

Cook County Board of Commissioners

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Consent Agenda

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10:45 AM

13-1736

Sponsored by: ROBERT STEELE, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Jerry Butler, JOHN P. DALEY, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS and LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF "WE DON'T SERVE TEENS," AN INITIATIVE BY THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION AND COOK COUNTY BUSINESSES TO ENLIST COOK COUNTY PARENTS AND OTHER ADULTS IN COMBATING UNDERAGE DRINKING

WHEREAS, As the new school year starts, the Federal Trade Commission is launching its 2013 "We Don't Serve Teens" consumer education campaign, to raise awareness among parents, educators, and other adults of the hazards of underage drinking; and

WHEREAS, Despite steady progress in addressing underage drinking over the last two decades, 23 percent of high school seniors report binge drinking and illegal alcohol use by teens remains a significant threat to the safety of young people in Cook County and our broader community; and

WHEREAS, Middle school, high school and younger college students in Cook County are at significant risk of serious illness, injury, and death when they engage in illegal underage drinking; and

WHEREAS, A recent analysis by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration indicated that more than 800 drivers under the age of 21 were killed in drunk driving crashes in the United States during 2011 and several thousand were seriously injured, some with permanent disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Younger teens who experiment with alcohol are most likely to consume it in their homes or the homes of friends and to obtain the alcohol from adult family members, placing those teens at a substantially increased risk of lifetime substance abuse; and

WHEREAS, The Federal Trade Commission has developed We Don't Serve Teens as a research-based initiative to educate adults on the basic facts and remind them of the well-known risks of harm to the underage drinkers themselves and to the general public; and

WHEREAS, We Don't Serve Teens provides parents and other adults with the means to play an active role in further reducing underage drinking through greater awareness of the manner in which teens obtain alcohol and the manner in which most underage drinking occurs; and

WHEREAS, We Don't Serve Teens provides young people with useful information on the dangers of underage drinking, the costs of violating the law, and strategies to overcome peer pressure and other negative influences; and

WHEREAS, We Don't Serve Teens information is available at a web site established by the Federal Trade Commission, www.dontserveteens.gov <<http://www.dontserveteens.gov>>, and the information will be publicized in a coordinated print media, television, radio, and billboard campaign initiated and paid for by Crown Imports during the month of September; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Trade Commission has enlisted support of Cook-County based Crown Imports to underwrite an outdoor media campaign to promote the We Don't Serve Teens initiative to Cook County citizens at retail outlets and other locations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Cook County Board of Commissioners commends the Federal Trade Commission for its efforts to protect our teens and the general public and endorses the basic message: Don't serve alcohol to teens; it's unsafe, illegal, and irresponsible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Cook County Board of Commissioners calls upon all licensed alcohol beverage retailers to actively participate in We Don't Serve Teens outreach efforts to their customers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Cook County Board of Commissioners commends Crown Imports, Cook County beer distributors, and Cook County alcohol beverage retailers for their ongoing support for We Don't Serve Teens; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Cook County Board of Commissioners calls upon all parents, civic leaders, and other adults involved in the lives of teens to post the We Don't Serve Teens logo on their social network pages and to utilize the information available from this initiative to increase awareness of the measures they can take to further reduce underage drinking in Cook County.

13-1768

Sponsored by: JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, JOHN P. DALEY, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, EDWIN REYES, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

SALUTE TO OUR ARMED FORCES

WHEREAS, the County of Cook has always honored the sacrifice made by the service men and women of the Armed Forces who defend our country so that we and our children can have a better future; and

WHEREAS, the members of our Armed Forces and veteran organizations hold themselves to the highest standards and the example set by their willingness to answer the call to duty gives this great Nation continued strength and vitality; and

WHEREAS, the people and leadership of Cook County want the brave and honorable service and sacrifices of the members of our Armed Forces, our veterans and their families never to be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, Cook County Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy warmly welcomes all military personnel and veterans of all wars and their families to be honored at the 3rd annual special Salute to Our Armed Forces on October 15, 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners express their deep gratitude and appreciation to the service members, military families and veterans who keep this nation strong and safe; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to our military men, women and veterans attending the Salute to our Armed Forces event in honor of their service and sacrifice to this grateful County and Nation.

