



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

**Consent Agenda**

**for the**

**Meeting of the Board of Commissioners**

**Wednesday, February 10, 2016, 11:00 AM**

**16-1014**

**Sponsored by:** PETER N. SILVESTRI, County Commissioner, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**CELEBRATING THE 800TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DOMINICAN ORDER**

**WHEREAS**, 800 years ago St. Dominic was inspired to raise up a new religious order to preach for the salvation of souls and to explore questions of the time that required a deeper understanding of the union between faith and reason; and

**WHEREAS**, the four pillars of Dominican life are preaching, prayer, study, and community; and

**WHEREAS**, over the course of eight centuries, the Dominican Order has encompassed theologians and philosophers, such as St. Albert and St. Thomas Aquinas; mystics, such as St. Catherine of Siena and Johannes (John) Tauler; artists, such as Fra Angelico and Michelangelo; humble saints, such as St. Martin de Porres and St. Agnes of Montepulciano; reformers, such as St. Antoninus and Pope Pius V; and prophetic preachers, such as St. Vincent Ferrer and Gustavo Gutierrez; and

**WHEREAS**, Dominican men and women have been on mission in the United States for more than two centuries. The initial move toward founding a Dominican province in the United States was made by Edward Dominic Fenwick, O.P., an American descendant of early Maryland colonists; and

**WHEREAS**, since its founding, the Order of Preachers has been associated with centers of learning. Dominican Sisters in the early 1900s attended colleges and universities in increasing numbers at home and abroad and began to establish colleges for young women. The Sinsinawa congregation opened St. Clara College in River Forest (later named Rosary College and then Dominican University), which granted its first bachelor's degree in 1904; and

**WHEREAS**, today more than 6,500 friars, 4,000 nuns, 35,000 active sisters, and 100,000 lay Dominicans are active in the Dominican Family, spanning more than 100 countries and 41 provinces and vicariates; and

**WHEREAS**, the twofold motto of the Order continues to be *Veritas*, in a world hungering for truth, and *Caritas*, the equally urgent need for human compassion and mercy; and

**WHEREAS**, in every age, Dominicans have tried to respond to the signs of the times, always conscious that every generation needs to hear afresh the message of God's love and friendship with humanity; and

**WHEREAS**, St. Vincent Ferrer Church in River Forest will join Dominican churches and shrines around the world in providing lectures and other special events throughout 2016 to commemorate the 800-year jubilee.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby honor the Dominican Order of Preachers as it celebrates its 800 years of service.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a commemorative copy of this resolution be presented to St. Vincent Ferrer Church as it celebrates this momentous occasion.

**16-0889**

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, JERRY BUTLER, LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**CONGRATULATING THE PHILLIPS ACADEMY WILDCATS: 2015 IHSA CLASS 4A FOOTBALL STATE CHAMPIONS**

**WHEREAS**, at 111 years old, Wendell Phillips Academy High School is one of the oldest high schools in the City of Chicago, and boasts alumni such as Sam Cooke, Nat King Cole, and Gwendolyn Brooks; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 27, 2015 the Wendell Phillips Academy Wildcats defeated the Althoff Crusaders (Belleville, IL) 51-7 to complete an undefeated 2015 season and clinch the Class 4A IHSA state football championship; and

**WHEREAS**, during their record setting run the Wildcats have only trailed once throughout their 2015 campaign, and outscored all opponents 543-87. They have beaten all of their opponents by an average of 35 points per game; and

**WHEREAS**, the Phillips Wildcats are the first team from the City of Chicago's Public School League to capture a state football championship; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wildcats are only the third Chicago public high school to reach a IHSA football state finals since the IHSA football playoffs were created in 1974; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wildcats offense amassed 4,393 rushing yards this season. They were led by junior running back Kamari Mosby (2,246 rushing yards, 18 TDs) and quarterback Quayvon Skanes (1,317 rushing yards, 32 touchdowns); and

**WHEREAS**, the Wildcats defense only allowed an average of 6.69 points per game. They were led by Chriss Elmore (146 tackles, 22 for loss, 11 sacks) and Amir Watts (128 Tackles, 31 for loss, 7 sacks); and

