



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY
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Consent Agenda

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Sponsored by: FRANK J. AGUILAR, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING JOYCE LANE - FEBRUARY 2024

WHEREAS, Joyce Lane was born and raised on the West Side of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lane attended Frazier Elementary School and later, received her GED in Continued Education at Harold Washington College; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lane continued her education at National Louis, Argosy University, and Capella University, and Phoenix University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lane began working with children as a volunteer teacher aide for her son's school in the early-1990s; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lane opened her first home day care in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lane opened Jump for Joy Daycare in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Jump for Joy Daycare now has three locations with a fourth location planned in the future; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lane is launching Phenomenal Knowledge to assist youth and other residents of her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lane has worked with over 1,000 kids in her career; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lane has been involved in local government to bring in more resources for youth throughout the City of Chicago and Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lane has lived her life full of grace, humility, and a desire to help the youth of her community grow into happy and thriving adults; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, do hereby honor and celebrate Joyce Lane and her life's work in February 2024.

[24-1745](#)

Sponsored by: ALMA E. ANAYA, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING JOANN WILLIAMS FOR HER DEDICATION, ADVOCACY, AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE LECLAIRE HEARST COMMUNITY AND 7TH DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, Joann Williams has been a resident of the LeClaire-Hearst Community for 58 years; and

WHEREAS, Joann Williams became the founder and president of the Hearst Community Organization (HCO) in 1987; and

WHEREAS, Joann Williams is a U.S Army Disabled Veteran who served as an enlisted Private and later as a Commissioned officer in the Army Reserves and Active-Duty service for 15 years; and

WHEREAS, as a newly Commissioned U.S. Army 2nd Lieutenant from the University of Illinois, Joann Williams initiated and helped establish the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) Program at her Alma Mater, Chicago State University, in 1979; and

WHEREAS, Joann Williams became the Economic Development Director in 1987 after active military service at the LeClaire Courts Resident Management Corporation public housing; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, Joann Williams became the founder and Executive Director of the Chicago Vietnam Veterans and Family Assistance Program (CVVFAP); and

WHEREAS, in 1991, Joann Williams acquired funding for a Community Veterans Memorial in LeClaire-Hearst Park honoring neighborhood veterans.

WHEREAS, in 1991, Joann Williams was an Inductee for the Chicago Women's Hall of Fame for Veteran and Community Activities by the Chicago Department of Human Relations; and

WHEREAS, Joann Williams received a full scholarship from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) based on her history of community service to acquire her Master's Degree in Community Economic Development from Southern New Hampshire University; and

WHEREAS, Joann Williams facilitated the funding and completion of projects to incorporate Facilitated funding and project completion in 1995 to incorporate 3 vacant lots to expand LeClaire-Hearst Park, which added two children's tot lots, a running track, a performance area, and an expanded baseball field; and

WHEREAS, Joann Williams became a Homeland Security Disaster Relief on-call FEMA Housing Inspector; and

WHEREAS, as Program Director, Joann Williams established and launched the: “Next Generation LeClaire-Hearst Workforce Development Program,” which is a basic pilot construction building trades program for the LeClaire-Hearst Community residents in preparation for jobs in the redevelopment and new construction of LeClaire; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Cook County Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor Joann Williams for her hard work and dedication to the 7th district community; 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 is presented to Joann Williams for her outstanding achievements.

[24-1744](#)

Sponsored by: DENNIS DEER, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), BILL LOWRY, FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, MONICA GORDON, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, ANTHONY J. QUEZADA, TARA S. STAMPS and MAGGIE TREVOR, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF OTIS L. STORY, SR., FACHE FOR HIS EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

WHEREAS, Mr. Otis L. Story, Sr., FACHE joined Cook County Government as Deputy Chief of Staff to the Office of the President in February 2020, serving as a liaison out of the Cook County Board President’s Office for Cook County Health and Hospitals System (CCHHS); and

