



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

Consent Agenda

Wednesday, September 25, 2019, 1:00 PM

Consent Calendar Meeting - Second Set

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Sponsored by: BRANDON JOHNSON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF HENDERSON YARBROUGH

WHEREAS, Henderson Yarbrough is a long-time resident of the Village of Maywood

WHEREAS, Mr. Yarbrough is a pillar within our community and an example to all for his dedication, sacrifice and success.

WHEREAS, Mr. Yarbrough a native of Byhalia, Mississippi attended Lincoln University in Jefferson, Missouri completing their Public Education program in 1963

WHEREAS, Mr. Yarbrough is a proud United States Army Veteran

WHEREAS, Mr. Yarbrough has numerous certifications and continuing education credentials from Triton College's Real Estate Institute and has a longtime career as a real estate appraiser and broker.

WHEREAS, Mr. Yarbrough is active in many local charities and nonprofits, and currently serves as President of the Maywood Proviso Rotary Club.

WHEREAS, Mr. Yarbrough served eight years in administration as a Village Public Works Director, Code Enforcement Officer, Administrative Assistant to the Village Manager, Village Trustee, South Maywood Action Community Alliance for better government

WHEREAS, Mr. Yarbrough set his sights to higher office and was elected Village President for eight years where he served proudly.

WHEREAS, HENDERSON YARBROUGH, SR. has devoted his life to service in community-focused leadership roles. Whether it be through his work as Mayor of a West Suburban Cook County municipality, or his continued involvement with regional chambers of commerce to promote the small business community he joined decades ago when he arrived in Maywood, Yarbrough's community-building approach has earned him a reputation as a pragmatic problem solver.

WHEREAS, Henderson Yarbrough and his wife, Karen, have a blended family of six and share twelve grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

WHEREAS, Henderson Yarbrough has retired from public office and life, we thank him for all his years of service and for being a role-model to so many and a trailblazer for all.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Cook County shall recognize Henderson Yarbrough's service to the citizens of Cook County and the Village of Maywood

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Clerk is authorized to spread upon the record of proceedings and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to be presented to Henderson Yarbrough in recognition of his retirement from public office; We recognize the many contributions and lasting legacy of the Honorable Henderson Yarbrough.

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A CHANCE FOR LIFE PROJECT - 1ST ANNUAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS

WHEREAS, a Chance for Life Project is conducting a grassroots campaign to promote social and emotional learning, violence prevention/intervention, job readiness training, mentoring, and leadership services in communities for boys and young men aged 14 to 30, and

WHEREAS, a Chance for Life Project comprises a coalition of community organizations, churches, businesses, media professionals, athletes and entertainers working together to support, empower and impact the lives of high risk youth and communities for a healthier and safer society; and

WHEREAS, a Chance for Life Project is organizing a series of basketball tournaments lasting from the fall of 2019 through the spring and summer of 2020, comprising approximately 700 14-30 year old boys and men from communities deeply affected by violence with an aim to use the tournaments to promote good sportsmanship, cooperation, team-building, as well providing opportunities for employment, job training, and other services, and

WHEREAS, positive activities like these basketball tournaments have the capacity to prevent violence and present the opportunities to implement pro-social services which can change lives

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize and commend A Chance for Life Project's series of basketball tournaments and for their positive impact throughout the County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to A Chance for Life Project in expressing Cook County's well wishes for a successful engagement campaign and tournament.

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Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, 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, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING DR. SANDY GOLDBERG, FOUNDER OF A SILVER LINING FOUNDATION

WHEREAS, Dr. Sandy Goldberg, a longtime Chicago resident and breast cancer survivor, began hosting a TV program in the early 2000's that invited cancer patients to call in to speak with the cancer specialists about their medical issues, and

WHEREAS, in 2002, Dr. Sandy Goldberg, founded A Silver Lining Foundation to provide cancer education and services to uninsured and underinsured individuals throughout the Chicago area, and

WHEREAS, it is the mission of A Silver Lining Foundation to provide respectful and equal access to cost-free breast health testing through a network of partnerships with community, advocacy and healthcare organizations, and

WHEREAS, A Silver Lining Foundation is comprised of five programs to assist individuals: The Chicagoland Cancer Information Coalition, the Evelyn Goldberg Center, Buy A Mom A Mammogram, Survive and Thrive and Keep aBreast, and

