



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY
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Virtual Meeting

Consent Agenda

Thursday, July 30, 2020, 10:00 AM

Third Set

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Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS and LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE OF REVEREND C.T. VIVIAN

WHEREAS, Cordy Tindell (C.T.) Vivian was born on July 30, 1924 in Boonville, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, As a young boy he and his mother migrated to Macomb, Illinois, where he attended Lincoln Grade school, and Edison Junior High School and later graduated from Macomb High School in 1942 and attended Western Illinois University where he worked as the sports editor for the school newspaper; and

WHEREAS, C.T. Vivian's first professional job was in 1947 as a recreation director for the Carver Community Center in Peoria, Illinois, where he participated in his first non-violent protest, a lunch counter sit-in; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Vivian's strong religious upbringing, received his calling into the ministry in 1955 with the help of his church. He enrolled in the American Baptist Theological Seminary now called the American Baptist College in Nashville, Tennessee the same year; and

WHEREAS, In 1959, Rev. C.T. Vivian along with various students from American Baptist College organized a systematic nonviolent sit-in campaign at local lunch counters. On April 19, 1960, 4000 demonstrators peacefully walked to Nashville's City Hall to discuss racial discrimination. As a result of that walk, the Mayor publicly agreed that racial discrimination was morally wrong. He would later become the director of national affiliates for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, where he led a group of people to register to vote in Selma, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Vivian helped found the Nashville Christian leadership Conference. In 1961 Rev. Vivian participated in Freedom Rides, working alongside Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. as the National Director of affiliates for the Southern Christian leadership Conference. During the summer following the Selma Voting Rights movement Rev. Vivian conceived and directed an education program, Vision and put 702 Alabama students in college with scholarships. Years later, the US Department of Education used his Vision program as a model to create Upward Bound, which was designed to improve high school and college graduation rates for student in underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, Vivian would move to Atlanta in 1970 to create the Black Action Strategies and Information Center (BASICS), a consultancy on multiculturalism and race relations; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Vivian continued to speak publicly around the world including the United Nations. It was in 2013 that President Barack Obama awarded Rev. C.T. Vivian the highest civilian honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Vivian passed away on July 17, 2020; and

WHEREAS, He is survived by daughters Kira Vivian, Denise Morse, Anita and son Mark.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family of NAME and honor the life and memory of this outstanding Cook County resident.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE OF REPRESENTATIVE JOHN R. LEWIS

WHEREAS, John Robert Lewis was born on February 21, 1940 in Troy, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, A young boy John aspired to be a preacher and was preaching to his family's chickens on the farm at the age of 5; and

WHEREAS, 1955 at the age of 15 was when he first heard Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King on the radio and would closely follow the Montgomery bus boycott. This would also be the age in which he would preach his first sermon; and

WHEREAS, John would later become one of the 13 original Freedom Riders, riding from Washington, D.C. to New Orleans in an integrated fashion. He continued to work diligently throughout the civil rights movement serving as the chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee speaking out against injustice; and

WHEREAS, Representative Lewis was an advocate for civil rights and changing race relations. He spent much of his life fighting against the inequalities, disparities and treatment against black people; and

WHERE AS, John's dedication and leadership as a representative of Georgia's 5th District which spans over 3 decades. He leaves behind a legacy of awards, memoirs, biographies, accomplishments and contributions that speak to true change in America; and

WHEREAS, John was a trailblazer, Freedom Fighter and Justice Seeker. Generations to come will know the likes of Representative John Robert Lewis and fight he fought not only for civil rights but pancreatic cancer; and

WHEREAS, John Lewis passed away on July 17, 2020; and

WHEREAS, is survived by his son, John Miles Lewis; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family of NAME and honor the life and memory of this outstanding Cook County resident.

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Sponsored by: DENNIS DEER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING MOTHER BETTY PRICE FOR HER COMMITMENT, DEDICATION, AND SERVICE TO COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, Mother Betty Price was born in Yazoo County Mississippi, on September 27, 1949; and

WHEREAS, Mother Price was 7 years old when her beloved mother passed away. She was raised by her father Deacon Lenwood Genous Sr. As a young child, Mother Price loved helping families and especially taking care of the elderly in her community. She would provide personal services for them, such as cleaning their homes and cooked meals for them; and

WHEREAS, Mother Betty Price graduated from high school in May 24, 1968. She married the love of her life Mr. Earnest Price on June 2, of the same year. Mother Price and Earnest Price moved to Chicago the next day to start their family. She has to beautiful daughters, who blessed them with eleven grandchildren and four great grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Growing up as a child, mother Price experience hunger many times. She had a vision and vowed that when she became an adult, she would not let anyone go hungry, especially children's and seniors. Mother Price began her service by giving food and clothing from her apartment to anyone who was in need, therefore giving her the affectionate name of Mother Betty Price. She provides uplifting services and gives the best hugs to families in the Englewood community and abroad; and