WHEREAS, Mr. Story was appointed by the President to the CCHHS Board on April 24, 2020, serving as a member of the Finance and Managed Care Committee, advocating for policies that promote the physical, mental and social wellbeing of the residents of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Story earned his Bachelor of Arts in Science Education from Cornell University, Master of Arts in Social Science from the University of Chicago, and Master of Science in Hospital and Health Administration from the University of Alabama at Birmingham; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Story, a healthcare executive with over forty years of healthcare experience, provided exceptional guidance to the CCHHS as the health system responded on the front lines of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, Mr. Story worked with his colleagues in Cook County Government develop a comprehensive mass vaccination program; and

WHEREAS, in collaboration with the Bureau of Asset Management (BAM) and CCHHS leadership team, Mr. Story worked to enhance the clinical services at Provident Hospital; and

WHEREAS, as the Deputy Chief of Staff, Mr. Story worked with CCHHS and Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) executive leadership teams to provide initial American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grants to community-based organizations in the specific areas of food in security, mental health services and positive youth development programs; and

WHEREAS, in the Office of the President, Mr. Story worked to establish the first municipal government Medical Debt Relief Initiative (MDRI) in America. Over the next year, Cook County will eliminate \$1 billion in medical debt for several thousands of Cook County residents. To date, the Cook County MDRI program has provided relief to over 161,000 Cook County residents, which represents over \$280 million in medical debt relief; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Story's unwavering commitment to providing safe, transparent and innovative healthcare has positively impacted the lives of thousands of individuals and families in Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Story's ability to get things done and his dedication to improving the quality of life for all residents of Cook County have earned him widespread respect and admiration; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Story's innovative leadership, strategic vision, and tireless efforts have left a lasting mark on the Cook County Government, CCHHS and the greater Cook County community.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on behalf of the President, the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the 5.2 million residents of Cook County expresses its deepest gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Otis L. Story, Sr., FACHE for his exceptional service to Cook County, Illinois; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, and an official copy be presented to Mr. Otis L. Story Sr., FACHE as a token of the Board's appreciation and recognition of his dedicated service to Cook County.

[24-1765](#)

Sponsored by: DENNIS DEER, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, MONICA GORDON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, ANTHONY J. QUEZADA, TARA S. STAMPS and MAGGIE TREVOR, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING RODNEY D. BROWN AS AN INFLUENTIAL COMMUNITY LEADER

WHEREAS, Rodney D. Brown has more than 30 years of experience in business and serves on the boards of nonprofit organizations in many roles; and

WHEREAS, Rodney D. Brown serves as Executive Director/CEO of New Covenant Community Development Corporation (NCCDC). NCCDC is a business development center that offers classes and one on one advising for startup and existing businesses; and

WHEREAS, Rodney D. Brown is also Co-Founder of North Lawndale Community Coordinating Council (NLCCC) and serves as a member of the Executive Committee, and Chair of the Economic Development Committee. He is also the Executive Director of the North Lawndale Chamber of Commerce.; and

WHEREAS, Rodney D. Brown served as a Co-Director of the Continuing Education and Professional Development (CEPD) division of the Joseph Business School for almost 10 years. The program was designed to meet the needs of adult students seeking to improve themselves using education as a tool to make a difference in their lives; and

WHEREAS, Rodney D. Brown’s commitment to making a difference is evidenced by his service to the community in his many roles including the Board Chair of two organizations. Currently, he serves as the Board Chair to Kids Above All. In this capacity, he developed a model program designed to help young adults get into college. He also serves as a member of the Finance and Executive committees; and

WHEREAS, Rodney D. Brown has extensive global experience, having worked and traveled in China, Korea, Japan, Mexico and Canada. His most recent corporate experience includes more than 20 years in procurement where his last position was Director of Global Procurement for a multi-billion-dollar company; and

WHEREAS, Rodney D. Brown’s educational background includes a Bachelors’ Degree in Business Administration, (major in Finance), and a Master’s Degree in Business Administration; and

WHEREAS, Rodney D. Brown is a strong proponent of collaborative effort and team building. He has been recognized for his strategic accomplishments in supplier management and building supply

chain relationships.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Cook County Commissioner Dennis Deer of the 2nd County District along with the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners, and on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County do hereby celebrate Rodney D. Brown, as an influential leader in the community in which he serves this February for Black History Month: and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and a suitable copy be presented to Rodney D. Brown as a symbol of highest esteem on this twenty-ninth day of February 2024