WHEREAS, these five programs provide education, treatment options, quality of life services, free screening, evaluation and diagnostic testing services to individuals, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sandy Goldberg was honored with The KIND Foundation's KIND People program award for transforming her community through kindness, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sandy Goldberg has been steadfast in her commitment to providing cancer education and breast health testing to uninsured and underinsured individuals throughout Cook County, and

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, that the Board does hereby thank Dr. Sandy Goldberg for her leadership of A Silver Lining Foundation and does hereby offer its appreciation on behalf of a grateful community for her many years of service to those in need of medical treatment, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a ceremonial copy of same be presented to Dr. Sandy Goldberg to commemorate this event.

[19-5728](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING WORKING BIKES ON ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, Working Bikes, is a nonprofit organization located in the South Lawndale / Heart of Chicago neighborhood in the 7th District of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Working Bikes was established in 1999 by volunteers Lee Ravenscroft and Amy Little with the goal of giving old bikes new homes; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Working Bikes is to give donated bicycles new life by redistributing them as tools of empowerment in local and global communities; and

WHEREAS, nearly 100,000 bicycles have been reclaimed from disuse or the waste stream since Working Bikes was founded; and

WHEREAS, Working Bikes volunteers repair, recycle, and refurbish bicycles to donate them locally and prepare bicycles to donate them internationally; and

WHEREAS, Working Bikes has supported the creation of dozens of bicycle organizations and social enterprises globally, shipping 70,000 repairable bicycles to partners in 20 African and Central American countries for use in job training and economic development; and

WHEREAS, through its Cycle of Peace program, Working Bikes donates hundreds of bicycles each year to children in local schools and partner organizations, giving thousands of youth the freedom and joy of owning a bicycle; and

WHEREAS, through its Cycle of Power program, Working Bikes has partnered with the department of Veteran Affairs (VA), transitional housing, refugee resettlement, and others to empower thousands of Chicagoland adults with access to transportation; and

WHEREAS, Working Bikes has built an inclusive and welcoming community in its shops, giving skill-building opportunities to thousands of volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Working Bikes professional mechanic staff has allowed over 10,000 Chicagoans to purchase affordable transportation and support a mission with local and global impact over the past 20 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Cook County Board President and the Cook County

Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate the staff, volunteers, and supporters of Working Bikes on its 20th Anniversary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, this text be spread upon the proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Working Bikes in honor of its 20 years of noble and impactful accomplishments locally and globally.

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MAGDA RAMIREZ CASTAÑEDA

WHEREAS, Magda Ramírez-Castañeda was born in Nueva Rosita, Coahuila, México, came to Chicago as a young child, and grew to become a leading activist and organizer for social and economic justice in the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, in the late 1960s, Magda Ramírez-Castañeda moved to Pilsen where she became ingrained in the Chicano/a and Civil Rights movements; and

WHEREAS, Magda Ramírez-Castañeda has been described as a once-in-a-generation kind of leader who dedicated her life to empowering Latinx communities; and

WHEREAS, Magda Ramírez-Castañeda was one of the first Latina students at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), where she co-founded the Latin American Student Union and fought for more students of color to be admitted to the school, and later, for a Latin American Studies Department; and

WHEREAS, Magda Ramírez-Castañeda lead the fight against discrimination alongside the Asociación Pro Derechos Obreros, (the Association for Workers' Rights) in the 1972 movement to demand that the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) hire more Latino bus drivers; and

WHEREAS, her daughter described Magda Ramírez-Castañeda as someone who “wanted to let people know that they had the power to change things if we worked together. The power to change the system and make it better for everyone;” and

WHEREAS, Magda Ramírez-Castañeda was a leader of many impactful groups and movements, including as co-founder of the Illinois Chapter of La Raza Unida, organizer of the United Farm Workers' boycotts, founder of the Committee Against the Militarization of Youth, Chairperson of the Drop-Out Task Force at Benito Juarez High School, co-host of Radio Chamba, and Board President of Pilsen Alliance; and

WHEREAS, Magda Ramírez-Castañeda co-authored the book Chicanas of 18th Street: Narratives of a

Movement from Latino Chicago, which documented the testimonies of six female community activists who lived and worked in Pilsen; and