**WHEREAS**, all of the team's 19 seniors: Donald Gardner, David Munson, Qadeer Weatherly, Quayvon Skanes, Amani Jones, Chris Mabry, Amir Watts, Devin Jones, Tobias Nellum, Darnell Willis, Calvin Watkins, Christopher Stephens, Kentrell Johnson, Raiken Strong, Gabriel Tyson, Adisen Broughton, Marzeek Williams, Isaac Osei, and Roderick Clay, are on track to graduate; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wildcats are led by their head coach, Troy McAllister, who began his tenure at Phillips in the spring of 2009.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners that we, along with the citizens of Cook County, congratulate the 2015 Wendell Phillips Academy Wildcats on their 2015 IHSA state championship and perfect season; 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 Wendell Philips Academy.

**16-1297**

**Sponsored by:** PETER N. SILVESTRI, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING DURACLEAN INTERNATIONAL AS IT CELEBRATES 85 YEARS IN BUSINESS**

**WHEREAS**, Duraclean International is celebrating its 85th year of solving cleaning and restoration problems for homeowners and businesses in the U.S. and overseas; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1930, Duraclean was founded by Irl Marshall Sr. in Racine, Wisconsin, as The Home Service Company and was based on a safe and effective cleaning solution for fine rugs and upholstery, which Irl Marshall developed; and

**WHEREAS**, Duraclean moved to Deerfield, Illinois, in 1938 and expanded its office and warehouse space; and

**WHEREAS**, in the mid-1940s, Irl Marshall changed the name of The Home Service Company to Duraclean International and changed from a Business Opportunity to a Business Format Franchise utilizing his patented process for cleaning fine fabrics; and

**WHEREAS**, the founding family continued to own Duraclean until 1998 when Vincent Caffarello and Wilbur Gage purchased the company; and

**WHEREAS**, Duraclean's services have continued to expand over the years, now offering water and fire restoration, mold remediation, commercial and residential carpet and upholstery cleaning, Persian and Oriental rug cleaning, ventilation duct cleaning, tile and grout cleaning, and hard wood floor cleaning.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby honor Duraclean International as it celebrates its 85 years in business.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a ceremonial copy of this resolution be distributed to Duraclean International.

**16-1301**

**Sponsored by:** JOHN P. DALEY, County Commissioner, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**WILLIAM F. COLLINS, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called William F. Collins from our midst; and

**WHEREAS**, William F. Collins was the beloved husband of Betty (nee Edwards) for 60 wonderful years; and

**WHEREAS**, William F. Collins was the dear father of Linda (late Charles) Bruen, Julie (Bill) Sujak, Kathy O'Marrah, Sean (Anja), Debbie (Rich) La Page; and

**WHEREAS**, William F. Collins was preceded in death by dear brothers Allan, Hugh and Ron; and

**WHEREAS**, William F. Collins was the cherished grandfather of nine grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS**, William F. Collins was the dear great-grandfather of four great-grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS**, William F. Collins was a lifelong Canaryville resident and supporter of the Canaryville Veterans Association and the Canaryville Veteran Riders Association; and

**WHEREAS**, William F. Collins was a lifelong parishioner of St. Gabriel Church and past Grand Knight of Madonna Knights of Columbus Council No. 1135; and

**WHEREAS**, William F. Collins was a member of the Stock Yards Kilty Band; and

**WHEREAS**, William F. Collins touched the lives of many and will be remembered by all who knew him; and

**WHEREAS**, all who knew him will attest that William F. Collins was a kind and compassionate man, virtuous of character and gentle in spirit, admired and respected by his many friends and neighbors, and dearly loved by his family; and

**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 of William F. Collins, 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 the same be tendered to the family of William F. Collins so that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

**16-1312**

**Sponsored by:** LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE 90th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE SKOKIE VALLEY CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, on Saturday, May 7, 2016 the Skokie Valley Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution will celebrate its 90th anniversary in Wilmette Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, the Skokie Valley Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution was founded in the village of Kenilworth on December 31, 1925; and