13-1769

Sponsored by: JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, STANLEY MOORE, EDWIN REYES, PETER N. SILVESTRI, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING VFW POST 311, BENJAMIN O. DAVIS FOR EARNING THE ESTEEMED STATUS OF ALL AMERICAN POST

WHEREAS, VFW Post 311, Benjamin O. Davis has earned the esteemed status of All American Post from the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States; and

WHEREAS, VFW Post 311, Benjamin O. Davis was awarded this status based on outstanding achievement in membership growth and participation in VFW programs that benefit veterans and the community; and

WHEREAS, the All American Post distinction awarded to VFW Post 311, Benjamin O. Davis is an honor carried by only 2 percent of the more than 10,000 VFW Posts in the world; and

WHEREAS, named after the first African-American General of the United States, VFW Post 311, Benjamin O. Davis completed the All American Post Program requirements which ranged from community events such as the student essay competitions, Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pen to programs unique for service men and women such as veterans job fairs, health screenings, benefits and disability counseling, and other supportive service events; and

WHEREAS, VFW Post 311, Benjamin O. Davis received recognition of All American Post status at the VFW National Convention held in Louisville, Kentucky in July and will celebrate their accomplishments at the Commander's Ball awards dinner on Saturday, August 31, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the leadership and members of VFW Post 311, Benjamin O. Davis honor their fallen comrades through their tireless efforts to serve our veterans, the military, and our communities, to advocate on behalf of all veterans, and to foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate the members and leaders of VFW Post 311, Benjamin O. Davis on their exceptional achievements and express their deep gratitude for the sacrifices they and their loved ones have made on behalf of this great country; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to Commander Eugene Blackwell in recognition of the success of VFW Post 311, Benjamin O. Davis and the high esteem in which this organization is held by the President and members of the Cook County Board.

13-1777

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, JERRY BUTLER, EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, EDWIN REYES, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN, JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI and PETER N. SILVESTRI, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE OF MRS. CLARA SILVESTRI

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, has called Mrs. Clara Silvestri from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Silvestri was born Clara Frabotta on January 19, 1928 in Pofi, Frosinone, Italy; she had three brothers including Luigi, who still lives in Pofi with his family; and

WHEREAS, as a girl Mrs. Silvestri was a soccer fan alongside her father and brothers; and

WHEREAS, the Frabotta family had a successful business selling material for clothes; and

WHEREAS, during World War II, at the age of 15, Mrs. Silvestri went to live on the Silvestri's farm to avoid the bombing in towns and cities; her future mother-in-law, Maria, lived on the farm as well with her family. Mrs. Silvestri would cry alongside Maria for Maria's son, Mario, who was away at war. When Mario returned in 1945 he and Mrs. Silvestri began a courtship which would culminate in a joyous marriage on August 19, 1950; and

WHEREAS, one month after getting married, Mario moved to Brantford, Ontario, Canada. The British consulate in Naples exacted five years of suffering from the newlyweds; they would not allow Mrs. Silvestri to join Mr. Silvestri in Canada until April of 1956; and

WHEREAS, on January 12, 1957 their child, Peter, was born; Mrs. Silvestri was a stay-at-home mother and enjoyed the affection and support of many female friendships in Brantford; and

WHEREAS, in 1962, Mrs. Silvestri, Mr. Silvestri, and their son, Peter, moved to Chicago, into a two flat on Superior Street owned by Mr. Silvestri's Uncle Sam. The building bustled with family energy: Mr. Silvestri, Mrs. Silvestri and Peter lived with Mr. Silvestri's parents. Upstairs was Uncle Guerino, Aunt Pat and their five children, Mary Jo, Anna, Sam, Frances, and later Dominick and Katherine. And nearby lived Uncle Italo, Aunt Norine and their three children, Debra, Sam and Kim, with whom Mrs. Silvestri, Mr. Silvestri, and Peter shared much fun and affection; and

WHEREAS, The Silvestris were parishioners at Holy Rosary and Peter and the other children in his extended family attended school there; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Silvestri went to work at Hart Schaeffner and Marx, a clothing company in the West Loop, when Peter entered kindergarten, and quit when Peter finished law school; and

WHEREAS, many of the ladies who worked at Hart Schaeffner and Marx spoke Italian, and Mrs. Silvestri made many life-long friends while working there; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Silvestri's two best friends were Rose Palella and Rosalie Dini, and their husbands Vito and Dino; Mrs. Silvestri and Mr. Silvestri baptized the Palella's youngest daughter, Laura; and

