



RESOLUTION NO. 25-04

A RESOLUTION HONORING FRANK BERTOLLI AND PROVIDING AN HONORARY DESIGNATION OF THE 7900 BLOCK OF LAKE STREET AS "FRANK BERTOLLI WAY"

WHEREAS, Frank Bertolli was born in 1949 in Mola di Bari, Italy, and immigrated to the United States in 1963, where he began working in family-operated pizzerias in Chicago, gaining early experience and developing a lifelong dedication to the food service industry; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bertolli honorably served his country in the United States Marine Corps for six years. Following his military service, he returned to work in the restaurant industry before ultimately pursuing his own entrepreneurial ventures.

WHEREAS, in 1981, Mr. Bertolli acquired River Pizza on Lake Street in River Forest, rebranding it as Bertolli's River Pizza, and, with the support of his five children — Carlo, Tony, John, Nora, and Marilda — built it into a thriving family-owned business known for its high-quality, handmade Italian cuisine; and

WHEREAS, demonstrating vision and commitment to his community and family, Mr. Bertolli expanded his business footprint by opening Frank's Deli in 2010, transforming a former White Hen Pantry into a neighborhood staple offering both traditional Italian products and modern convenience items; and

WHEREAS, through his unwavering work ethic, personal involvement in daily operations, and commitment to excellence, Mr. Bertolli has become a respected and admired figure in River Forest, embodying the values of service, family, and entrepreneurship.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village President and Board of Trustees of the Village of River Forest do hereby recognize and extend their sincere appreciation to Frank Bertolli for his decades of outstanding service, dedication, and contributions to the cultural and economic vitality of the community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

Section 1: The 7900 block of Lake Street shall have a secondary designation as "Frank Bertolli Way"

Section 2: The Board of Trustees requests that the Village place an honorary street sign on Lake Street to reflect the "Frank Bertolli Way" designation

Section 3: By this Resolution, the Board of Trustees does not intend to affect any existing or future signage that reflects the secondary designation of Lake Street, with the exception of the honorary sign described in section 2 of this resolution.

Section 4: The Board of Trustees shall ensure that a suitable copy of this Resolution is presented to Frank Bertolli as an expression of the Board's esteem and its sincere good wishes.

IN WITNESS, THEREOF, I have hereto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the seal of the Village of River Forest, this 12th day of May 2025.

AYES: Trustees Bachner, Gillis, Vazquez, Brennan, Kuskitalo, O'Connell

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

APPROVED by me this 12th day of May 2025.
Rosa Castellano, Village Clerk

Catherine Adduci, Village President