**WHEREAS**, during their 90 years, the members of the Skokie Valley Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution have dedicated themselves to promoting education, patriotism and historic preservation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Skokie Valley Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution played a major role in re-establishing the William Dawes Society of the Children of the American Revolution in Evanston, an organization that teaches patriotism to local children. They have sponsored annually a DAR Good Citizen Award that is presented to a local high school student each year since 1936 and sponsor an American History Essay Contest for local junior high school students; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1933 the Skokie Valley Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution supported the Skokie Valley Civilian Conservation Corps Camp as they worked to build the Skokie Lagoons State Park; and

**WHEREAS**, during World War II members of the Skokie Valley Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution served Sunday evening suppers to the servicemen at U.S.O Centers and sent packages to the Skokie Valley Military Police Camp; and

**WHEREAS**, the Skokie Valley Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution has responded to the needs of veteran patients from 1935 to the present day and in 2011 the chapter was given a first place award in supporting the national Daughters of the American Revolution Project Patriot in Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, the Skokie Valley Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution is dedicated to community service, philanthropic work, patriotism and education. They have collected donations and clothing for the Indian Center in Chicago which goes to support scholarships to Bacone College in Oklahoma; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County takes great pleasure in honoring and celebrating the 90th anniversary of the Skokie Valley Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the contributions the organization and its members have made to the citizens of Cook County, Illinois; 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 the Skokie Valley Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

**16-1313**

**Sponsored by:** PETER N. SILVESTRI, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE ELMWOOD PARK WOMAN’S CLUB ON ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY**

**WHEREAS**, the Elmwood Park Woman’s Club was founded in 1941 in Elmwood Park, Illinois, by a group of community-minded women who wanted to become more active and involved in community affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Elmwood Park Woman’s Club has served in various philanthropic, charitable, and community efforts throughout its tenure; and

**WHEREAS**, the Elmwood Park Woman’s Club established a strong asset and voice for the women in the community and for all residents of Elmwood Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the Elmwood Park Woman’s Club has dedicated itself to annually raising scholarship funds to help high school students from the community pay for a college education.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby honor the Elmwood Park Woman’s Club as it celebrates its 75 years of dedicated service to the community.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a commemorative copy of this resolution be distributed to the Elmwood Park Woman’s Club on the occasion of its 75th Anniversary.

**16-1349**

**Sponsored by:** PETER N. SILVESTRI, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING EMERGENCY DISPATCHER MARC QUATTROCCHI AND PARK RIDGE FIREFIGHTER-PARAMEDICS AARON KUESTER, CHRIS CLEARY, AND BILL SMAHA FOR SAVING THE LIFE OF A NEWBORN**

**WHEREAS**, Ivelina Ivanova did not expect to have a home delivery, but when contractions came rapidly, her husband, Rusi, dialed 911; and

**WHEREAS**, during the labor process Rusi noticed that the umbilical cord was wrapped around the baby's neck; and

**WHEREAS**, Marc Quattrocchi, an alarm operator with the Regional Emergency Dispatch Center, answered the emergency call and talked the father through the complicated delivery, instructing him to slide his finger under the cord without stretching the cord in order to remove it from the baby's head; and

**WHEREAS**, Rusi followed the instructions of the dispatcher; and

**WHEREAS**, minutes later, Park Ridge firefighter-paramedics Aaron Kuester, Chris Cleary, and Bill Smaha arrived at the family's home and were handed the seemingly lifeless baby; and

**WHEREAS**, the firefighter-paramedics worked rapidly to get the baby breathing by suctioning her mouth and nose and stimulating her to try to get her to cry; and

**WHEREAS**, the firefighter-paramedics successfully opened up the baby's airways; and

**WHEREAS**, after the ordeal, baby, Mom, and Dad were doing fine as they followed up at Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge; and

**WHEREAS**, parents Ivelina and Rusi as well as dispatcher Quattrocchi and firefighter-paramedics Kuester, Cleary, and Smaha remained composed and focused during this most stressful of situations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby honor Dispatcher Quattrocchi and firefighter-paramedics Kuester, Cleary, and Smaha for their quick response and life-saving efforts.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a ceremonial copy of this resolution be presented to the dispatcher and paramedics as a sign of the Board's gratitude.

