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Clerk Dorothy Brown Honors Italian Americans During Heritage Celebration

CHICAGO (Nov. 4, 2005) – The Honorable Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, and members of the Clerk’s Office Italian-American Employee Committee hosted a program in observance of Italian-American Heritage Month, titled “An Italian-American in Action in the Community,” on Oct. 19, 2005.

The Clerk’s Office Italian-American Employee Committee members include: President Enza Zacchigna, Vice-President James Gianopulos, Treasurer Jan Basile, Diane DeLeo, Pam Cortina, Salvatore Cantone, Kimberly Velasquez, James Ford, James D’Archangelis, Denise Solofra, Larry Cosimini, Patricia Talla, Mike Marro, Annette Edwards and William Marino.

“The Italian Heritage Month celebration is one of my favorite occasions when the Clerk’s Office staff and I pay tribute to the diverse, ethnic composition of our workforce,” said Clerk Brown.

Leonard F. Amari, a partner in the law firm Amari & Locallo and a member of the Clerk’s Office Italian-American Advisory Committee, received a special award during the commemorative event for making many contributions to the Italian American community at large, and the legal profession through which he has served as a mentor to many.

Amari thanked Clerk Brown and the Clerk’s Office Italian-American Employee Committee for honoring his achievements. Upon receiving his award, he acknowledged that it was only because of the support of colleagues, family and friends throughout the years that he has been able to make a difference in the lives of others.

“Leonard Amari is a contemporary trailblazer, mentor and friend to all,” said Clerk Brown in her closing remarks. “I salute him and all Italian Americans for enriching our nation.”

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The Honorable Clerk Brown (fifth from left), Clerk of Circuit Court of Cook County, hosted a program in observance of Italian-American Heritage Month, titled “An Italian American in Action in the Community,” on Oct. 19. She is flanked by the program’s special guests (left to right) Anthony Fornelli, Cook County Judge Lisa Curcio, Velda Davino, President of the Women’s Division of the Joint Civic Commission of Italian Americans; Theresa Petrone, Commissioner of the Board of Elections, Leonard R. Amari, a partner in the law firm Amari & Locallo, who received a special award in honor of his community and professional services; Judge Gloria Coco, Cook County Commissioner Peter Silvestri; Lisa Marino, President of the Justinian Society of Lawyers, and Cook County Judge Cheryl Cesario.