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## Schiller Park Mayor Piltaver accepts MWRD resolution commemorating village's 100 year anniversary

Schiller Park Mayor Barbara J. Piltaver received a resolution from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) Board of Commissioners in honor of the community's 100 year anniversary.

Schiller Park's origins began in 1881 when William Kolze purchased 105 acres of land near the Des Plaines River basin and built a house which became an inn known as the "White House." Kolze became the honorary mayor of the unincorporated town.

In 1914, the village was incorporated as "Kolze," and in honor of a German singing society known as "Schiller Liedertafel" which frequented the area, the name was changed to Schiller Park in 1926. Six years later, Kolze's daughter-in-law Julia became the first woman village president or mayor in Illinois. Today, the 11,000 residents of Schiller Park enjoy "a small town feel with a world at its touch."

"Schiller Park is a wonderful community, and we thought it was important to honor their rich heritage," said Commissioner Cynthia Santos. "The District is celebrating our 125th anniversary this month, so we understand the importance of commemorating a long tradition of progress while looking ahead to the future."

Mayor Piltaver said that "we greatly appreciate this recognition. We are working to make Schiller Park one of the top 100 places to live in the United States. This is a lofty goal but one that can be achieved. Our vision will enhance the quality of life for everyone."



(L to R) MWRD Commissioner Frank Avila, Schiller Park Mayor Barbara J. Piltaver, MWRD Commissioners Cynthia M. Santos and Patrick D. Thompson display the resolution presented to the Mayor on behalf of Schiller Park's 100th anniversary.

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