[24-1789](#)

Sponsored by: BRIDGET DEGNEN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING EDWINA THOMPSON, PRINCIPAL OF LANE TECH COLLEGE PREP

WHEREAS, Edwina Thompson grew up in Chicago. In the seventh grade, Lane Tech College Prep's gospel choir visited her church, after Ms. Thompson knew she had to attend Lane Tech. Ms. Thompson's eighth-grade guidance counselor told her she would not get in, so she made it her mission to attend Lane Tech; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Thompson was accepted and thrived at Lane Tech. She graduated from Lane Tech High School as a member of the class of '99; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Thompson attended the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in English; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Thompson started her teaching career at Samuel Morse School for the Gifted and Talented, teaching English Language Arts courses to middle schoolers. In 2006, Ms. Thompson returned home to Lane Tech, as an English teacher; and

WHEREAS, while working as an English teacher at Lane Tech, Ms. Thompson designed the curriculum and plans for Lane Tech's first African American Literature course. In 2010, she became the head of the English Department, where she further increased access to diverse literature elective courses, such as Black Revolutionary Literature, South Asian Literature, Latin America Literature, and Sports Marketing, and Literary Activism; and

WHEREAS, in May of 2010, Ms. Thompson was promoted to Assistant Principal. As Assistant Principal, Ms. Thompson implemented further innovative programs, including a Historically Black College Tour Program aimed at providing more equitable access to post high school opportunities. She created safe spaces for students to turn to when facing challenging situations and implemented Courageous

Conversations practices to ensure every student had equitable opportunities to use their voice. Ms. Thompson also increased access to rigorous honors and AP English Courses and facilitated continuing education opportunities for teaching staff; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Thompson has had many roles at Lane Tech, as a student, English teacher, debate coach, gospel choir sponsor, and assistant principal. In June 2021, her experience and love for Lane Tech led the Local School Council to vote 11-0 to select Ms. Thompson as the next Lane Tech College Prep Principal, a role she still serves today; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Thompson has a love for education, her students, and Lane Tech, and has dedicated her career to ensuring Lane Tech and its students have bright futures full of opportunity. She is an inspiration for students and teachers alike;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby recognizes the incredible work and inspirational story of Edwina Thompson, Principal of Lane Tech College Prep; and

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 the same be tendered to Edwina Thompson.

[24-1801](#)

Sponsored by: BRIDGET GAINER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

PROPOSED RESOLUTION HONORING 10th DISTRICT RESIDENT REGGIE GRIFFIN FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, during Black History Month 2024, Cook County Commissioner Bridget Gainer has nominated Reginald “Reggie” E. Griffin as a distinguished Black leader in the 10th District; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Griffin, a lifelong Chicagoan and the oldest of nine children, grew up on Chicago’s South Side and attended Englewood High School before moving to the North Side in 1972 and residing in the Uptown neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Griffin was the founding member of the Edgewater Community Council, Care for Real, and the Edgewater Historical Society, to provide resources and support to provide a better quality of life for community members; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Griffin was a dedicated, respected employee of the City of Chicago, working in the graphics and reproduction department, from which retired; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Griffin has been a pillar of the community, a respected leader, neighbor and friend to all. Fittingly, he was honored as the Edgewater Historical Society’s Living Treasure Award in 2023; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, hereby honor, and recognize Mr. Griffin for his work on behalf of the residents of Cook County during Black History Month.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be rendered to Mr. Griffin to commemorate this honor.