**16-1400**

**Sponsored by:** JOHN P. DALEY, County Commissioner, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**ROGER CARROLL JR, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS,** Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Roger Carroll Jr. from our midst; and

**WHEREAS,** Roger Carroll Jr. was the beloved husband of the late Mary “Pat” Patricia (nee Ernst); and

**WHEREAS,** Roger Carroll Jr. was the proud and loving father of Michael (Susan) Tim (Nina), Colleen, Kelly (Mike) Sweeny and Pattie Wood; and

**WHEREAS,** Roger Carroll Jr. was the dear brother of Mary (Jospeh) Trendl, William, Coletta (the late John) Duh, Rita Hickey, Margaret (the late Fred) Falk, the late Patrick (Dorthy), Patricia (the late Eugene Dunterman, Dorothy (Edward) Harrington and Jack; and

**WHEREAS,** Roger Carroll Jr. was the dear grandfather of ten grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS,** Roger Carroll Jr. was the fond uncle of many nieces and nephews; and

**WHEREAS,** Roger Carroll Jr. was a native South Sider, born in Bridgeport and was an active member of the Beverly community throughout his life; and

**WHEREAS,** Roger Carroll Jr. was the Superintendent at the Forest Preserves of Cook County Dan Ryan Woods; and

**WHEREAS,** Roger Carroll Jr. was an active member of St. Cajetan Roman Catholic Church; and

**WHEREAS,** all who knew him will attest that Roger Carroll Jr. was a kind and compassionate man, virtuous of character and gentle in spirit, admired and respected by his many friends and neighbors, and dearly loved by his family; and

**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 of Roger Carroll Jr., 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 the same be tendered to the family of Roger Carroll Jr. so that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

**16-1420**

**Sponsored by:** PETER N. SILVESTRI, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**THANKING POLICE OFFICERS ROBERT CAVAIANI AND NICHOLAS PICICCI FOR THEIR LIFE-SAVING WORK**

**WHEREAS**, when Chicago police officers Robert Cavaiani and Nicholas Picicci arrived on the scene of a medical emergency at the 3100 block of North Marmora Avenue on November 8, 2015, the situation was bleak; and

**WHEREAS**, officers Robert Cavaiani and Nicholas Picicci were faced with a 62-year-old man unresponsive on the floor of his bathroom showing no signs of heartbeat or breathing; and

**WHEREAS**, officers Cavaiani and Picicci quickly and calmly assessed the situation and began performing CPR on the man; and

**WHEREAS**, after five minutes of officers Cavaiani and Picicci performing CPR, the man's pulse returned; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chicago Fire Department then brought the man to Community First Medical Center, where hospital staff confirmed that had it not been for the efforts of police officers Robert Cavaiani and Nicholas Picicci the man would have died; and

**WHEREAS**, police officers Cavaiani and Picicci exhibited Ernest Hemingway's definition of courage: "grace under pressure"; and

**WHEREAS**, the quick thinking and focused response of the officers is particularly impressive given that it was police officer Picicci's first day on the job.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby offer its sincerest thanks to Officer Cavaiani and Officer Picicci.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a ceremonial copy of this resolution be presented to the officers as a sign of the Board's gratitude.

**16-1424**

**Sponsored by:** JOHN P. DALEY, County Commissioner, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**CELEBRATING THE 90TH BIRTHDAY OF NEWTON N. MINOW**

**WHEREAS**, it has come to the attention of the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Newton N. Minow celebrated his 90th Birthday on January 17, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, Newton N. Minow was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on January 17, 1926; and

**WHEREAS**, Newton N. Minow honorably served his country in World War II from 1944 to 1946 and attained the rank of a sergeant in the U.S. Army; and

**WHEREAS**, Newton N. Minow received a Bachelor of Science degree in 1949 from Northwestern University and a Juris Doctor degree in 1950 from Northwestern University Law School; and