WHEREAS, in 1967, after living in Italy until her husband Peter's death, nonna Maria moved in with Mrs. Silvestri, Mr. Silvestri, and Peter; and

WHEREAS, in 1969, Ida Cinqueranella moved in with Mr. Silvestri, Mrs. Silvestri and Peter; Ida married Joe Scalise in June of 1971; and

WHEREAS, in November, 1971, the family moved to Elmwood Park; Mrs. Silvestri very much enjoyed decorating the house and tending to her yard; and

WHEREAS, nonna Maria died in 1974. Mrs. Silvestri profoundly grieved the loss of her mother; and

WHEREAS, in 1983, Mrs. Silvestri's father, Mario, at age 60, retired as a welder from International Harvester; Mrs. Silvestri also left her job at that time, at the age of 55; and

WHEREAS, In 1984, Peter married Lori Storto and, on October 8th, 1993, their son Christian was born; Mrs. Silvestri enjoyed being a grandmother and allowed her grandson privileges no one else enjoyed; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Silvestri enjoyed travelling, often visiting Canada, Endicott, Mexico, Italy, Port Charlotte and Disney World, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Silvestri was a devout Roman Catholic; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Silvestri enjoyed sewing, often making her own clothes; she enjoyed art, ceramics, and baking as well; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Silvestri was a big Juventus fan as well as a fan of her soccer-playing grandson, Christian; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Silvestri enjoyed Peter's political events; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Silvestri and Mr. Silvestri celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary on August 19, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Silvestri was a dutiful wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, aunt and friend. She was a business woman, worker and supervisor, a seamstress, artist, and baker. She rode a Vespa and added bling to everything.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mrs. Clara Silvestri will live on in the hearts of all the people whom she touched and loved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mrs. Clara Silvestri leaves to grieve her husband, Mario, son, Peter, and grandson, Christian.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be spread upon this Honorable Body and that a copy of this Resolution be tendered to the family of Mrs. Clara Silvestri.

13-1783

Sponsored by: PETER N. SILVESTRI and JOHN A. FRITCHEY, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 26 MESOTHELIOMA AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS, in 2010, the United States Congress designated September 26 as Mesothelioma Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, mesothelioma is an aggressive, asbestos-related cancer that affects the linings of the lungs, abdomen, heart or testicles; and

WHEREAS, the heavy use of asbestos in manufacturing, industry and construction has been recognized as “the worst occupational health disaster in U. S. history”; and

WHEREAS, asbestos was used in the construction of virtually every office building, public school and home built before 1975; and

WHEREAS, a high percentage of all mesothelioma victims were exposed to asbestos on naval ships and in shipyards; and

WHEREAS, it is now believed that many of the firefighters, police officers and rescue workers from Ground Zero on September 11, 2001 were exposed to this dangerous health risk; and

WHEREAS, exposure to asbestos for as little as one month can result in mesothelioma thirty years later; and

WHEREAS, because of occupational, Navy service related, household or even incidental exposures and the very long latency of the disease, tens of millions of Americans are now at risk for developing mesothelioma; and

WHEREAS, for decades the need for research to develop effective treatments for mesothelioma was overlooked; and

WHEREAS, the result of this neglect is that treatments available today generally have only limited effect and most patients die within twelve to fifteen months from diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, the Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation was formed to eradicate the life-ending and vicious effects of mesothelioma, and early progress in developing effective treatments for the disease is now being made; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of Mesothelioma Awareness Day raises public awareness of the disease and the need to develop effective treatments.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in conjunction with National Mesothelioma Awareness Day, September 26th be hereby declared Mesothelioma Awareness Day in the County of Cook.

13-1799

Sponsored by: JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, JERRY BUTLER, EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, EDWIN REYES, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE and LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF ARTHUR RAWERS' HONOR FLIGHT

WHEREAS, Arthur E. Rawers faithfully served the United States in World War II in the Navy aboard the U.S.S. Dayton as a CL 105 in both the Pacific and Atlantic theaters; and

WHEREAS, Arthur E. Rawers has been an integral part of the American Legion, serving as the Fifth District as Junior Vice Commander, Senior Vice Commander, and then ultimately as Commander; and

WHEREAS, Honor Flight Chicago thanks local veterans by sending them on an all-expenses paid trip to Washington D.C. to see the WWII Memorial completed in 2004; and

WHEREAS, throughout the day these men and women are overwhelmed by people who want to shake their hands, salute them, and just say thank you; and

WHEREAS, on October 2, 2013 Arthur Rawers will be part of Honor Flight Chicago.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County hereby thanks Arthur E. Rawers for all that he has given to our country and wishes him a safe journey; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to Arthur E. Rawers in recognition of his courage, and that it also be spread upon the proceedings of this honorable body.

