



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY
Cook County Building, Board Room, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois

Consent Agenda

Tuesday, July 18, 2017, 9:00 AM

Special Consent Calendar Meeting

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Pursuant to Cook County Code of Ordinances, public testimony will be permitted at regular and special meetings of the Board. Duly authorized public speakers shall be called upon at this time to deliver testimony germane to a specific item(s) on the meeting agenda, and the testimony must not exceed three (3) minutes. The names of duly authorized speakers shall be published in the Post Board Action Agenda and Journal of Proceedings as prepared by the Clerk of the Board.

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Sponsored by: STANLEY MOORE, LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, EDWARD M. MOODY, SEAN M. MORRISON, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION**HONORING THE LIFE OF JUDGE RAYMOND MYLES, SR.**

WHEREAS, Raymond Myles, Sr. was the fifth of fourteen children born to Milry and Haskel Myles, Sr. on October 15, 1950, in Thyatira, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, after receiving his Bachelor of Arts Degree, immediately followed by his Master of Arts Degree in Social Work, he continued his educational journey by receiving his Juris Doctor Degree from the University of Illinois in 1977; and

WHEREAS, Raymond Myles worked in private practice for some years, during which he was admitted in 1986 into the U. S. Navy Service School Command Court Marshal Division at Naval Station Great Lakes in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, he was appointed Associate Judge to the Circuit Court of Cook County by the Illinois Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, In 2009 Judge Myles was assigned to the Criminal Division at 26th and California, where he presided over trials involving misdemeanor offenses and juvenile court hearing matters; and

WHEREAS, although Judge Myles was strict with the youth that came into his court, he believed that it was his duty to steer the young offenders toward a better life by connecting them to opportunities and education; and

WHEREAS, Judge Myles was involved in high profile cases and made his career on administering justice in all cases in his courtroom; and

WHEREAS, Judge Myles was involved in several bar associations including the Illinois State Bar Association, the Chicago Bar Association, and the Cook County Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, Judge Myles gave back to his community by participating in legal clinics, youth coaching, and academic learning centers; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board President and Commissioners of the Cook County Board will gather together to express their honor and sorrow on the passing of Judge Raymond Myles, Sr., and will extend to his family and friends their sincere condolences; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is spread upon the permanent Record of Proceedings of the Board of Commissioner of Cook County, and that a suitable copy of this resolution will be prepared and presented to the family of Raymond Myles Sr. that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished

Item 17-2988 was deferred at the 6/6/2017 County Board Meeting.

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Sponsored by: STANLEY MOORE, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, EDWARD M. MOODY, SEAN M. MORRISON, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF DR. DONALD MARION PEDRO

WHEREAS, Donald Marion Pedro was born July 7, 1929 in Manhattan, New York to George and Georgie Pedro; and

WHEREAS, Donald completed his undergraduate degree in 1951 at Lincoln University in Pennsylvania and graduated from Howard University Medical in 1955; and

WHEREAS, While attending medical school Donald met and married Dolores Massey which was blessed with three children; and

WHEREAS, Donald M. Pedro, M.D. received an honorable discharge after serving in the U.S. Army in the 82nd Medical Company - 82nd Airborne Division in Ft. Bragg, North Carolina from 1957 until 1959; and

WHEREAS, He returned to Illinois and established his practice under the name of The Morgan Park Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pedro was a constant and faithful contributor to the Morgan Park Community as well as a supporter of the Jackie Robinson West Little League and its annual parade; the annual Phoebe's Place Health Fair at the Maple Park United Methodist Church and the Gatling's Chapel Annual Fest ; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pedro was an active member of the Midwest Bridge Unit, he served as president and was honored in 2005 with the organization's highest recognition for outstanding service, The Life Membership Award; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pedro was the only physician in the greater Chicagoland area to continue the service of making house calls long after the service was assumed obsolete; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pedro steadfast dedication to serving others is depicted throughout his career. Illinois Senate Democratic Leader, Emil Jones, Jr. appointed him to serve as a member of the Electoral College for the 1996 and 2000 Presidential election. In October 2000, 111th and Halsted Street was named "Dr. Donald M. Pedro Way" in recognition of his dedication to the community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pedro retired and left his practice in March 2008. At that time, when asked what advice he would give to the doctors of today and tomorrow, he responded, "You have to like people... if you don't like people - get another job; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board President and the members of the Board of Commissioners would like to extend their deepest condolences, and heartfelt sorrow at the passing of Dr. Donald Marion Pedro; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Cook County Board President and the Board of Commissioners shall recognize and honor Dr. Donald Marion Pedro in celebration of his life, accomplishments, and commitment to the citizens of Chicago; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings and the Cook County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the family of Dr. Donald Marion Pedro.