**WHEREAS**, Newton N. Minow became a law clerk to Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson of the U.S. Supreme Court in 1951 and then assistant counsel to Illinois Governor Adlai Stevenson in 1952; and

**WHEREAS**, Newton N. Minow was appointed by President John F. Kennedy to the Federal Communications Commission in 1961; and

**WHEREAS**, Newton N. Minow is the recipient of the Peabody Award in 1961 and the Woodrow Wilson Award for Public Service in 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, Newton N. Minow is the Walter Annenberg professor emeritus at Northwestern University and the Honorary Consul General of the Republic of Singapore; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby extend its warmest wishes and congratulations to Newton N. Minow on the occasion of his 90th 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 Newton N. Minow to commemorate this joyous occasion.

**16-1473**

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF LILLY JOHNSON**

**WHEREAS**, almighty God, in his infinite wisdom, saw fit to call Lilly Johnson from our midst on January 8, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, Lilly was a devoted and loving daughter to her mom, Lillie Johnson, all the days of her life; and

**WHEREAS**, Lilly loved the Lord with all her heart, mind, body and soul and served as a faithful member of Living Word Christian Center; and

**WHEREAS**, Lilly was a long time employee of Cook County Government, serving the people of Cook County for more than 20 years in the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer; and

**WHEREAS**, Lilly volunteered countless hours for community events, causes and issues that she trusted and believed in; and

**WHEREAS**, Lilly was a stoic and relentless Union Steward for her sisters and brothers of SEIU Local 73 for many years; and

**WHEREAS**, Lilly's word meant everything to her, she said what "she meant" and "meant what she said"; and

**WHEREAS**, Lilly's voice could be heard advocating for the "least of these" as she gave of herself with, time, money and effort; and

**WHEREAS**, Lilly lived a life that touched the hearts of many through word, thought and deed; and

**WHEREAS**, Lilly left a legacy for all who know her, to follow in her footsteps of integrity, compassion, love, straightforwardness and service to others; and

**WHEREAS**, Lilly leaves to cherish her memory her beautiful Mother, Lillie Johnson, and a host of cousins, friends, church family and co-workers in the Cook County Office of the Chief Procurement Officer;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby extend their condolences to the family of Lilly Johnson on the occasion of her passing and their deep appreciation for her many contributions to her community and to Cook County.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of the same be tendered to the family of Lilly Johnson.

**16-1499**

**Sponsored by:** STANLEY MOORE, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**IN HONOR OF GERTRUDE “TRUDY” CAROLINE WILLIAMS 95TH BIRTHDAY**

**WHEREAS**, Gertrude “Trudy” Caroline Williams was born in Newark, New Jersey on January 26, 1921 to Harold & Caroline Albert; and

**WHEREAS**, she is the oldest of the five Albert children; and

**WHEREAS**, On January 6, 1946, Trudy Williams married Thomas “Tommy” H. Williams, Jr. and together they moved to their residence on the south side of Chicago, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1950, the family was blessed with their only child, Sharon Denise Williams; and

**WHEREAS**, Trudy and Tommy lived in their south side residence on South Union Avenue for over 60 years; and

**WHEREAS**, she was a loving and devoted wife to Tommy Williams for 63 years until his passing in 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, Trudy Williams is known for nurturing and spoiling her 3 grandchildren; Renard Michael Mayfield, Jennifer Mayfield and Sheree Hondras and her three great-grandchildren; Trey Hondras, Amira Hondras and Chloe Hondras; and

**WHEREAS**, Trudy loves to tell stories about growing up with her parents in New Jersey, segregation and the Civil Rights Movement, working with the “young girls” at one of Chicago’s police stations, and courting a sailor; and

**WHEREAS**, she has been a member of both St. Edmund Episcopal Church and Messiah & St. Bartholomew Episcopal Churches on Chicago’s South Side; and

**WHEREAS**, Trudy is best known for her glamorous fashion statements and often seen dressed in silver or gold a perfect resemblance of her precious and kind heart; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Cook County shall recognize and honor Ms. Gertrude “Trudy Caroline Williams in celebration of her 95th Birthday; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to Ms. Gertrude “Trudy” Caroline Williams.