13-1812

Sponsored by: PETER N. SILVESTRI and LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF LOYOLA UNIVERSITY'S MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM WINNING THE NCAA DIVISION 1 CHAMPIONSHIP

WHEREAS, Loyola University's Men's Basketball Team, led by Head Coach George Ireland, won the NCAA Division 1 Championship in 1963 and, as of this date, is the only Illinois school to do so; and

WHEREAS, on November 14, 2013, the 1963 team will be inducted into the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame, becoming the first team ever to be so enshrined; and

WHEREAS, the starting five of John Egan, Jerry Harkness, Les Hunter, Ron Miller and Vic Rouse were known as the “Iron Five” and played the entire 45 minutes of the NCAA title game against two-time defending champions, University of Cincinnati, without substitutions; and

WHEREAS, the “Iron Five” earned a combined 11 academic degrees; and

WHEREAS, more importantly than a winning season and a national championship, the team, along with the team of Mississippi State, will always be remembered for playing each other in what is now known as the “Game of Change” in East Lansing, Michigan on March 15, 1963; and

WHEREAS, of the starting five on Loyola’s team, four were African American and an unwritten state law in Mississippi banned schools from playing integrated teams. With the consent of Mississippi State’s president and the backing of its coach, the Mississippi team snuck out of town at night, before an injunction preventing them from leaving the state could be served. Prior to tip-off, team captains Jerry Harkness, an African American from Loyola and Joe Dan Gold, a Caucasian from Mississippi shook hands at half court and the game of college basketball was forever changed; and

WHEREAS, Coach George Ireland showed moral strength and character by insisting on starting four African American players during the very early stages of the civil rights movement and outstanding coaching skills by producing a record breaking season and championship title. The entire team exemplified sportsmanship and team spirit by showing that talent, hard work and determination make a winning team and that these qualities have no color barrier.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the President and Board of Commissioners do commemorate the 50th anniversary of not only a outstanding and memorable season for the 1963 Loyola University’s Men’s Basketball Team, but also for the team’s resolve in taking the first steps in achieving equality in the arena of college sports.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared as evidence of the high esteem in which this team and its coaches are held by the residents of Cook County fifty years after these inspiring events.

13-1813

Sponsored by: EDWIN REYES, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION HONORING ANTONIO “TONY” PAEZ

WHEREAS, Antonio “Tony” Paez was born and raised in the city of Santiago, Barrio Nuevo, Dominican Republic; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Paez married Maria Luiza Oyola; father of Sasha Maria Paez; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Paez completed his studies in communications, becoming a licensed radio announcer in Dominican Republic; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Paez moved to New York in 1962, where he started working on television as a host of various programs; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Paez also worked as a columnist for a newspaper as well as managed a night club; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Paez moved to Chicago in 1978 and started working with Jose Salamanca on a show entitled “Buenos Dias Chicago;” and

WHEREAS, Mr. Paez worked on the El Show de Ray Rubio in 1979; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Paez worked on the El Show de Raúl Cardona in 1980; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Paez worked on “Radio Club Familiar” with Elias Diaz Y Perez in 1980; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Paez moved to Puerto Rico to work on Radio Caguas in 1983; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Paez moved back to Chicago in 1990 and continued working with Elias Dias and Perez until 2002; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Paez continued his work in radio as he started his own show “Cabalgando Con y Por La Comunidad;” and

WHEREAS, his show continues to air on 1590 AM WCGO, Monday through Friday from 3:00 p.m. to 4 p.m.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize and honor Antonio “Tony” Paez for both his achievements in the radio industry and work in the community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Antonio “Tony” Paez.