Item 17-3699 was deferred at the 6/6/2017 County Board Meeting.

[17-3700](#)

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION**HONORING DEIDRE CLAYTON UPON HER RETIREMENT**

WHEREAS, Deidre Clayton began her health care career in 1976 at St. Mary of Nazareth Hospital as the Assistant Director of Volunteer Services; and

WHEREAS, while in this position she was tapped to coordinate the hospital reception for the visit of Pope John Paul II, and to host her first health fair, which led to the creation of a Junior Volunteer program with more than 150 students from Roberto Clemente High School; and

WHEREAS, Deidre Clayton transferred to South Chicago Community Hospital/Trinity Hospital in 1978 as the Director of Community and Volunteer Services; and

WHEREAS, As Director, Deidre was responsible there for several initiatives, including working with ABC reporter Dianne Burns to highlight stories on health initiatives at South Chicago Hospital; initiating a speaker's bureau utilizing physicians to discuss health related topics with church groups, community and business agencies; as well as creating a youth Medical Exploring Post with high school students; and

WHEREAS, in 1993 she moved to Cook County's Provident Hospital, where she hosted the 1996 visit of Diana, Princess of Wales, and coordinated the celebrity visits such as football Hall of Famer player Walter Payton, Ms. Black Illinois, comedian Dick Gregory, CBS news reporter Harry Porterfield, and Disney's Mickey and Minnie Mouse; and

WHEREAS, Deidre was given the freedom to create strategic alliances with organizational leaders and politicians who would become Provident Hospital's Community Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, she was instrumental during this time in implementing several programs, including 4 Men Only Health Fair, the Bud Billiken Parade First Aid Stations, the Medical Careers program at Beasley Academy, and several senior initiatives at St. Edmund's Towers, TRC Senior Village, North Washington Park Senior Manor, and Judge Green Senior Village; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, Dee Clayton recreated Provident's Employee Christmas Toy Drive, which donated 300 toys to the children from the Center for New Horizons and Ounce of Prevention. Through the support of the medical staff, she was able to coordinate the hospital's 5th, 10th, 15th, and 20th anniversaries; and

WHEREAS, Deidre has always prioritized God, family, and career in that order; and

WHEREAS, Charles, her wonderful husband of 39 years; supports Dee Clayton 2 lovely grown children, Charles Jr. and Christina; and her mother, who always will be her eternal guardian angel. Having 41 years of administrative healthcare experience, Deidre Clayton embraced her role of facilitating and creating internal and external special events for the community and employees; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Cook County shall recognize Deidre Clayton's service to the citizens of Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Clerk is authorized to spread upon the record of proceedings and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to be presented to Deidre Clayton in recognition of her retirement.

Item 17-3700 was deferred at the 6/6/2017 County Board Meeting.

[17-3738](#)

Sponsored by: STANLEY MOORE, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF ANDREA M. BOSSI

WHEREAS, Lindblom Math and Science Academy's mission is to empower students to become independent thinkers; and

WHEREAS, all the students who attend the school should be applauded for their determination to achieve their highest potential; and

WHEREAS, Andrea M. Bossi is a senior at Lindblom Math and Science Academy being recognized for her achievements and commitment to becoming an independent thinker; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bossi has attended a two week long program that included camping, mountaineering exploring glacial biodiversity in the Girls on Ice North Cascades Program; and

WHEREAS, she attended the Junior Academy of the New York Academy of Science, where she worked with a group of young adults to collaborate on the improvement of STEM programs and create innovative solutions to global issues; and

WHEREAS, Andrea M. Bossi is the Secretary of the National Honor Society, a Lindblom Ambassador, a member of the 1000 Girls, 1000 Futures organization and Technolochica of National Center for Women & Information Technology and the Televisa Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bossi is an Illinois State Scholar, a National Hispanic Scholar, and a Ron Brown

Scholar Captain; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bossi carries a weighted Grade Point Average of 4.94 on a 4.0 scale and she will be attending Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts in the fall of 2017; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Cook County shall recognize Andrea M. Bossi's determination and strong resolve to push for her best and reach her high school academic goals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cook County Clerk is hereby authorized to spread this text upon the record of proceedings and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to be presented to Ms. Andrea M. Bossi in recognition of achievement.

Item 17-3738 was deferred at the 6/6/2017 County Board Meeting.