**16-1500**

**Sponsored by:** STANLEY MOORE, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF SINIKKA LABRANCHE**

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners are honored to recognize the life and accomplishments of Sinikka Labranche; and

**WHEREAS**, Sinikka Labranche was born March 29, 1977; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Labranche was a lifelong resident of South Shore community, the 4th District of Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Labranche was a graduate of Kenwood Academy in 1995; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Labranche received her Bachelors of Education in Elementary Education from Northern Illinois University with a Certification in Learning Behavior Specialist; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Labranche received from Roosevelt University her Masters of Education concentration in School Counseling with a Certification in Counseling ( Type73) and Education Administration (Type 75); and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Labranche is a proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority since 1997; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Labranche started her educational career by becoming a Special Education Teacher at Ray Elementary, Harvard Elementary and later on in her career Lionel Hampton; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Labranche was promoted to School Counselor at Lionel Hampton Elementary; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Labranche also became the School Counselor at Collins High School, Phillips High School, Powell Elementary School, and Marquette Elementary School; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Cook County shall recognize and honor Ms. Sinikka Labranche in celebration of her life and accomplishments; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the family of Ms. Sinikka Labranche.

**16-1505**

**Sponsored by:** STANLEY MOORE, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**IN HONOR OF THE RETIREMENT OF DR. AARON HAMB**

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners are pleased to recognize the service and commitment given to the residents of Cook County by Dr. Aaron Hamb on his retirement from the Cook County Bureau of Health Services on January 15, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Aaron Hamb received his medical degree from Rush Medical College in 1984 and became Board Certified in Internal Medicine in 1988; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Hamb became a productive member of the Cook County Bureau of Health Services; and

**WHEREAS**, he became the Program Director of the HIV/AIDS Prevention and Public Health Education Program, building it up to a national and internationally recognized program; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Hamb came to Provident Hospital of Cook County in May of 1993 as the Associate Chairman of the Department of Internal Medicine and was appointed as the Chairperson of the Department in April 1994; and

**WHEREAS**, Provident Hospital realized both at the Bureau/System level and at Provident Hospital including the development of the Bureau/System's Credentials Verification Office, the development of the Orthopedics/ podiatry service, the merger of the Family Medicine Residency programs of Stroger and Provident, the development of a Comprehensive HIV Treatment and the Prevention and Outreach program in the Department of Internal Medicine; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Hamb was elected President of the Medical Staff by his peers in 1997; and

**WHEREAS**, November 1998, Dr. Hamb was appointed Chief Medical Officer of Provident Hospital of Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Hamb's special interest lies in the field of HIV, and AIDS, where he has served as Director since 1987; and

**WHEREAS**, he participated in the development and planning of the CORE Center and "Vision House", a facility that houses AIDS/HIV families; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Hamb was the recipient of several awards and recognitions during his tenure as Chief Medical Officer /Medical Director of Provident Hospital including but not limited to Physician of the Year in 2015; Men of Excellence Award by the Chicago Defender 2014; John H. Stroger Jr. Humanitarian for Healthcare Award in 2008; Man Of The Year In Medicine from the Monarch Award Foundation, Xi Nu Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. in 2005; and Hope and Support Award by the AIDS Alternative Health Project 1999; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Cook County shall recognize Dr. Aaron Hamb's retirement and his commitment to Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Cook County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to be presented to Dr. Hamb in recognition of this important milestone.