13-1815

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, JERRY BUTLER, EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, EDWIN REYES, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING HAROLD ALTMAN 101ST BIRTHDAY

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Harold Altman celebrated his 101st Birthday on April 5, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Harold Altman has witnessed monumental events over the course of his lifetime such as: World War I, Russian Revolution, 1917, First Commercial Radio Station, 1920, Era of Depression, 1929-1939, Spanish Civil War, 1936-1939, World War II, 1939-1945, Korean War, 1950-1953, Russian Sputnik, 1957, President Kennedy Assassination, November 1963, First Moon Landing July 20, 1969, Vietnam War, 1965-1973, the advent of the internet, the Super Bowl Champion Chicago Bears in 1985, White Sox World Series Championship in 2005, the Chicago Blackhawks Stanley Cup Championships, and the dawn of a new Millennium, and

WHEREAS, on September 22, 2013, Harold Altman celebrates his 101st Birthday with a special gathering of family, friends, neighbors, and fellow Centenarians at Smith Village, a continuing care retirement community on Chicago's Beverly neighborhood, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby extend its warmest wishes and congratulations to Harold Altman on the occasion of his 101st Birthday, and join all who have had the pleasure of his friendship in wishing him still more years of good health and richly deserved happiness, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and an official copy of same be presented to Harold Altman to commemorate this joyous occasion.

13-1817

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, JERRY BUTLER, EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, EDWIN REYES, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING GRACE GRAFFEO 100TH BIRTHDAY

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Grace Graffeo celebrated her 100th Birthday on July 13, 2013; and

WHEREAS Grace Graffeo has witnessed monumental events over the course of her lifetime such as: World War I, Russian Revolution, 1917, First Commercial Radio Station, 1920, Era of Depression, 1929-1939, Spanish Civil War, 1936-1939, World War II, 1939-1945, Korean War, 1950-1953, Russian Sputnik, 1957, President Kennedy Assassination, November 1963, First Moon Landing July 20, 1969, Vietnam War, 1965-1973, the advent of the internet, the Super Bowl Champion Chicago Bears in 1985, White Sox World Series Championship in 2005, the Chicago Blackhawks Stanley Cup Championships, and the dawn of a new Millennium, and

WHEREAS on September 22, 2013, Grace Graffeo celebrates her 100th Birthday with a special gathering of family, friends, neighbors, and fellow Centenarians at Smith Village, a continuing care retirement community on Chicago's Beverly neighborhood, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby extend its warmest wishes and congratulations to Grace Graffeo on the occasion of her 100th Birthday, and join all who have had the pleasure of her friendship in wishing her still more years of good health and richly deserved happiness, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and an official copy of same be presented to Grace Graffeo to commemorate this joyous occasion.

13-1823

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, JERRY BUTLER, EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, EDWIN REYES, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING HELEN KUTSCHKE'S 102ND BIRTHDAY

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Helen Kutschke celebrated her 102nd Birthday on July 2, 2013; and

WHEREAS Helen Kutschke has witnessed monumental events over the course of her lifetime such as: World War I, Russian Revolution, 1917, First Commercial Radio Station, 1920, Era of Depression, 1929-1939, Spanish Civil War, 1936-1939, World War II, 1939-1945, Korean War, 1950-1953, Russian Sputnik, 1957, President Kennedy Assassination, November 1963, First Moon Landing July 20, 1969, Vietnam War, 1965-1973, the advent of the internet, the Super Bowl Champion Chicago Bears in 1985, White Sox World Series Championship in 2005, the Chicago Blackhawks Stanley Cup Championships, and the dawn of a new Millennium, and

WHEREAS on September 22, 2013, Helen Kutschke celebrates her 102nd Birthday with a special gathering of family, friends, neighbors, and fellow Centenarians at Smith Village, a continuing care retirement community on Chicago's Beverly neighborhood, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby extend its warmest wishes and congratulations to Helen Kutschke on the occasion of her 102nd Birthday, and join all who have had the pleasure of her friendship in wishing her still more years of good health and richly deserved happiness, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and an official copy of same be presented to Helen Kutschke to commemorate this joyous occasion.

13-1824

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, JERRY BUTLER, EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, EDWIN REYES, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

GERT NORBY 100TH BIRTHDAY

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Gert Norby celebrated her 100th Birthday on May 24, 2013; and

WHEREAS Gert Norby has witnessed monumental events over the course of her lifetime such as: World War I, Russian Revolution, 1917, First Commercial Radio Station, 1920, Era of Depression, 1929-1939, Spanish Civil War, 1936-1939, World War II, 1939-1945, Korean War, 1950-1953, Russian Sputnik, 1957, President Kennedy Assassination, November 1963, First Moon Landing July 20, 1969, Vietnam War, 1965-1973, the advent of the internet, the Super Bowl Champion Chicago Bears in 1985, White Sox World Series Championship in 2005, the Chicago Blackhawks Stanley Cup Championships, and the dawn of a new Millennium, and

WHEREAS on September 22, 2013, Gert Norby celebrates her 100th Birthday with a special gathering of family, friends, neighbors, and fellow Centenarians at Smith Village, a continuing care retirement community on Chicago's Beverly neighborhood, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby extend its warmest wishes and congratulations to Gert Norby on the occasion of her 100th Birthday, and join all who have had the pleasure of her friendship in wishing her still more years of good health and richly deserved happiness, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and an official copy of same be presented to Gert Norby to commemorate this joyous occasion.

