHER RECOGNIZED, that the County Board offers its best wishes to Roycealee Wood.

DATED at Waukegan, Illinois on April 13, 2021.