[24-1724](#)

Sponsored by: BILL LOWRY and TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE OF ALVIN J. ROBINSON

WHEREAS, Alvin J. Robinson led a life of extraordinary accomplishment and service to his community; and

WHEREAS, Alvin J. Robinson was a civil rights activist who marched alongside Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, Congressman John Lewis, and many other civil rights leaders; and

WHEREAS, Alvin J. Robinson was a passionate reader, jazz and sports enthusiast, and lover of travel, basketball, and football, as well as, an accomplished writer and painter; and

WHEREAS, Alvin J. Robinson was the founder and President of several successful companies, including Stop-Leak, Incorporated, Urban Development Corporation, and Insurer's Review Services Agency, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, Alvin J. Robinson received numerous awards and accolades for his contributions to the community, including a Certificate of Recognition from the State of Illinois for his work in Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), and recognition from the State of Illinois 84th General Assembly, House of Representatives, and the State of Illinois 84th General Assembly, Senate Resolution No. 168; and

WHEREAS, Alvin J. Robinson was a phenomenal mentor who was known for networking, motivating, supporting, and mentoring young professionals and entrepreneurs helping many young people establish their businesses; and

WHEREAS, Alvin J. Robinson embodied positive energy and had a smile that could light up a room, and will be remembered for his great sense of humor and his passion for living his best life;

WHEREAS, Alvin J. Robinson was a dedicated family man who cherished his loved ones and gave so much of himself to them; and

WHEREAS, Alvin J. Robinson had exceptional drive and determination in paving the way for others in his community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MEMBERS OF THIS BODY express their deepest gratitude and appreciation to the life of and many contributions and accomplishments of Alvin J. Robinson, and expresses its deepest condolences to his family and loved ones on his passing.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, BILL LOWRY, COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONER of the 3rd. DISTRICT AND TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT of the Cook County BOARD OF COMMISSIONER, do hereby stand, and salute the life of Alvin J. Robinson.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a suitable copy of this Resolution will be presented to the family of Alvin J. Robinson.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED: a copy of this Resolution will be filed within the Office of Cook County Commissioner Bill Lowry 3rd. District.

[24-1758](#)

Sponsored by: DONNA MILLER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATION OF AFRICAN AMERICAN LOCAL HEROES IN CELEBRATION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT “I AM BLACK HISTORY IN THE MAKING” EVENT

WHEREAS, the richness of Black History Month is an opportunity for reflection, celebration, and recognition of the invaluable contributions made by African Americans throughout history; and

WHEREAS, in our community, there exist remarkable individuals whose tireless efforts, unwavering dedication, and inspiring actions have significantly impacted and enriched the lives of those around them; and

WHEREAS, the event to honor real-life African American heroes serves as a beacon of inspiration, highlighting the diversity, resilience, and positive impact that characterize their endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the following individuals and organizations have demonstrated exceptional leadership, service, and commitment to uplifting our community:

- Jackie & Janel Jackson, Kenneth Faulkner & Steve Langford, Executive Team, Fat Burger-Tinley Park

- Trez V. Pugh III, founder and CEO, Sip and Savor Coffeehouses
- Calvin Leroy King III, Thought Leader and Anti-Bullying Community Partner
- Raymond Grady, President & CEO, Franciscan Health Olympia Fields
- Dr. David E. Miller, DDS
- Spencer Leak Jr., Licensed Funeral Director and Embalmer, Leak and Sons Funeral Home
- Brian Harvey, Vice President of Residential Services, & the Leadership Team at Glenwood Academy

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this auspicious occasion, that Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners wish to express our deepest gratitude and admiration for the outstanding achievements and contributions of these remarkable individuals and institutions. Let us join together in celebrating their legacy, acknowledging their impact, and reaffirming our commitment to fostering a more inclusive, equitable, and just society for all.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and a suitable copy be presented to the honorees as a symbol of our respect and esteem. This resolution shall stand as a testament to the enduring spirit and profound influence of African American heroes in shaping our shared history and inspiring generations to come.