13-1830

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, JERRY BUTLER, EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, EDWIN REYES, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING ANN MCGOWAN'S 105TH BIRTHDAY

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Ann McGowan will celebrate her 105th Birthday on October 14, 2013; and

WHEREAS Ann McGowan has witnessed monumental events over the course of her lifetime such as: World War I, Russian Revolution, 1917, First Commercial Radio Station, 1920, Era of Depression, 1929-1939, Spanish Civil War, 1936-1939, World War II, 1939-1945, Korean War, 1950-1953, Russian Sputnik, 1957, President Kennedy Assassination, November 1963, First Moon Landing July 20, 1969, Vietnam War, 1965-1973, the advent of the internet, the Super Bowl Champion Chicago Bears in 1985, White Sox World Series Championship in 2005, the Chicago Blackhawks Stanley Cup Championships, and the dawn of a new Millennium, and

WHEREAS on September 22, 2013, Ann McGowan celebrates her upcoming 105th Birthday with a special gathering of family, friends, neighbors, and fellow Centenarians at Smith Village, a continuing care retirement community on Chicago's Beverly neighborhood, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby extend its warmest wishes and congratulations to Ann McGowan on the occasion of her 105th Birthday, and join all who have had the pleasure of her friendship in wishing her still more years of good health and richly deserved happiness, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and an official copy of same be presented to Ann McGowan to commemorate this joyous occasion.

13-1831

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, JERRY BUTLER, EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, EDWIN REYES, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN, JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI and PETER N. SILVESTRI, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN THANOUKOS

WHEREAS, a highly successful restaurateur, John Thanoukos was as equally devoted to his family; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thanoukos emigrated to the United States from the small southern Greek town of Stadio in 1970, where he had been a potato farmer and where he would later be remembered as a generous benefactor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thanoukos began working in restaurants in Chicago as a busboy and short order cook, eventually opening many successful restaurants: Hub's in Skokie in 1976; a second Hub's established in 1981 at 5540 N. Lincoln in Chicago; Bub's at 5800 W. Irving Park Road in Chicago; Goodi's in Niles; GRK Greek Kitchen in Chicago's Loop; and GRK Kitchen at Chicago's Northwestern Memorial Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thanoukos' success in the restaurant industry was attributable to - aside from his sweat equity - his willingness to innovate; for example, he was one of the first local restaurateurs to feature the now-popular cones of gyros meat that turn on vertical spits; and

WHEREAS, other factors in Mr. Thanoukos' success were his commitment to high quality ingredients and his skill in improving upon conventional recipes; and

WHEREAS, with his own recipe for tzatziki - a zingy sauce made of sour cream and cucumber - Mr. Thanoukos inspired a customer, a soon-to-be writer at Saturday Night Live, to create a televised skit celebrating Mr. Thanoukos' tagline, "You like-a da juice, ah?"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thanoukos was always sensitive to the plight of fellow immigrants; one of his restaurant managers was originally hired shortly after she had arrived from Bosnia, without knowing English; another employee spoke of how Mr. Thanoukos had been like a father to him over the course of the 23 years he was in Mr. Thanoukos' employ; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thanoukos' care extended to his customers as well; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thanoukos married the love of his life, Angie, who had immigrated to the United States from Greece as a young girl; they were married for 40 years; and

WHEREAS, to their union, three children were born; as parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thanoukos placed high importance upon education, and their three children grew up to enjoy successful careers of their own as well as keeping a hand in the family restaurant business; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thanoukos enjoyed throwing big parties at home, during which he would often roast a whole lamb; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thanoukos loved his French bulldog, Capone; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thanoukos never lost touch with his homeland, often traveling with his family to Greece several times each year; and

WHEREAS, with the passing of Mr. Thanoukos we have lost a beloved and magnanimous man who launched successful restaurants and who cared for his family and communities, here and in Greece, all with equally devoted fervor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that John Thanoukos will be remembered in the hearts of all the people whom he touched and loved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that John Thanoukos is survived by his wife, Angie, sons, Billy and Peter, and daughter, Vickie.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to the family of John Thanoukos, and that it also be spread upon the proceedings of this honorable body.