WHEREAS, as author of the book, Magda Ramírez-Castañeda said she hope to “leave a legacy to our youth, so we can have something to look up to,” and so that young people would learn about Pilsen and know “that their people were [there];”and

WHEREAS, her nephew Alderman Carlos Ramírez Rosa said of her passing, “Magda Ramírez-Castañeda will be missed by all whose lives she touched, but her spirit, her cry for justice and freedom will forever be felt in our picket lines, our marches, and our collective struggle for liberation.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize the dedicated life of activism and the revolutionary impact of Magda Ramírez-Castañeda; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to the family of Magda Ramírez-Castañeda.

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Sponsored by: DEBORAH SIMS, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE OF J. DIANE ALSBERRY

WHEREAS, J. Diane Alsberry, was born the youngest of four children on October 7, 1947 in Chicago, Illinois to the union of Reverend Irving and Amanda Steele; and

WHEREAS, J. Diane Alsberry accepted Christ at the early age of nine years old; She and her siblings often traveled with their father as he evangelized the Gospel; She was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church in County Club Hills; and

WHEREAS, J. Diane Alsberry graduated from Jean Baptiste Point DuSable High School; Chicago Community College; In December of 1970, she graduated with her Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy from University of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, J. Diane Alsberry met the of her life Vernard Alsberry Jr. whom she married and shared a joyous and loving life for 21years and five months; and

WHEREAS, J. Diane Alsberry was a dedicated Physical Therapist and was licensed to practice in the state of Illinois and Indiana; and

WHEREAS, J. Diane Alsberry accomplishments include: being the first **African American Director of**

Physical Therapy at Americana Healthcare Center of Oak lawn, Illinois; Director of Physical Medicine at South Chicago Hospital (now Advocate Aurora Trinity); Clinical Instructor as well as Adjunct Professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago and Instructor at the Chicago City Junior College for Physical Therapy Assistance Program. Lastly, she also helped to organize the **Support Organization for Minority Physical Therapist (SOMPT);** and

WHEREAS, J. Diane Alsberry was active in various organizations including a life membership with **Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc;** charter member of the **American Academy of Physical Therapy (AAPT);** Past President of **Support Organization of Physical Therapy;** Past President and Treasurer of the **American Academy of Physical Therapy;** and

WHEREAS, J. Diane Alsberry became a strong force assisting her husband Mayor Vernard Alsberry of Hazel Crest, Illinois; She served as the Commissioner for the Village of Hazel Crest Planning & Zoning and Senior Citizens; and

WHEREAS, J. Diana Alsberry physical presence may no longer be with us, we shall remember her as a woman who was gentle in spirit, admired and respected by her many friends and neighbors, and dearly loved by her family. She is survived by her husband Mayor Vernard Alsberry Jr. their four sons and five daughters; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Deborah Sims, Commissioner of the 5th District do hereby offer my deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family of J. Diane Alsberry; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be represented to the family of J. Diane Alsberry in her honor be spread upon official proceedings of this Honorable Body.

[19-5749](#)

Sponsored by: DENNIS DEER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING MRS. GLORIA JENKINS HARVEY, AND MS. LOLA JENKINS FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION IN THE NORTH LAWDALE COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, Gloria and Lola Jenkins are Grassroots Community Strategist, Facilitators, and Education Activist; and

WHEREAS, Gloria “Corene” Jenkins Harvey divided her time as an urban youth between the south and west sides of Chicago, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, she graduated from Jones Metropolitan High School in Chicago June of 1996; and

WHEREAS, determined to refine her considerable talent for communicating and connecting with others, Mrs. Jenkins Harvey attended Chicago State University, earning a degree in psychology in May 2005; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Gloria Jenkins Harvey began her career at Nicholas Financial, a specialized finance company with a primary market focus on direct consumer loans; and