[17-3739](#)

Sponsored by: STANLEY MOORE, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF ABISOLA H. OLAWALE

WHEREAS, Lindblom Math and Science Academy's mission is to empower students to become independent thinkers; and

WHEREAS, all the students who attend the school should be applauded for their determination to achieve their highest potential; and

WHEREAS, Abisola H. Olawale is a senior at Lindblom Math and Science Academy being recognized for her achievements and commitment to becoming an independent thinker; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Olawale was a student at MIT Online Science, Technology and Engineering Community (MOSTEC) where she learned how to simplify technical writing for the general public, designed and created Android applications, and created the SOS application which is used during emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Olawale interned for two summers at the University of Chicago Center for Robust Decision-Making on Climate and Energy Policy, where she learned about climate and crop model predictions, researched and analyzed adaptation to improve crop yield, and presented reports on her analysis of air and water pollution in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Olawale also interned at Longview Asset Management, where she observed financial analysts and applied her skills learned by presenting reports on investment recommendations; and

WHEREAS, Abisola H. Olawale is a Illinois State Scholar, a National Honorable Mention of the

National Center for Women & Information Technology (NCWIT) Award for Aspiration in Computing; a NCWIT Northern Illinois Affiliate Award of Aspiration in Computing Winner and a National Honor Society Member; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Olawale carries a weighted Grade Point Average of 5.12 on a 4.0 scale and she will be attending Stanford University in Stanford, California in the fall of 2017; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Cook County shall recognize Abisola H. Olawale’s determination and strong resolve to push for her best and reach her high school academic goals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cook County Clerk is hereby authorized to spread this text upon the record of proceedings and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to be presented to Ms. Andrea M. Bossi in recognition of achievement.

Item 17-3739 was deferred at the 6/6/2017 County Board Meeting.

[17-3740](#)

Sponsored by: STANLEY MOORE, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATE THE ACHIEVEMENT OF FAITH ESPERANZA JONES

WHEREAS, Lindblom Math and Science Academy’s mission is to empower students to become independent thinkers; and

WHEREAS, all the students who attend the school should be applauded for their determination to achieve their highest potential; and

WHEREAS, Faith Esperanza Jones is a senior at Lindblom Math and Science Academy being recognized for her achievements and commitment to becoming an independent thinker; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jones participated in the Minority Introduction to Engineering and Science (MITES) program of MIT, a residential academic enrichment program focused on developing skills in science and engineering for high school seniors; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jones served as a Pre-Calculus Teachers Apprentice and organized study sessions and taught Lindblom students under the guidance of a teacher; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jones was the Head Mechanical Engineer on Lindblom’s Electric Eagles Robotics Team and competed in the For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (F.I.R.S.T.) Robotics Competition for the past three years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jones is the Co-Captain and Research Expert of the After School Matters

Pre-Freshman Engineering Program Team at Chicago State University and a member of the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE); and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jones was the recipient of a full scholarship to study Mandarin Chinese at Beijing University of Post and Telecommunications and passed her final examination at the International Chinese Training Center of BUPT; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jones is a Illinois State Scholar, a National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholar, Jack Kent Cooke College Scholarship Semi-Finalist, a Questbridge Scholar, an AP Scholar with Honors Awardee, and the recipient of many more awards; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jones carries a weighted Grade Point Average of 5.0968 on a 4.0 scale and she will be attending Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Massachusetts in the fall of 2017; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Cook County shall recognize Faith Esperanza Jones' determination and strong resolve to push for her best and reach her high school academic goals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cook County Clerk is hereby authorized to spread this text upon the record of proceedings and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to be presented to Ms. Andrea M. Bossi in recognition of achievement.

Item 17-3740 was deferred at the 6/6/2017 County Board Meeting.

[17-3931](#)

Sponsored by: LUIS ARROYO JR, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING UNITY PARK ADVISORY COUNCIL'S 30th ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, in the early 1950s, a fire ravaged the homes on the 2600 block of Kimball Avenue. Following the demolition of the remaining structures, the lot was turned into a parking lot for businesses at the corner of Diversey, Milwaukee and Kimball Avenues. and;

WHEREAS, time passed and the nearby businesses shuttered, the lot was no longer needed, becoming an impromptu play area for the neighborhood's children. and;

WHEREAS, in the 1970s, residents demanded the City of Chicago donate a portion of the lot to the Chicago Park District. With community organizing, planning and help from Logan Square Neighborhood Association, the City of Chicago granted these neighbors their request. Playlot 293 was created with just a sandbox and basic play equipment. and;

WHEREAS, in 1986, as children flocked to the playlot, parents' and neighbors' concerns grew about the concrete being too rough for kids to play on safely, but so too did the need for an actual playground. ;and