13-1832

Sponsored by: JERRY BUTLER, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS and ROBERT STEELE, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING HERMON BAPTIST CHURCH ON THEIR 125TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, On Sunday, October 27, 2013, Hermon Baptist Church is celebrating its' 125th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Hermon Baptist Church is the oldest African American Baptist Church on the north side of Chicago, it began in 1887 as a singing group of thirteen dedicated African American domestic workers, residing and working on Chicago's Gold Coast, with the desire to worship with other African American Christians; and

WHEREAS, Initially the nomadic church members would travel by foot or buggy to the south side to worship with other Christians of color but the weekly ventures became arduous and the group began holding services in various locations closer to home. Growing weary with the location changes in 1902, they moved into their current site at 1754 N. Clark Street; and

WHEREAS, The Hermon Baptist Church 125th year Anniversary celebration includes a walk-a-thon from its north side home to the Olivet Baptist church on the south side to commemorate how the church journey and the impetus began, it will culminate in a morning worship service. However, it is their Christian service that distinguishes the church as an important spiritual anchor, a vital resource to those in need and they will continue to serve the community for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, There have been a number of distinguished and well respected ministers at Hermon Baptist Church leading the church along the path of Bible study, prayer, and the Christian calling of missionary work. Today Reverend Keith L. Edwards provides the pastoral leadership for this flock; and

WHEREAS, The community surrounding the Hermon Baptist Church has experienced exponential gentrification over the last 125 years, the congregation continues to personify Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 15:58 (NIV) *Therefore, my brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord because you know your labor in the Lord is not in vain*"; and

WHEREAS, it is the custom of the Cook County Board to pay tribute to the dedicated members of Exemplary organizations, who have given unselfishly of themselves, their time, and their talents to perpetuate the public good.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the more than five million residents of Cook County, do hereby commend the Hermon Baptist Church on the occasion of the 125th Anniversary of the Church's founding and we thank them for their many contributions to the Chicago community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of same be tendered to the Hermon Baptist Church.

13-1834

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, JERRY BUTLER, EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, EDWIN REYES, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN MEMORY OF BISHOP TIMOTHY LYNE

WHEREAS Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Bishop Timothy Lyne from our midst, and

WHEREAS Bishop Timothy Lyne was the Pastor of Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago from 1967 to 1990, and

WHEREAS Bishop Timothy Lyne was first ordained as a priest in 1943, after completing his education at Quigley Preparatory Seminary, and Mundelein Seminary, and

WHEREAS Bishop Timothy Lyne served in local suburban parishes in Riverside and Oak Park before returning to Holy Name in Chicago, and

WHEREAS Bishop Timothy Lyne was named as Auxiliary Bishop by Cardinal Joseph Bernardin in 1983, and

WHEREAS Bishop Timothy Lyne once served as Grand Marshall of Chicago's Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, and in 1996 he presided over the re-dedication Mass for Old St. Patrick's Church, and

WHEREAS Bishop Timothy Lyne served as a mentor to younger members of the clergy, and as vicar to senior priests, providing assistance and support when needed, and

WHEREAS Bishop Timothy Lyne was widely known as an effective advocate for senior clergy, and remained active throughout his later years, and

WHEREAS Bishop Timothy Lyne leaves to cherish his memory, his brother Francis Lyne and his sister Mary McCloskey, and

WHEREAS all who knew him will attest that Bishop Timothy Lyne was a kind and compassionate man, virtuous of character and gentle in spirit, and man of remarkable faith and devotion, admired and respected by his peers, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and many friends of Bishop Timothy Lyne and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of same be tendered to Cardinal Francis George and to the family of Bishop Timothy Lyne, that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

13-1835

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, JERRY BUTLER, EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, EDWIN REYES, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

JAMES WILLIAMSON 102ND BIRTHDAY

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Cook County Board of Commissioners that James Williamson celebrated his 102nd Birthday on August 3, 2013; and