WHEREAS, As her ministry began to grow, it became the Feed, Clothe, and Help the Needy organization, (F.C.H.N.) In April 2020, Mother Price and the F.C.H.N. Family celebrated 32 years of service to communities throughout the Southside of Chicago. While the support is free, Mother Price and

Deacon Price uses their own resource to provide for the less fortunate, sometimes denying their own needs; and

WHEREAS, five days a week, Mother Price assist in the kitchen at F.C.H.N personally preparing delicious hot meals, and during Thanksgiving and Christmas she is diligent that every child receives a special gift; and

WHEREAS, through it all, Mother Price and Deacon Price, know that God is able, and they are determined to do God's will in their lives. and that she is to continue to take care of God's people, and yes, they are there Brother's and Sister's Keepers; and;

WHEREAS, Cook County government do hereby congratulate Mother Betty Price for her commitment and dedication to the residents of Cook County by changing lives through community engagement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, President Toni Preckwinkle, the Cook County Board of Commissioners and on behalf of the over five million residents of Cook County, do hereby recognize Mother Betty Price and so wish her every continued success in her future endeavors., and may a copy of this resolution be tendered herewith.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable body and a copy of the same be tendered to Mother Betty Price.

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Sponsored by: DENNIS DEER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING OFFICER DELBERT HOWELL FOR HIS LEADERSHIP COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION TO THE ENGLEWOOD COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, Delbert Howell received a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration and Accounting from Robert Morris College in Chicago, Illinois. A longtime advocate for at-risk youth and young adults, Delbert made his start as a Team Leader for the Chicago Bulls and Chicago White Sox Academy, where he assisted in practices, team travel, and daily operations, monitored registration, and private instruction while coaching 1st - 8th-grade students in the fundamentals of basketball.; and

WHEREAS, he has served as a student advocate, engagement specialist, and juvenile justice re-engagement specialist for Chicago Public Schools. In each capacity, he encouraged youth to believe in themselves and their abilities. He served as a liaison to pair students and often parents with school-based and community supports, as well as social, educational, and job training services.; and

WHEREAS, since 2013, he's worked for the benefit of the citizens of the Grand Crossing community by

protecting life and property from harm while maintaining order by enforcing all Federal, State, and Municipal laws as necessary. Actively working throughout various divisions of the Chicago Police Department, including but not limited to: CAPS, Community Police Strategy, Youth, as well as, the Business Department(s); and

WHEREAS, upon receipt of his Urban and Aquaponics Certification from the Botanical Garden and Micro Greens Certification from the University of Illinois, Delbert founded Healthy Place. A nonprofit organization focused on youth development through agriculture, community service, culinary arts, fishing and sportsmanship.; and

WHEREAS, at a young age, Delbert developed a love for cooking while preparing meals with his Aunt. Their time spent and love shared in the kitchen fueled his desire to bring the kitchen to the community by way of an initiative he created called Healthy Plates with the Police. Healthy Plate's is a unique monthly culinary experience driven by youth ages 12-18. Participants are taught how to read and understand nutritional information as well as create and develop menu items to prepare under the guidance of a Master Chef.; and

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2020, Healthy Plates in collaboration with its founding sponsors, the City Colleges of Chicago, Kennedy King College, Washburn Culinary & Hospitality Institute, Chicago Park District, and the Chicago Police Department of Community Policing, celebrated its' two (2) year anniversary with a class of 115 participants in attendance. ; and

WHEREAS, in addition to Healthy Plates with the police, Healthy Place offers the following programs: Growing Up Green - six-week summer gardening program for youth ages 11-18; Hook A Kid on Fishing - a six-week summer program for youth ages 5-18. Participants learn how to bait, cast, and release, Sole Star Project (Successful Outstanding Leaders Equals Star) - hosts a six-week summer league for fifth and sixth graders, as well as open runs for high school students and pros twice a week.; and

WHEREAS, Cook County Government acknowledges Delbert Howell lives through community engagement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners as well as the Board of Commissioners along with the 5.3 million residents of Cook County do hereby recognized, Delbert Howell for his invaluable, leadership, dedication and commitment to the residents of Englewood and herewith express our sincere gratitude for your service to the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution is forwarded to Delbert Howell and a copy be placed upon the official record of the honorable body recognizing this auspicious occasion.