**16-1507**

**Sponsored by:** STANLEY MOORE, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF MICHAEL J. KOVACS, SR.**

**WHEREAS**, Michael J. Kovacs, Sr. was born March 15, 1934 to the late József and Erzsébet (nee Szabó) in Hungary; and

**WHEREAS**, he is the brother of Erzsébet and Irén and the late István, Mária, Béla, János and András, and Margit; and

**WHEREAS**, he came to America in 1957, personally escorted by Vice President Nixon on the Air Force Two, after being actively involved in the Hungarian Revolution of 1956; and

**WHEREAS**, he later married Judith Crabb and whose union was blessed with Michael Jr. (Lisa) and Robert (Barbara) Kovacs; and

**WHEREAS**, he became the proud grandpa of Michael Kovacs III, Cara Kovacs, Amy Kovacs, Debra (Esteban), Corral and Robert Kovacs; and

**WHEREAS**, Michael Kovacs was a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus Coronata Council #3806; and

**WHEREAS**, Michael Kovacs was a humanitarian, community activist, a pro bowler named in the bowling hall of fame, and an inventor with numerous patents;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Cook County shall recognize and honor Mr. Michael J. Kovacs, Sr. in celebration of his life and accomplishments; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Michael J. Kovacs, Sr.

**16-1533**

**Sponsored by:** RICHARD R. BOYKIN, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF COOK COUNTY RESIDENTS TO ALLEVIATING THE WATER CRISIS IN FLINT, MICHIGAN**

**WHEREAS**, the drinking water of the City of Flint, Michigan became contaminated with lead in April 2014, during a period wherein the city was under the control of a state-appointed emergency manager; and,

**WHEREAS**, that state-appointed emergency manager, in an effort to cut costs, made a decision to temporarily draw Flint's water from the Flint River instead of Lake Huron; and,

**WHEREAS**, in drawing Flint's water from the Flint River, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has conceded that it failed to treat that water with the chemicals needed to ensure that water's safety, thereby causing lead to leach from pipes and fixtures into Flint's drinking water; and,

**WHEREAS**, the presence of lead in Flint's drinking water has led to a public health crisis, resulting in 8,657 children being exposed to lead; and,

**WHEREAS**, children are more susceptible to lead poisoning than adults; and,

**WHEREAS**, the People of Flint continue to deal with restrictions on access to water and health concerns, and the ongoing crisis has seized the attention of the nation; and,

**WHEREAS**, in Cook County, many residents have shown exemplary citizenship by stepping forward to assist the residents of Flint, Michigan in their hour of need; and,

**WHEREAS**, Chicago firefighter Eric Washington organized a team of friends to collect donations of bottled water for the people of Flint, Michigan; and,

**WHEREAS**, Firefighter Washington created a web page with the website GoFundMe hoping to raise some money in order to buy bottled water for residents of Flint, Michigan, and ultimately raised \$17,000.00; and,

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the money raised through GoFundMe, Firefighter Washington continued to collect bottled water in person for the people of Flint, Michigan; and,

**WHEREAS**, Firefighter Washington has stated that he views his service to the people of Flint as an extension of his public service as a firefighter, expressing the need to help others beyond just the hours

he spends on the job; and,

**WHEREAS**, on the West Side of Chicago and in the near West Cook suburbs, at least a dozen pastors and clergy joined to form the Water for Life campaign, collecting more than 1,000 cases of water to deliver to the people of Flint by truck; and,

**WHEREAS**, those pastors and clergy including Reverend Cy Fields of New Landmark Missionary Baptist Church, Reverend Ira Acree of Greater St. John Bible Church, Reverend Marshall Hatch of New Mt. Pilgrim Church, and Rabbi Max Weiss of Oak Park Temple, have committed to follow up their collection of water with continued and sustained outreach to the people of Flint, Michigan; and,

**WHEREAS**, on the South Side of Chicago, Sweet Holy Spirit Church, under the leadership of Bishop Larry Trotter, held a seven-day drive to collect bottled water for the people of Flint; and,

**WHEREAS**, members of Sweet Holy Spirit Church collected 160,000 bottles of water for the people of Flint; and,

**WHEREAS**, on February 3, 2016, the 160,000 bottles of water collected by the members of Sweet Holy Spirit Church were loaded onto two trucks donated by the Custom Companies Trucking Firm and transported to Flint, Michigan; and,

**WHEREAS**, officials with the Village of Maywood have led an effort to collect bottled water for the people of Flint, Michigan and have contributed bottled water to the residents of Flint; and,

**WHEREAS**, the acts of compassion and service undertaken by the aforementioned individuals and groups represent the very best of the people of Cook County;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the Cook County Board President that the aforementioned residents of Cook County are to be commended for their compassion and their service to the people of Flint, Michigan; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the deep appreciation of the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the Cook County Board President be extended to the aforementioned residents of Cook County for exemplifying the very best attributes of citizenship and service.