WHEREAS James Williamson has witnessed monumental events over the course of his lifetime such as: World War I, Russian Revolution, 1917, First Commercial Radio Station, 1920, Era of Depression, 1929-1939, Spanish Civil War, 1936-1939, World War II, 1939-1945, Korean War, 1950-1953, Russian Sputnik, 1957, President Kennedy Assassination, November 1963, First Moon Landing July 20, 1969, Vietnam War, 1965-1973, the advent of the internet, the Super Bowl Champion Chicago Bears in 1985, White Sox World Series Championship in 2005, the Chicago Blackhawks Stanley Cup Championships, and the dawn of a new Millennium, and

WHEREAS on September 22, 2013, James Williamson celebrates his 102nd Birthday with a special gathering of family, friends, neighbors, and fellow Centenarians at Smith Village, a continuing care retirement community on Chicago's Beverly neighborhood, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby extend its warmest wishes and congratulations to James Williamson on the occasion of his 102nd Birthday, and join all who have had the pleasure of his friendship in wishing him still more years of good health and richly deserved happiness, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and an official copy of same be presented to James Williamson to commemorate this joyous occasion.

13-1843

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, JERRY BUTLER, EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, EDWIN REYES, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING JOHN STANIS' 103RD BIRTHDAY

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Cook County Board of Commissioners that John Stanis celebrated his 103rd Birthday on February 17, 2013; and

WHEREAS, John Stanis has witnessed monumental events over the course of his lifetime such as: World War I, Russian Revolution, 1917, First Commercial Radio Station, 1920, Era of Depression, 1929-1939, Spanish Civil War, 1936-1939, World War II, 1939-1945, Korean War, 1950-1953, Russian Sputnik, 1957, President Kennedy Assassination, November 1963, First Moon Landing July 20, 1969, Vietnam War, 1965-1973, the advent of the internet, the Super Bowl Champion Chicago Bears in 1985, White Sox World Series Championship in 2005, the Chicago Blackhawks Stanley Cup Championships, and the dawn of a new Millennium, and

WHEREAS, on September 22, 2013, John Stanis celebrates his 103rd Birthday with a special gathering of family, friends, neighbors, and fellow Centenarians at Smith Village, a continuing care retirement community on Chicago's Beverly neighborhood, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby extend its warmest wishes and congratulations to John Stanis on the occasion of his 103rd Birthday, and join all who have had the pleasure of his friendship in wishing him still more years of good health and richly deserved happiness, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and an official copy of same be presented to John Stanis to commemorate this joyous occasion.

13-1806

Sponsored by: JESÚS G. GARCÍA, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, and JOHN P. DALEY, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BACK OF THE YARDS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council (BYNC) is one of the country's oldest non-profit community organizations and 2013 will mark the 75th Anniversary of the BYNC, to be celebrated with a Diamond Jubilee Gala at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers on the 3rd of October of 2013; and

WHEREAS, the BYNC is a community organization whose mission is to enhance the general welfare of all residents, organizations, and businesses by integrating social service and economic development programs; and

WHEREAS, the BYNC is located on Chicago's Southwest side, in the community area of New City, its neighborhood extending north to south from roughly 31st Street to 55th Street and east to west from the Dan Ryan Expressway to Pulaski Road; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Meegan, the Davis Square Park superintendent, and Saul Alinsky, a colorful, professional community organizer, founded the BYNC in 1939 to be a unified voice for the neighborhood to improve the quality of life for residents and businesses alike; and

WHEREAS, during its earliest years, the neighborhood was home to the Union Stockyards and an active and bustling meatpacking industry, at the same time the region was dealing with juvenile delinquency, poverty, housing issues, and social disorganization as chronicled in Upton Sinclair's famous novel, *The Jungle*; and

WHEREAS, today the BYNC offers a variety of programs including the Ballet Folklorico, a free senior citizen shuttle bus, a public computer lab with computer literacy training, GED classes taught in Spanish, ESL classes, an after-school tutoring program, senior home repair, senior advocacy, job readiness and linkage services, an Industrial Retention program, the organization of the annual Fiesta Back of the Yards, technical assistance to small businesses, LISC's New Communities Program, and the administration of four Special Service Areas; and

WHEREAS, although the Back of the Yards Community is faced with a number of challenges, the BYNC works diligently throughout the year to ensure that it is a desirable place to live by hosting vibrant community events, creating public spaces and opportunities for community engagement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate the Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council on celebrating its 75th Anniversary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, this text be spread upon the proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council in honor of this anniversary.