[24-1793](#)

Sponsored by: STANLEY MOORE, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING PAUL J. KING JR. AS THE BLACK HISTORY MONTH INFLUENTIAL LEADER FOR THE COOK COUNTY'S 4TH DISTRICT

WHEREAS, Paul J. King Jr. has played a leading role in advocating for the inclusion of Black individuals in the construction trades, addressing both their underrepresentation and the systemic barriers faced by Black building contractors; and

WHEREAS, Paul J. King Jr.'s activism began in July 1969 when he, alongside 200 ministers, community organizers, and gang members, effectively halted operations at a significant construction site in the Chicago Loop. This act of "street activism" sparked similar initiatives nationwide and paved the way for strategic partnerships with political leaders, leading to policy reforms that have benefited minority workers and contractors in the construction sector; and

WHEREAS, Paul J. King Jr.'s endeavors have led to crucial legislative changes at both local and national levels, resulting in regulations and executive orders that promote economic justice for Black and minority communities within the construction industry; and

WHEREAS, Paul J. King Jr. has been instrumental in the United Builders Association and the National Association of Minority Contractors (NAMC), advocating for business development, technical assistance,

and the rights of thousands of minority-owned construction businesses; and

WHEREAS, as a successful entrepreneur, Paul J. King Jr. founded UBM, Inc., which under his leadership became one of the nation's top Black-owned general contracting firms. Paul J. King, Jr. continues to offer his expertise as a consultant and advisor within the industry; and

WHEREAS, Paul J. King Jr.'s advocacy for affirmative action and equal opportunities for minority-owned firms has established him as a national figure in business with his achievements recorded and papers archived at the Chicago History Museum; and

WHEREAS, Paul J. King Jr. is also a prolific writer with articles published in the *Black Scholar*, *Black Enterprise*, the *Chicago Tribune*, the *Chicago Sun-Times*, and *N'Digo*; and

WHEREAS, Paul J. King Jr. has authored two books: *Reflections on Affirmative Action in Construction* and *Black Brainworks 2014-2022*, his academic journey also includes studies at the University of Chicago, the University of Illinois at Chicago, and Roosevelt University, and numerous awards acknowledging his impact; and

WHEREAS, Paul J. King Jr. was born and raised on the south side of Chicago, Paul lives with his wife, Loann; together they raised two sons: Paul III and Timothy; and

WHEREAS, Paul J. King, Jr. is affiliated with many professional and social organizations, however, he is most proud of being a member-for over 65 years-of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Paul J. King Jr.'s lifelong dedication to social justice, business leadership, and the advancement of Black people in the construction industry and beyond reflects a deep-seated commitment to bettering his community and serves as a testament to his enduring legacy; and

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County, do hereby recognize the great contributions and legacy of Paul J. King Jr.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Proclamation be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to Paul J. King Jr.

[24-1757](#)

Sponsored by: JOSINA MORITA, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

EILEEN DEBORAH SHEAHAN, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Eileen Deborah Sheahan was born on November 17, 2001; and

WHEREAS, Eileen attended grade school at St. Joan of Arc (now The Academy at St. Joan of Arc) in Evanston and high school at Loyola Academy in Wilmette; and

WHEREAS, Eileen was a senior at the University of Michigan, ready to graduate in May with a degree in Economics; and

WHEREAS, Eileen enjoyed the opportunity to travel throughout Europe last year while spending a semester studying in Barcelona, Spain; and

WHEREAS, Eileen had the most profound effect on those around her during her short time on earth. She was graceful, kind, hilarious, beautiful and brilliant; and

WHEREAS, Eileen had boundless energy and was the consummate doer. She loved to cook, laugh and find adventure; and

WHEREAS, Eileen always put her family, friends and others first. She was a rock to so many, and a bright light wherever she was; and

WHEREAS, Eileen was the loving daughter of Patricia (Patti) O'Brien and Terrence (TJ) Sheahan; and

WHEREAS, Eileen was the incredible big sister to Erin, Margaret and Michael; and

WHEREAS, Eileen was idolized by all her cousins who saw her as a sister, including the Hendricks cousins: Michael, Brian (Christine), Eddie (Jess), Molly (Joe Centlivre); Caplice cousins: Nell (Sam Dickie) and Mac; O'Brien cousins: Patrick, Carlin and Shaun; O'Malley cousins: Courtney (Ryan Leonard), Molly, Shea, Ryan, Tara, Brennan, Annie and Meg; Sheahan cousins: Morgan, Lee, Caroline, Tommy, Mick, Elle, Lila, Owen and Paddy; and

