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**Outstanding Italian-Americans  
Honored During Heritage Month Celebration**

CHICAGO (Oct. 24, 2006) – In observance of Italian-American Heritage Month, the Honorable Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit of Cook County, and members of the Clerk’s Office Italian-American Employees Committee hosted an awards luncheon on Oct. 12.

Mr. Vince Geresole, reporter for CBS 2 Chicago, served as master of ceremonies for the program. Clerk Brown awarded four members of Chicago's Italian-American community for making significant impacts in their respective professions. Awards were presented to: the Honorable Angelo D. Mistretta, retired judge from the Circuit Court of Cook County; Mrs. Celia Guzaldo Gamrath, a partner in the law office of Schiller, DuCanto & Fleck; Mr. Gregory Caputo, news director for WGN-TV; and Renato Turano, president of Campagna-Turano Baking Company and a Senator of Italy.

“I am truly honored to host this event,” said Clerk Brown. “These individuals are true trailblazers who have made remarkable achievements, distinguishing themselves not only in their communities, but throughout Cook County.”

An appearance was made by Pepino Sancati, president of the Lancia Motor Club. The Lancia Motor Club is dedicated to encouraging the use and preservation of the Lancia, an Italian-made automobile. Mr. Sancati and fellow club members presented medals to Clerk Brown, Mr. Eugenio Sgro, Counsel General of Italy, and Ms. Tina Cervone, Director, Italian Institute.

The Clerk’s Office Italian-American Employee Committee members include: President Enza Zacchigna, 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, Lauren Lascola and William Marino.

Clerk Brown and the Clerk’s Office Italian-American Employee Committee annually host a commemorative program during Italian-American Heritage Month.

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**The Honorable Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, (far left) stands with the 2006 Clerk's Office Italian-American Heritage Month honorees and the event emcee (left to right): Giovanni Matteis of Campagna-Turano Baking Co., accepting an award on behalf of Renato Turano President Campagna-Turano Baking Co., and a Senator of Italy; Gregory Caputo, WGN 9 Chicago News Director; Celia Guzaldo Gamrath, partner of the law firm Schiller, DuCanto & Fleck; Honorable Angelo Mistretta, retired judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, and Vince Geresole, CBS 2 Chicago Reporter.**



**The Honorable Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, (left) and Pepino Sancati, president of the Lancia Club.**



**The Honorable Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, (second from left) stands with Ms. Tina Cervone, Director, Italian Institute, Pepino Sancati, Lancia Motor Club President and Mr. Eugenio Sgro, Counsel General of Italy.**