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RESOLUTION**

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**A RESOLUTION URGING THE ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY
TO ADOPT LEGISLATION, SB 0957, ALLOWING UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS
TO OBTAIN DRIVER'S LICENSES**

WHEREAS, it is estimated that tens of thousands of undocumented immigrants are driving on Illinois roads; and

WHEREAS, because they are undocumented, they cannot obtain driver's licenses or insurance; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights and others are pushing for legislation that would allow undocumented immigrants to get temporary visitor driver's licenses in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, to get licenses, undocumented immigrants would have to pass the same vision and road tests as someone getting a regular license, making Illinois roads safer; and

WHEREAS, backers of the measure say New Mexico experienced a huge drop in the number of uninsured drivers after licenses were made available in 2003; and

WHEREAS, temporary visitor driver's licenses are already available for foreign students, temporary workers, long-term workers and others who are here legally but don't have the Social Security numbers required to obtain a regular driver's license.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County hereby urges the Illinois General Assembly to adopt legislation that would allow undocumented immigrants to obtain driver's licenses; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to the Illinois General Assembly in hopes of the passage of this legislation.

Approved and adopted this 4th day of December 2012.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk