



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Cook County Building, Board Room, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois  
(Board Room Closed to Public - Meeting Virtual for Public)**

**Consent Agenda**

**Thursday, January 26, 2023, 10:00 AM**

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**CELEBRATING THE 192ND ANNIVERSARY OF COOK COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, Cook County was founded by an act of the Illinois legislature on January 15, 1831; and

**WHEREAS**, originally part of the commonwealth of Virginia, the area which comprises modern day Cook County was also part of the Northwest Territory and then a part of 10 separate counties as the territory was formed into states, including Illinois. The 10 counties are Knox (1790), St. Clair (1801), Madison (1812), Edwards (1814), Crawford (1816), Clark (1819), Pike (1819), Fulton (1823), Peoria (1825), Putnam (1826); and

**WHEREAS**, when formed in 1831, Cook County's original boundaries included all of McHenry, Lake, DuPage and parts of Kane and Will. The other counties were separately created between 1836 and 1839, leading to Cook County's current boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County was named for Daniel Pope Cook (1794 - October 16, 1827). Originally from Kentucky, Cook moved to Illinois and became a lawyer, newspaper publisher, politician and one of the early advocates of statehood for Illinois. An anti-slavery advocate, he was the state's first Attorney General, and then congressman. It is believed Cook never visited the area which would be named in his honor; and

**WHEREAS**, the first Cook County Board of Commissioners was elected on March 7, 1831, taking office and holding their first meeting the following day. Three (3) commissioners-Gholson Kercheval, Samuel Miller and James Walker-convened a meeting at Fort Dearborn on the Chicago Settlement lakeshore, in the magazine (powder room). The first County Board meeting would last for two (2) days; and

**WHEREAS**, also elected on March 7 were Sheriff James Kinsey and Coroner John K. Clark. County Clerk William See, County Treasurer Archibald Clybourn, were appointed March 8 and Jedediah Woolley was recommended as County Surveyor to the Governor and Legislature; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the first acts of the new board was approval of a Resolution asking Illinois for 10 acres of land including the corner of Clark and Randolph for the location of a new County Courthouse. This building would be completed in 1835 and included a small stockade which served as the first County Jail and later added an Almshouse which was the forerunner of the County Hospital, Since the land was granted to the County, the corner of Clark and Randolph Streets in Chicago has been the headquarters of Cook County Government; and

**WHEREAS**, the official population of Cook County at the time of its founding was 100 (a count of settlers, not including Native Americans forcibly removed from the local area). The Chicago settlement (Chicago was not incorporated as a town until 1833) had 50 to 60 residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County would become a leader in growing the region, the state and the nation; blazing trails in the fields of transportation, food processing, public health, education, juvenile justice, art and music. The dynamic and diverse county population would swell the county population to 350,000 in 1870, over 1.1 million 20 years later and 1.8 million at the turn of the 20th Century. By 1910, Cook County had 2.4 million residents, surpassing three million residents by 1920. By 1940, Cook County grew to four million residents. In 1960, Cook County population totaled 5.1 million; and

**WHEREAS**, the history of Cook County Government contributed directly to the development of the region and the State of Illinois, with many projects and initiatives of several County departments directly impacting the economic and political direction of the region for years to come; and

**WHEREAS**, the new Cook County Flag symbolically represents many of these initiatives including: the provision of health services to all as an essential County mission and the creation over time of institutions to fulfill that mission including John H. Stroger, Jr., Provident and Oak Forest Hospitals; the Ruth M. Rothstein CORE Center, the Ambulatory Care Network and the Cook County Department of Public Health; the protection of individual rights and voting rights through County ordinances and the conduct of free and fair elections for the entire jurisdiction of Cook County; the protection and preservation of the environment including natural lands and open spaces primarily through the establishment of the Forest Preserves in 1914; the establishment of the world's first juvenile court system, which separated children from adults with an emphasis on individualized treatment instead of rigid adherence to due process, and probation over incarceration, and; the spirit of intergovernmental cooperation with all local governments as partners for progress through the work of county offices and agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, as Cook County approaches its 200th anniversary-and having developed a unique and extensive collection of public documents and records that contain historical significance-establishing an initiative to archive historically significant documents and records is imperative to County Government history; and

**WHEREAS**, fundamental to capturing the history of Cook County is a thorough and complete documentation of the history of Cook County Government; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners created a County Historic Archives and Records Office (CARO) to affirmatively coordinate efforts across all departments and with all officials to determine the historical value of various county documents and records and make recommendations to the Board of Commissioners regarding access and promotion of the County's history; and

**WHEREAS**, looking forward to Cook County's Bicentennial in 2031, and building upon the previous years' work, CARO seeks to establish a Cook County Archives Center to continue to manage, promote, document, and preserve said materials, activate its collections; and to engage exploratory initiatives to

establish sustainable external fiscal support through the development of a foundation to support the ongoing growth of CARO.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the members of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County does hereby celebrate the 192nd anniversary of the founding of Cook County, Illinois; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President and the members of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County are contributing to the preservation of Cook County Government; and encourages all County agencies under all elected and appointed officials to work closely with the Manager of Archives and the Cook County Historic Archives and Records Office (CARO) to preserve the history of their offices, to include all formats of physical and electronic documents, photographs, maps, films, other media and artifacts towards that purpose.

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**Sponsored by:** BRANDON JOHNSON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **RESOLUTION HONORING MRS. DEBORAH L. LOVE ON HER RETIREMENT FROM HINES V.A. HOSPITAL HINES, IL**

**WHEREAS**, Deborah L. Love, began her career in Louisville, Kentucky at Louisville General Hospital at the age of 19; and

**WHEREAS**, Deborah L. Love, found joy in nursing as a student volunteer while in high school at DuPont Manuel. Providing nursing care with responsibility, kindness, attention and concern, respect and understanding of her patients as a human beings; and

**WHEREAS**, it became quite evident that Deborah's positive "can do" attitude and strong work ethic demonstrated, would serve her well and she began building a career in nursing while attending Murray State University as an undergraduate student; and

**WHEREAS**, Deborah L. Love, thrust herself into nursing eager to follow in her mother's foot-steps and make her own waves, she held various assignments in Louisville before leaving for Chicago to start her family; and

**WHEREAS**, Deborah L. Love, settled in Bellwood, IL with her husband and baby boy. She was still determined to become a nurse; and

**WHEREAS**, Deborah L. Love, with full support of her husband and family, and now a mom of three, she returned to nursing school at Triton College; and

**WHEREAS**, Deborah L. Love, graduated with honors from Triton College, School of Nursing, she was proud to sport her white hat and began her career in mental health at Elmhurst Memorial Hospital and

joined the Hines V.A Hospital family; and

**WHEREAS**, Deborah L. Love, has proudly served as a Licensed Practical Nurse in psychiatry at Hines since 1993, working alongside some of the most compassionate and brilliant nurses, doctors, techs, housekeepers and other staff; Deborah has been a mentor and friend to countless co-workers over the years; and

**WHEREAS**, Deborah L. Love, has been valuable, hardworking, pillar to the culture and moral of the Hines family. Her seniority is a beacon determination, perseverance, and good will; and

**WHEREAS**, Deborah L. Love, affectionately “Loves” her job, she will now get to enjoy her retirement, nestled on the couch with a view of the neighborhood and Channel 7; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President Madame Preckwinkle and Cook County Board of Commissioners that we celebrate the remarkable achievements of Mrs. Deborah L. Love and commend the nearly 50 years of service, in healthcare as a proud SEIU Local 73 member. A loving wife to Mr. Terry L. Love Sr., mother to Terry Jr., Ashlee, Amber, and a nana to a host of grandchildren. On behalf of President Madame Preckwinkle and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, we thank you for your service to our veterans, their families, the legacy you have built and commitment to your community. Happy Retirement Deborah L. Love.

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

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **REMEMBERING AND HONORING THE LIFE OF JOSEPH CANADY**

**WHEREAS**, Joseph Canady was born on March 1, 1955, to the late Frank Canady Sr. and Mattie Lee Fountain in Macon, Georgia; the second of five children. Joe graduated from Southwest High School in Macon, Georgia in 1973. After graduation, Joe’s second mother, Vera Mae Stovall, presented him with an opportunity to relocate to Chicago, IL with the promise of a job and a chance to build a life for himself and his future; and

**WHEREAS**, Joe was able to gain employment at Midas International, where he would go on to work in Manufacturing & Distribution for 29 years. He began his career in an entry level position but worked hard to continue his education and develop his professional skills to allow him to move up in the company. While working with Midas International, Joe attended Northwest Business College for Business Administration, graduating in 1999. He was also named “Graduate of the Year.” By the time Joe retired from Midas, he had been promoted multiple times, ending as Plant Manager; and

**WHEREAS**, after retiring from Midas, Joe worked as a Property Manager for Park Towers in Richton

Park, IL. During his time at Park Towers, Joe developed countless personal and professional relationships in the community, and even earned his Real Estate license. Living and working in Richton Park, Joe began to explore how he could serve the people of Richton Park; and

**WHEREAS**, inspired by his new passion for his community, Joe served on the Village of Richton Park's Planning & Zoning Commission for three years. He has served as both Vice President AND President of Alpha Beta Gamma's National Honor Society, (1995, 1998) and has also served as Benjamin O. Davis VFW Post 311's Men's Auxiliary Vice President. Joe was also a member of the Village of Richton Park's Beautification Committee, and Richton Park's Greenfield Townhome Homeowners Association; and

**WHEREAS**, in April 2012, Joe was appointed Village Clerk of the Village of Richton Park, to fulfill the last year of the late and previous Clerk's term. The following year Joseph ran for election for the position and won outright. During his tenure as Village Clerk, Joe continued his Clerk education by attending classes in Springfield, IL led by the University of Illinois and Southern Illinois University. These activities resulted in him earning the recognition of Registered Municipal Clerk (R.M.C.) He was a member of Municipal Clerks of Illinois Association, the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, and the South/West Suburban Municipal Clerk's Association; and

**WHEREAS**, in June 2019, Joe was appointed to Village Trustee, where he proudly served until his death. Joe's servant heart and ability to care for others were some of the best qualities he possessed throughout his life. He was passionate about his family and did what he could to always make sure that those close to him knew how much he loved and cared for them. Joe was a man of faith who accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior at an early age. He was a member of Apostolic Church of God in Chicago IL; and

**WHEREAS**, God called Joe home on the morning of December 24, 2022. Joe was loved and will be missed by many, but his legacy will live on forever. He leaves behind to cherish his memory a host of loved ones, family, and friends.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby remember Joseph Canady as a distinguished member of the community and the honorable former Trustee of the Village of Richton Park and offers its deepest condolences and heartfelt sympathy to the family and loved ones of Joseph Canady; 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 the family of Joseph Canady so that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

[23-0992](#)

**Sponsored by:** DONNA MILLER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**CONGRATULATING THE HONORABLE JESSE WHITE ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT**

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Jesse White was born on June 23, 1934, in Alton, Illinois, and in 1943 moved to Chicago with his parents where he attended Schiller Elementary School; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. White went on to attend Waller High School (now Lincoln Park Academy), where he was active in school athletics, being named All-City in basketball and baseball and excelling at tumbling; and

**WHEREAS**, after graduating from high school, he enrolled at Alabama State College, majoring in physical education, and played baseball and basketball, earning All-Conference honors in both sports; and

**WHEREAS**, in May 1995, Mr. White was inducted into the Southwestern Athletic Conference Hall of Fame and was inducted into the Chicago Public League Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in June 1995; and

**WHEREAS**, after receiving his diploma from Alabama State College, Jesse signed with the Chicago Cubs organization; however, four days before leaving for spring training, he was drafted by the United States Army, where he attended jump school and was trained as a paratrooper and was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division. He would later join the Army Reserves and become a member of the Illinois National Guard; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. White finished his military service in 1959 and returned to Chicago, where he finally began his professional baseball career, playing for several seasons with the Chicago Cubs organization; and

**WHEREAS**, in the off-season, Mr. White worked as a physical education instructor at Schiller Elementary School, the school that he attended as a child, as well as with the Chicago Park District where he worked as a gymnastics coach and teacher for the Chicago Park District YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago and enjoyed a 33-year career with the Chicago public school system as a teacher and administrator; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. White was asked to organize a gym show at the Rockwell Garden Housing Projects, which would lay the foundation for what would become known worldwide as the Jesse White Tumbling Team and since the team's inception, over 10,000 children, ages 6 and up, have participated in the program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jesse White Tumblers give more than 1,500 performances each year at major sporting events and community, business, and charity functions, garnering national and international attention and have performed throughout the United States, Canada, Hong Kong, Bermuda, Belize, China, Israel, Tokyo, Japan, and Zagreb, Croatia. The team has also been featured in commercials, national television shows, and motion pictures; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1974, he was elected to the Illinois House of Representatives, where he served on the Committees on Aging, Elementary & Secondary Education, Public Utilities, and chaired the Committee on Children and Human Services. Among the bills proposed by White in the House was the Good Samaritan Bill, which allowed hotels to offer leftover food to soup kitchens without threat of liability; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. White served 16 years in the Illinois General Assembly representing the most culturally, economically, and racially diverse district in Illinois building a solid record for fighting crime, improving education, and helping senior citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. White would go on to become the Recorder of Deeds of Cook County, the nation's second largest Recorder of Deeds office in the country at the time having been elected to the post in 1992 and re-elected in 1996; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 3, 1998, Mr. White was elected Illinois Secretary of State by a margin of over 450,000 votes. He was sworn into office on January 11, 1999, serving as the 37th Secretary of State and retired as the longest serving and first African American to hold this position and in the process becoming perhaps the best-known and best-liked officeholder in Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of the indelible impact both inside and outside the world of politics over his remarkable career, this Honorable Body wishes to honor Mr. Jesse White on the occasion of his retirement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate Mr. Jesse White on his retirement and thank him for his many years of dedicated service; 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 Mr. Jesse White as a symbol of our respect and esteem.



[23-1088](#)

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING AND RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF SHIRLEY J. NEWSOME**

**WHEREAS**, Shirley was born on Wednesday, August 15, 1945, to Reverend Charlie Murray Sr. and Blancy Lillie Strong of New Galilee Missionary Baptist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, Shirley extensively studied at the Chicago Baptist Institute from 1974 to 1976, then the Moody Bible Institute from 1976 to 1979; and

**WHEREAS**, Shirley joined Monumental Baptist Church in 1979 soon after moving to the Oakland neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, Shirley began a life of service to her community in 1981 by helping to form the Lake Park-Berkeley-Ellis-Drexel Block Club Association; and

**WHEREAS**, Shirley was committed to an increased quality of life for residents of the Southeast Side with dozens of volunteer positions presiding over the area; and

**WHEREAS**, Shirley was a community representative for five Chicago Housing Authority working groups and sat on the advisory council of three local parks; and

**WHEREAS**, Shirley served as a member on sixteen local advisory committees and commissions, including the South East Chicago Commission and the Quad Communities Development Corporation; and

**WHEREAS**, Shirley retired after a storied career across the United States government as a court stenographer and legal secretary, and

**WHEREAS**, Shirley brought her professional skills to her organizing work to help efficiently document the efforts and agendas of initiatives throughout her community; and

**WHEREAS**, Shirley served as a trusted advisor to Cook County President Toni Preckwinkle, Cook County Commissioner Bill Lowry and countless other public officials; and

**WHEREAS**, After a passionate life of selfless work for her community, Shirley J. Newsome served four months as the Interim Alderman of the Fourth Ward of the City of Chicago, appointed by the vacating alderman, then-newly elected Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle; and

**WHEREAS**, Shirley J. Newsome passed on from this life on Sunday, December 25, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, Shirley was a loving wife to Howard Newsome and mother to Glenn M. Murray; and

**WHEREAS**, Shirley leaves behind her brother, sister, grand-daughter, three great-grandchildren, numerous other family members, her church family, and the community to mourn her loss; and

**WHEREAS**, Shirley's constant dedication to the development of her community left an endearing impact on the Southeast Side of Chicago and beyond; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY, the President and its members do hereby extend their gratitude for the fruitful and blessed activism of Shirley J. Newsome as they offer their deepest condolences to her friends, family, and communities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Shirley J. Newsome as an honorable expression of appreciation for her life and work