**16-1538**

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, Black History Month provides an opportunity for the residents of Cook County to recognize the culture, history and talents of African Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, Black History Month began as "Negro History Week," which was created in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson, a noted African American historian, scholar, educator, and publisher. It became a month-long celebration in 1976. The month of February was chosen to coincide with the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1976, President Gerald R. Ford officially recognized Black History Month, calling it a moment for the public to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history." Since then, the month of February has been recognized by every President of the United States as Black History Month; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County's African American population is approximately 1.3 million, making it the county with the largest African-American population in the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, all residents of Cook County can draw strength and inspiration from the unwavering and steadfast spirit displayed by African Americans in their fight against slavery, segregation, economic oppression and injustice; and

**WHEREAS**, African Americans have made countless economic, social, cultural and political contributions throughout Cook County, the Land of Lincoln, and the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, we must always pay tribute to the heroes of African-American history, and it is important that the people of Cook County observe Black History Month with the highest level of programming, as well as the most enriching ceremonial and educational activities; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County President and the Board of Commissioners honor the numerous trailblazers of Black History, and recognize the many extraordinary accomplishments African Americans have made to the United States of America, the State of Illinois, and to Cook County.

**16-1546**

**Sponsored by:** LUIS ARROYO JR, County Commissioner, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**NANCY FRANCO-MALDONADO, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Nancy Franco-Maldonado, the dear wife of the Honorable Roberto Maldonado, Alderman of the 26th Ward and a former Cook County Commissioner, from our midst; and

**WHEREAS**, Nancy Franco-Maldonado was the much-adored mother of Rene, Roberto II and Raquel, to whom she imparted values of character, strength and kindness. Nancy also leaves behind her parents, Felicita Montanez and Hector Franco and many relatives and friends; and

**WHEREAS**, born on January 13, 1970, into a family of community activists, Nancy Franco-Maldonado was raised in the Humboldt Park neighborhood and graduated from St Boniface Elementary School, Holy Trinity High School and Rosary College in River Forest; and

**WHEREAS**, Nancy Franco-Maldonado worked for fifteen years as a mortgage underwriter and later as an auditor for Household Bank International, she eventually left her profession to raise her children and devote more time to advancing the goals and aspirations of her community; and

**WHEREAS**, Nancy Franco-Maldonado reached out to assist single mothers by coordinating turkey giveaways and boot drives and actively supported the Save Our Seniors Foundation (S.O.S.) and the LGBT community; and

**WHEREAS**, Nancy Franco-Maldonado was a trusted sounding board for her husband and served as his chief political advisor during his two aldermanic election campaigns, a role in which she helped to shape and define key policy initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, Nancy Franco-Maldonado actively supported the building of the 65th Infantry Borinqueneers building to provide affordable housing for Latino veterans. She also envisioned the construction of the Paseo Boricua Arts building, a mixed-use building designed to provide affordable residences for artists with commercial space and a theatre on the ground floor; and

**WHEREAS**, Nancy Franco-Maldonado campaigned to name the Humboldt Park Library Branch for veteran Congressman Luis V. Gutierrez, and encouraged young, first-time homeowners to invest in the 26th Ward, many of whom became the next generation of Humboldt Park residents; and

**WHEREAS**, let the vision, sacrifice and dedication of Nancy Franco-Maldonado, serve as an example to all; and as a woman of elegance, grace and charm, Nancy Franco-Maldonado will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by her many relatives, friends and admirers; and

**WHEREAS**, to her beloved family, Nancy Franco-Maldonado imparts a legacy of faithfulness, service and dignity.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Members of the Board do hereby offer their deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to our dear friend Alderman Roberto Maldonado, and join him and the many friends and family of Nancy Franco-Maldonado 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 the same be tendered to Alderman Roberto Maldonado so that Nancy's memory may be so honored and ever cherished.