WHEREAS, Eileen was the adored niece to: Kathy and Tom Caplice, Mariellen and Mike Hendricks, Jim and Karen O'Brien, Katie and Tom O'Malley, Michael Sheahan, Pam Munizzi, Tim and Debbie Sheahan, Ryan and Anne Sheahan, and Patrick and Renee Sheahan; and

WHEREAS, Eileen was the cherished granddaughter of Mike and Nancy Sheahan, and the late Pat and

Debbie O’Brien, whom she has joined in heaven; and

WHEREAS, Eileen was born into eternal peace on January 27, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Eileen truly loved life. Her love, laughter and compassion will never be forgotten. She will be remembered for being an amazing big sister, best friend and role model.

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 Eileen Deborah Sheahan 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 the family of Eileen Deborah Sheahan that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

[24-1769](#)

Sponsored by: JOSINA MORITA, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

COREY WINCHESTER

WHEREAS, Corey Winchester (he/him) is a Chicago-based, Philly-born educator whose career spans nearly 15 years of stewardship and service in various roles as a veteran classroom teacher, professional developer, coach, mentor, coordinator, fellow, consultant, learning designer, writer, and student.

WHEREAS, his stewardship as a Queer Black male educator is attributed to his own learning and growth as he centers his work around designing, creating, and sustaining more humanizing and liberatory learning environments so that individuals like him (namely Black, Brown, Indigenous and LGBTQ+ folks), who have historically experienced and are currently navigating marginalization, can individually and collectively thrive.

WHEREAS, Corey began his professional career as a Teaching Fellow with Breakthrough Collaborative in Providence, RI in the summer of 2008. Then hired by Evanston Township High School to teach History/Social Sciences upon graduation from Northwestern University in 2010.

WHEREAS, Corey is recognized locally, regionally, and nationally for his work including the Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2019, Illinois History Teacher of the Year by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History in 2020 and recognized as an Excellent Early Career Educator by the Illinois State Board of Education in 2013.

WHEREAS, Corey earned a Masters of Education in Cultural and Educational Policy Studies from Loyola University Chicago, while teaching at ETHS in 2013 and honored by Loyola University Chicago's

School of Education in 2016 with a Distinguished Alumni Award for his work as Staff Coordinator of Students Organized Against Racism (SOAR). The student-led group at ETHS committed to anti-racism, where learning about activism, leadership development, history and identity are centered. Corey also received a Masters of Arts in Learning Sciences from Northwestern University.

WHEREAS, He has also been recognized for his service as a member of the Board of Directors of Evanston Scholars. Corey supports initiatives at the Golden Apple Foundation as Scholar Institute Curriculum Coordinator, at Northwestern University and Saint Louis University as Adjunct Faculty in their respective Schools of Education, and as Advocate in Residence for the Aspen Institute's Aspen Young Leaders Fellowship.

WHEREAS, He serves on the Board of Directors at the McGaw YMCA in Evanston and is the Founder and Lead Consultant of House of Winchester Learning Designs. He has also held appointments with KIPP Philadelphia Charter School, Northwestern Academy for Chicago Public Schools and the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History.

WHEREAS, Corey currently works part-time at ETHS in the Office of Equity while he completes his PhD in Learning Sciences at Northwestern University.

WHEREAS, Corey lives with his partner, Jon, who he is eternally grateful for as well as, his parents, siblings, extended family, ancestors, chosen family, friends, former and current students, and first grade teacher, Mrs. Gray, for contributing to who he is, and who he is becoming.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, do hereby honor and celebrate Mr. Corey Winchester during Black History Month 2024. This resolution reaffirms our commitment to recognizing and commemorating the indelible impact of African Americans on our community and the broader tapestry of American history.