WHEREAS, with this experience, she quickly learned the inner workings of the finance industry and leveraged her newly acquired knowledge to monitor and track the performance of hedge funds and investment portfolios, goal oriented and eager to return to the life of service that defined her upbringing, Ms. Jenkins returned to public service in 2008; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Family Case Management staff for the Westside Association for Community Action (WACA). Mrs. Jenkins Harvey worked in support of families on the Southside of Chicago. The organizational tenants of WACA that were the life's work of her parents became the enduring and abiding centerpiece of her own life. Having found her place in a career of community advocacy, she has worked to help those who desperately need socially responsible and politically astute individuals to advocate on their behalf; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jenkins Harvey serves as the Executive Director of the Westside Association for Community Action (WACA). She is a member of Board of Directors for ETA Creative Arts Foundation and was a recent recipient of Lakeside Bank's "Women Who Make A Difference Award. When asked what she is most thankful for, "she always references the opportunity to perpetuate her family's legacy of service for the benefit of her community and the people she serves;" and

WHEREAS, Lola, the youngest daughter of Gloria and Ernie Jenkins, coming of age on the West side of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Lola was deeply involved in service activities with organizations such as Family Focus Lawndale, The Greater Chicago Food Depository, YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago, and The Links, Inc. and

WHEREAS, demonstrating a standard for high achievement, Ms. Jenkins graduated from Spelman College in May 2004. Characteristic of her foresight concerning her early desire for a career in social service, she earned a degree in political science, with a minor in sociology; and

WHEREAS, after returning to Chicago from Atlanta, Lola Jenkins began her career in community service and advocacy as the acting Operations Manager for the Westside Association for Community Action (WACA) in July 2005; and

WHEREAS, she operated and oversaw the preparation of quarterly and annual budget programs. Exercising her life-long knowledge of social service networks, she successfully acted as WACA's official representative at business functions; and

WHEREAS, Promoted to VP of Operations in February 2008, quick wit and sharp intellect have been the defining factors in Lola Jenkins quick rise. She is responsible for maintaining financial budgets and ensuring the organization is compliant with state and federal guidelines; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jenkins is credited with streamlining business processes to increase agency efficiency, and her detail oriented approach has proven beneficial to maintaining WACA's fiscal viability; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jenkins has served as an intensely devoted advocate for the underrepresented and ill-served residents of her community. She is an actively sought after voice, and can often be seen networking at major events to create bridges of opportunity for WACA's diverse constituency. Her personal philosophy is "To whom much is given, much is required." When asked what she is most grateful for, she identifies her mother, who is the premier role model of her life. She credits her mother's life of service as the standard by which she measures many accomplishments in her personal life and career. She received her Master's in Business Administration from Lewis University in May 2013; and

WHEREAS, Cook County Government acknowledges Mrs. Gloria Jenkins Harvey, and Lola Jenkins for transforming lives through community engagement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Toni Preckwinkle 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, Mrs. Gloria Jenkins Harvey, and Ms. Lola Jenkins for their invaluable, leadership, dedication and commitment to the residents of North Lawndale 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 Gloria "Corene" Jenkins Harvey, and Lola Jenkins and a copy be placed upon the official record of the honorable body recognizing this auspicious occasion.

[19-5757](#)

Sponsored by: LUIS ARROYO JR, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), ALMA E. ANAYA, 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, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE HUMBOLDT PARK ROBERTO CLEMENTE LITTLE LEAGUE ON BECOMING THE ILLINOIS STATE CHAMPIONS

WHEREAS, The Humboldt Park Roberto Clemente Little League Team started the season with a feeling in their bones that 2019 would be their year; and

WHEREAS, On July 15th at their home field in Humboldt Park, they used their style of hustle and heart to defeat South Elgin 12-2 in the intermediate level state championship in front of a very large crowd, ending the game with a home run by Joshua Quinones a day before his 13th birthday; and

WHEREAS, with this win against South Elgin, the Roberto Clemente Little Leaguers became the first team from Humboldt Park to win the state championship, and made history by achieving a feat that had never before been done; and

WHEREAS, these young men won the opportunity to represent Illinois in the Little League's Intermediate Division, and raised over \$19,000 on their Go Fund Me page to help cover the travel expenses of the team; and

WHEREAS, the Roberto Clemente Little League had an incredible experience playing in Michigan for the Little League's Intermediate Division; while the nerves were high, determination was even higher; the team gave it their all and Illinois was proud to have them represent this great state; and

WHEREAS, On July 27th, even Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker expressed his pride, gratitude and admiration for the team's hard work a dedication throughout the season by surprising them with a visit in Humboldt Park; and

WHEREAS, the Little Leaguers credit their achievements to the diversity of their team, taking pride in their mixed ethnicities and ability to bring the entire community together to cheer for a common goal; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize the major achievements of the Roberto Clemente Little League Baseball Team and congratulate them for becoming the 2019 State Champions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and ceremonial copies of this resolution be presented to the members of the Humboldt Park Roberto Clemente Little League Team.