WHEREAS, during this time, Manuel Guillot of Logan Square Neighborhood Association was walking door-to-door to speak with residents about improvements they were interested in pursuing. Through this outreach, Mr. Guillot encountered Mr. Joel Monarch who would later become Unity Park Advisory Council's co-founder and co-chair. and;

WHEREAS, Mr. Guillot and Mr. Monarch began inviting neighbors to a community meeting and through this gathering, 'Parents for a Decent Playlot' was created; and

WHEREAS, this group of seven residents, fought for nearly half a year with the Chicago Park District to have the playlot rehabbed. In June 1987, after protests and contentious community meetings, the concrete was replaced by a soft surface and fresh landscaping which was part of the City's pilot program to overhaul 300 playlots across Chicago. and;

WHEREAS, with the unveiling of the new playlot came a new name, Unity Playlot Park and in 1993 UPAC received their official advisory council status. Since then, Unity Park Advisory Council has held meetings on a monthly basis and has seen four expansions of the park. Unity Park now has an incredible community base and offers activities and events, together with Chicago Park District such as April's Earth Day Clean-Up and Planting, July's "Art in the Park", an August movie and October's signature "PumpkinFest" which are all funded by the Council's annual fundraisers; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Cook County Board, issue a proclamation that all of the citizens of Cook County acknowledge and congratulate Unity Park Advisory Council members and volunteers for their committed, purposeful and philanthropic community contributions during these past thirty years. Unity Park Advisory Council will be celebrating their 30th Year Anniversary on Friday, June 16, 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and an official copy of the same be presented to Unity Park Advisory Council to commemorate this milestone event.

[17-4036](#)

Sponsored by: PETER N. SILVESTRI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING GIANNA ARIOLA AND ISABELLA WERNING FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO FIGHTING CHILDHOOD CANCER

WHEREAS, Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation (ALSF) emerged from the front yard lemonade stand of cancer patient Alexandra "Alex" Scott who, at the age of four, announced that she wanted to hold a lemonade stand to raise money to help find a cure for all children with cancer; and

WHEREAS, since Alex held that first stand, the foundation bearing her name is now a 501(c)3 charity that has raised more than \$140 million toward finding a cure to the disease that took her life; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, when she was only five, Gianna Ariola heard about the foundation on television and decided on her own to start a lemonade stand in Elmwood Park and donate every penny to ALSF; and

WHEREAS, Gianna, now in River Grove, has just completed her fourth year participating in Lemonade Days, conducted by ALSF and held throughout the country the first two weeks of June each year; and

WHEREAS, this year Gianna took on a partner, Isabella Werning, who herself had been in the hospital and yearned to help other sick children; and

WHEREAS, Gianna and Isabella, who have just finished third grade, show great entrepreneurship and distribute their own fliers and provide online options as well as in person; and

WHEREAS, Gianna and Isabella are known as caring and generous beyond their years; and

WHEREAS, this year Gianna and Isabella raised \$638, bringing Gianna's four-year total to approximately \$2,300; and

WHEREAS, Gianna and Isabella plan to work in the field of medicine when they grow up and continue to motivate young and old alike.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize and honor Gianna Ariola and Isabella Werning for their hard work and dedication to fighting childhood cancer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to Gianna and Isabella to encourage their commitment.

[17-4095](#)

Sponsored by: PETER N. SILVESTRI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING MOTHER CABRINI ON THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF HER PASSING

WHEREAS, in 1850 Francesca Xavier Cabrini was born the thirteenth child to her family in Sant'Angelo Lodigiano, Italy. Her two-month premature birth left her in delicate health most of her life; and

WHEREAS, in 1880 Mother Cabrini founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Lodi, Italy; and

WHEREAS, in 1889 Pope Leo XIII sent Mother Cabrini to New York City to serve the increasing numbers of Italian immigrants and orphans; and

WHEREAS, despite the neighborhood's extreme poverty, Mother Cabrini and the sisters soon opened an orphanage and within two years opened Columbus Hospital; and

WHEREAS, in 1899 Mother Cabrini's success in New York brought her to Chicago, where she founded and taught at Assumption School, the first Italian school in the city. Mother Cabrini and the sisters worked hard to keep the school tuition free for its nearly 700 students, even if they had to beg for funds; and

WHEREAS, in 1905 Mother Cabrini opened Columbus Hospital in Chicago's Lincoln Park and five years later founded the Extension Hospital (later changed to St. Cabrini Hospital) in a low-income Italian neighborhood on Chicago's West Side using surplus funds from the original hospital; and