[24-1785](#)

Sponsored by: SEAN M. MORRISON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING KENNETH AND ANGELA TOWNSEND, FRANCHISEE OWNERS OF ROBEKS JUICE, AS THE BLACK HISTORY MONTH HONOREE FOR COOK COUNTY'S 17TH DISTRICT

WHEREAS, Cook County Commissioner Sean M. Morrison has nominated Kenneth and Angela Townsend, franchisee owners of Robeks Juice, as distinguished business owners and black leaders in the 17th District of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth and Angela are health-conscious individuals who prioritize fitness and mindful

consumption, and were therefore naturally inclined to seek out business options aligned with their values; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth and Angela’s goal is to offer personalized guidance and ensure that every customer can find options that align with their individual needs; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth and Angela went on to create a space that defied the notion of “fast food”, serving customers nutritious and delicious options in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth and Angela opened Robeks in the Village of Orland Park in June of 2023, providing hand-crafted smoothies, signature juice blends, and premium toasts made with the freshest ingredients, ensuring unparalleled taste, quality, and nutrition; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth and Angela are proud to work with their staff, witnessing their growth and dedication, teaching them how to effectively delegate tasks, helping them understand the importance of enjoying a healthy meal and empowering them to develop both personally and professionally; and

WHEREAS, Being an integral and active part of the community is their way of making a positive impact on their neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth and Angela find great fulfillment in engaging with the community and giving back in a personalized way by actively supporting local initiatives such as little league teams, sponsorships, and other community events; and

WHEREAS, as entrepreneurs, opening a business and providing community leadership takes innovation, growth, commitment, and perseverance; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth and Angela have also been recognized as the “New Business of the Year” by the Will County African American Business Association; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth and Angela are living their entrepreneurial dream as small business owners which has made a significant impact in the lives of Cook County residents; and

WHEREAS, Cook County Commissioner Sean M. Morrison and the Board of Commissioners are honored to celebrate the achievements of Kenneth and Angela Townsend during Black History Month;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby honors and recognizes Kenneth and Angela Townsend, franchisee owners of Robeks Juice, for their active community involvement and support, which contributes significantly to making a community feel like home; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution will be rendered to Kenneth and Angela Townsend, franchisee owners of Robeks Juice of Orland Park.

[24-1727](#)

Sponsored by: TARA S. STAMPS, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN HONOR OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, In the years after Reconstruction, campaigning for the importance of Black history and doing the scholarly work of creating the canon was a cornerstone of civil rights, and;

WHEREAS, September of 1915, the Harvard-trained historian Carter G. Woodson and the prominent minister Jesse E. Moorland founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH), an organization dedicated to researching and promoting the achievements of Black Americans and other peoples of African descent, and;

WHEREAS, Woodson, an American historian, journalist, and author was in the forefront of highlighting the achievements of Blacks through the efforts of ASNLH earning him the esteemed title of the “Father of Black History,” and;

WHEREAS, ASNLH sponsored national Negro History Week in 1926, choosing the second week of February to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. The event inspired schools and communities nationwide to organize local celebrations, establish history clubs and host performances and lectures, and;

WHEREAS, In 1976, Negro History Week evolved into Black History Month. Other countries around the world, including Canada and the United Kingdom also devote a month to celebrating Black history, and;

WHEREAS, Cook County shares in a significant impact on Black history witnessed in the lives and legacies of past Cook County Board presidents John Stroger, Bobbie E. Steele, Todd Stroger, and current president Toni Preckwinkle, and;

WHEREAS, Cook County is where some prominent African Americans were first in leadership to include Cecil A. Partee, Carol Moseley Braun, Jesse White, Dorothy Brown, John Jones, Josephine B. Sneed, and Wilson Frost; and,

WHEREAS, Commissioners Tara Stamps, Dennis Deer, Bill Lowry, Stanley Moore, Monica Gordon, and Donna Miller are contributors to Black history in their own way, and;

WHEREAS, Cook County employs a host of African Americans who have made a significant impact and are recorded in the archives of Black history including Chief Judge Timothy C. Evans, States Attorney Kimberly Fox, Commissioner Larry R. Rogers, Jr., and Clerk Karen A. Yarbrough, and;

WHEREAS, Black history is indeed American history and thus you cannot tell the story of the Americas without telling Black history and the multitudinous contributions Black people have made to this yet to be United States of America, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, does hereby celebrate Black History Month and honors its contributors and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be archived as a token of the esteem held by the President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the Cook County Board of Commissioners.