[19-5758](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY'S RUDY LOZANO BRANCH LIBRARY

WHEREAS, based in the Pilsen neighborhood, Rudy Lozano Branch Library opened its doors to the public on September 7, 1989; and

WHEREAS, community-led efforts drove the establishment of the library in a time when Pilsen lacked a

centralized library branch; and

WHEREAS, during the 1960s, at a time when the Mexican population was growing in the area, there was only a “book mobile” that would traverse the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, a Pilsen Library Committee was formed in 1980 by thirteen neighborhood residents who spearheaded the efforts to create a central library; and

WHEREAS, the Committee’s efforts ultimately led to the groundbreaking of the \$4.5 million library in 1985;

WHEREAS, the new location consolidated materials from local social service agencies El Centro de La Causa and Gad’s Hill, as well as Pilsen Library Branch; and

WHEREAS, the Committee collected suggestions for the public on the naming of the library, and voted on Rudy Lozano, named after the influential community organizer who was tragically killed in 1983; and

WHEREAS, since its grand opening in 1989, the Rudy Lozano Library Branch has played a pivotal role as a community resource center not only for local neighborhood residents but for library patrons throughout Chicago; and

WHEREAS, the vision of the Pilsen Library Committee was for the library to be physically located in the neighborhood’s center so that it was walking distance for residents; and

WHEREAS, the library houses the largest Spanish language collection in the Midwest and has hosted events with authors from throughout the U.S. and Latin America; and

WHEREAS, the focus of the literature at the library is for, by, and about people with Latin American descent, and includes over 10,000 books donated by the Mexican government; and

WHEREAS, renowned for its diverse programming and the cultural and social services it provides, the Rudy Lozano Branch Library has received awards from the Chicago Community Trust for programs like *Blue Skies for Library Kids*; and

WHEREAS, the Knight Moves Chess Club, another Rudy Lozano program, has been among its most successful programs, leading youth to win local and national championships and even facilitating their participation in tournaments in México; and

WHEREAS, the Rudy Lozano Library Branch remains an important resource for Chicago’s Latino and Spanish-speaking community as libraries from throughout the city continue to refer patrons there, despite the population changes the community currently faces with gentrification; and

WHEREAS, in its thirty years of serving the community, the Rudy Lozano Library Branch has been a

reflection of the diversity of the Mexican population in Chicago.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate Rudy Lozano Library Branch on their 30th anniversary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to Hector Hernández, branch manager of the Rudy Lozano Library Branch, and to the library itself as a symbol of recognition for its contributions to setting a model in engaging Chicago's Spanish-speaking community with the Chicago Public Library.

[19-5760](#)

Sponsored by: DENNIS DEER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING ELLEN MOIANI FOR HER CONTRIBUTION TO STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS AT NOBLE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, Ellen Moiani is the Manager of Government of Community Affairs for the Noble Network of Charter Schools, working specifically with families and stakeholders on the West Side of Chicago. In Ellen Moiani role, she builds partnerships with parents, students, and various community agents to advocate alongside Noble's 12,500 students, 1,200 staff members, 12,000 alumni, and 15,00 parents; and

WHEREAS, Noble Network for Charter High School is ranked among the best in CPS by Chicago Magazine, high schools from within the Noble Network captured 14 of the top 20 spots and all 17 Noble High Schools ranked in the top 30; and

WHEREAS, Ellen Moiani began her career as a teacher in 2008, teaching Kindergarten in Greenbelt, Maryland. In 2013, she continued her teaching career in Chicago where she taught kindergarten for 2 years at Herzl School of Excellence in North Lawndale before transitioning into a career in policy and community organization; and

WHEREAS, In 2015 Ellen Moiani became a LEE Policy and Advocacy Fellow at Illinois Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development and went on to become a LEE Community Organizing Fellow with Noble Network of Charter Schools, where she works today; and