WHEREAS, in 1909 Mother Cabrini became a citizen of the United States; and

WHEREAS, among Mother Cabrini's many attributes was her business acumen, and in 1917 she purchased a 32-acre farm in what is now Park Ridge so patients at her hospitals could have fresh food; and

WHEREAS, Mother Cabrini traveled the world for 25 years founding orphanages, schools, and hospitals on three continents; and

WHEREAS, in December of 1917 Mother Cabrini passed away in her room at Columbus Hospital at age 67. By the time of her death, she had founded 67 institutions, helping shape America's social and healthcare systems; and

WHEREAS, after four miracles had been attributed to her, Pope Pius XII proclaimed Mother Cabrini a saint in 1946, making her the first American saint; and

WHEREAS, in 1950 Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini was named Universal Patroness of Immigrants because of her devotion to helping immigrants around the world; and

WHEREAS, after a ten-year closure, the National Shrine of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini reestablished itself in 2012 as a new, independent entity to become a dynamic spiritual center fostering human and spiritual development; and

WHEREAS, this year marks 100 years since Mother Cabrini's earthly life ended and her eternal life began; and

WHEREAS, the National Shrine of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini will celebrate the life, legacy, and mission of its namesake with a gala reception on July 19 at the Chicago History Museum as part of a yearlong series of events commemorating the impact Mother Cabrini made on the lives of Chicagoans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby honor Mother Cabrini on the 100th anniversary of her passing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to the National Shrine of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini as it commemorates Mother Cabrini's contributions in the areas of education, healthcare, outreach to immigrants, spiritual support, and social welfare.

[17-4295](#)

Sponsored by: TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING HIS HOLINESS MAHANT SWAMI MAHARAJ

WHEREAS, the BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha is a spiritual, volunteer driven organization dedicated to improving society through individual growth by fostering the Hindu ideals of faith, unity and selfless service; and

WHEREAS, the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Bartlett, Illinois was inaugurated by His Holiness Pramukh Swami Maharaj in 2004, the Mandir has served as a center for spirituality, harmony and service for its members and the surrounding community within Illinois; and

WHEREAS, for the past thirteen years the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Bartlett has been for thousands of visitors, a center for learning and experiencing Indian culture and Hindu religion and customs; and

WHEREAS, His Holiness Pramukh Swami Maharaj appointed His Holiness Mahant Swami Maharaj as his spiritual successor and the sixth Guru of the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Santha; and

WHEREAS, His Holiness Mahant Swami Maharaj will arrive in the United States of America for the

first time as the leader and guru of the BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha; and

WHEREAS, on Sunday July 9, 2017, he will celebrate the auspicious occasion of Guru Purnima at the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Bartlett, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, for millions of Hindus around the world, Guru Purnima marks a day when they honor and express gratitude for their spiritual and academic teachers; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate His Holiness Mahant Swami Maharaj on his inaugural visit to BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Bartlett and declare July 9, 2017 as “His Holiness Mahant Swami Maharaj Day”.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of the Honorable body and that a suitable copy be tendered over to His Holiness Mahant Swami Maharaj.

[17-4368](#)

Sponsored by: PETER N. SILVESTRI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

ANTHONY J. FORNELLI, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, on June 28, 2017, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom called Anthony J. Fornelli from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Anthony J. Fornelli was the beloved husband of the late Angela (nee Favia) Fornelli for 59 years; and

WHEREAS, the two had five daughters, Jeanine (the late Blake) Hammack, Toni (Michael) Kilgallon, Angela (Salvatore) Galioto, Marguerite (Craig) Pettite, and the late Madelyn Fornelli; and

WHEREAS, Anthony J. Fornelli was the loving husband of Guadalupe Cerrillo; and

WHEREAS, Anthony J. Fornelli was the loving grandfather of nine and great-grandfather of fifteen; and

WHEREAS, Anthony J. Fornelli attended St. Ignatius, Loyola University, and DePaul University Law School; and

WHEREAS, Anthony J. Fornelli drove a meat truck to put himself through law school and later became one of the most prominent Italian-Americans in the Chicago area; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Fornelli served at every level of Illinois government and leaves behind a legacy of accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Fornelli organized Festa Italiana, which donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to Villa Scalabrini in Northlake, established as an Italian-American home for the elderly; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Fornelli co-founded Casa Italia, a 17-acre cultural center and was a benefactor to *Fra Noi*, a Chicago magazine covering the Italian-American community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family of Anthony J. Fornelli; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to the family of Anthony J. Fornelli so that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.