WHEREAS, Ellen Moiani work is driven by the conviction that building relationships through storytelling leads to changes in policies and mindsets. With this belief, Ellen supports Noble Families to ensure Noble's value of Diversity Equity and Inclusion is lived out in all noble Schools; and

WHEREAS, Ellen also lives out this belief in her work as Commissioner of Special Service Area #63 in West Humboldt and at her Church, St. Teresa of Avila, most recently Ellen Moiani received the 2019 Award for Excellence in Core Values at the Noble Network of Charter High Schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents, do hereby recognize Ellen Moiani for her contributions for bettering the lives of the children at Noble Charter High Schools and so wish her every continued success in her future endeavors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to Ellen Moiani in recognition of this honor.

[19-5761](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE RICH EAST HIGH SCHOOL ROBOTICS TEAM

WHEREAS, the Rich East Manufacturing, Engineering, and Robotics Club was formed in 2015 as a way for students to explore the lab more after school; however, soon after forming, the club started competing in the TMA PMC (Technology Manufacturing Association Precision Machining Competition); and

WHEREAS, the club then started competing in VEX robotics, but not officially until the 2017-2018 school year; the students just competed in one event that year and had a great time, so in 2018-2019 the students wanted to do more and they were able to compete in many events; and

WHEREAS, the Rich East club consists of two teams with 15 students and one coach, Mr. Michael Wilson, and competed in 4 different areas for a total of 14 events during last year's amazing season; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 season started by hosting the first VEX tournament of the year in Illinois and from that starting point, the team continued to improve their robot skills and competed in more tournaments throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, in December the 60466A team won a tournament in Chicago, which qualified them for the Illinois State Championships and the US Open in Iowa; and

WHEREAS, later in the season, the 60466M team won robot skills earning them an invitation to the State Championships and the US Open as well; and

WHEREAS, the students of both teams finished in the top 11 at the State Championships, earning each team a spot to attend the VEX Worlds Tournament in Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, the students attended the US Open and the VEX worlds tournament, gaining invaluable experience as they were able to travel and compete with and against other top students from across the globe; and

WHEREAS, the team had a student compete in the TMA PMC (Technology Manufacturing Association Precision Machining Competition), and one student was able to submit his part for the competition and placed 10th out of 35; and

WHEREAS, the team also competed in the Chicago Grand Prix, which is an R/C Hydrogen Car Race taking 3rd place, and won the Engineering Award; and

WHEREAS, the South Works Engineering and Robotics Olympics was the fourth area the team competed in, and students took 1st and 3rd in the VEX event and 3rd in the autonomous racer event; and

WHEREAS, all the team accomplishments were made possible thanks to the support of the school and the local sponsors that donated funds, materials, and time; and

WHEREAS, this past year was an amazing experience for this group of students, and the team is looking forward to the upcoming year of competition with plans to do even more events, which with the right support and resources will come to fruition;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners congratulate the Rich East Robotics Team on an outstanding season and wish them continued success; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy be presented to the Rich East High School Robotics Team as a symbol of our respect and esteem.

[19-5783](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF THOMAS L. VASQUEZ

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Thomas L. Vásquez from our midst on July 25, 2019 at the age of 75; and

WHEREAS, Thomas L. Vásquez was born in Matamoros, Tamaulipas, México on October 12, 1943 to María de Socorro Luna Guzmán and José Trinidad Vásquez Villafranco; and

WHEREAS, Thomas L. Vásquez immigrated to this country and became a resident of Little Village neighborhood on Chicago's Southwest side; and

WHEREAS, it was there, in the Little Village neighborhood, where in the early 1980s he met a group of young likeminded individuals and began to advocate for adequate services for their community and fair representation in elected offices; and

WHEREAS, that advocacy lead to the creation of the 22nd Ward's Independent Political Organization which the 22nd Ward's Independent Political Organization aimed to address the needs of working-class families in Little Village and North Lawndale; and

WHEREAS, Thomas L. Vásquez was a proud founder of the 22nd Ward's Independent Political Organization where he also serves as one of the Vice Presidents and Precinct Captain for numerous years, positions he held with pride and dedication; and

WHEREAS, Thomas L. Vásquez was a tireless activist and leader, who always challenged the status quo and pushed to make a positive difference in people's lives and believed that the neighborhoods in the Southwest side of Chicago deserved more respect and equity; and

WHEREAS, Thomas L. Vásquez's love of service and community extended from organizing block parties to actively attended Local School Council (LSC) meetings and was even a mentor and father figure to countless; and

WHEREAS, Thomas L. Vásquez worked twenty-six (26) years for the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, Thomas L. Vásquez the oldest brother to many siblings. Beloved husband of the late Irma Reyna Vasquez. Loving father of four sons: Daniel Vasquez, Robert Vasquez, late Thomas Vasquez Jr. and the late David Vasquez, grandfather, great grandfather, great great grandfather of one; and

WHEREAS, Thomas L. Vásquez and his legacy will continue to be felt for generations to come. He leaves not only a family that grieves him but a community that was impacted by his contribution and convictions; and

WHEREAS, Thomas L. Vásquez was a living legend and has left a profound lesson for us all to fight for justice and for all working-class people.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and many friends of Thomas L. Vásquez, and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to the family and friends of Thomas L. Vásquez so that his memory may be honored and ever cherished.

[19-5799](#)

Sponsored by: BRANDON JOHNSON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 12TH AS DORIS “DORIE” DAY

WHEREAS, Doris “Dorie” Miller Post 915, The American Legion, Department of Illinois is an organization of wartime veterans who have dedicated themselves to the service of the community, state and nation also dedicated to building a proper monument honoring Nave seaman Doris “Dorie” Miller; and

WHEREAS, Doris “Dorie” Miller was born October 12, 1919 in Waco Texas and on September 16, 1939 he enlisted in the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, Doris Miller attended the Naval Training Station in Norfolk Virginia and was assigned to USS West Virginia, stationed at Peral Harbor, Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, Dorie Miller helped the movement to desegregate the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, during the attack on Pearl Harbor Dorie Miller, pulled a captain and several crewmates to safety under heavy enemy fire; and

WHEREAS, after making sure his fellow sailors were out of harm’s way, Dorie Miller secured an unattended 50-caliber anti-aircraft gun and began firing at Japanese wartime aircrafts. Dorie Miller shot down several enemy plans; and

WHEREAS, for his heroism Dorie Miller was awarded the Navy Cross by Admiral Chester Nimitz; and

WHEREAS, Dorie Miller accepted a request to join the direct marketing effort to raise war bonds desperate military battles and successfully encouraged supports nationwide to contribute; and

WHEREAS, Dorie Miller requested to be transferred back to active duty and was assigned to USS Liscome Bay. The carrier was sunk in the Gilbert Islands; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the Navy Cross, Dorie Miller received the Purple Heart, American Defense Service medal- Fleet Clasp, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign medal and the WWII Victory Medal; and

WHEREAS, in 1973, the Knox-class frigate, USS Miller, was renamed for Doris “Dorie” Miller; and

WHEREAS, Doris “Dorie” Miller Day was celebrated at the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center on June 12, 2019; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize October 12, 2019 as, Doris (Dorie) Miller Day; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board encourages all of its residents to celebrate Doris (Dorie) Miller DDAY and that the text of this resolution be spread across the journal of proceedings of this honorable body.

[19-5801](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING COOK COUNTY FARM BUREAU ON THEIR 100th ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, as the result of passionate farmers committed to bringing the expertise of the University of Illinois College of Agriculture to county farmers, the first County Farm Bureau is organized and County Farm Bureaus from throughout Illinois organize to form the Illinois Agricultural Association, a statewide general farm organization; and

WHEREAS, in 1920 local farmers created the Cook County Farm Bureau® to provide agricultural expertise and assistance to local farmers and where today the Cook County Farm Bureau is home to 43,988 members in good standing and has achieved year-over-year membership growth in 1980 through 1987, 1999 through 2014, 2016, and 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Farm Bureau created Country Financial after farmers were unable to purchase fire insurance for their homes and farms and local farmers meet with the County Assessor to establish fair assessment levels for agricultural land in the county and the Farm Bureau continues to assist farmers and farm businesses with property taxes and building and zoning concerns; and

WHEREAS, area farmers, food processors, and farm businesses host County legislators and staff members as part of the Staff Exchange Program that explores the connections between local agriculture and Cook County government which American Farm Bureau Federation® named the Staff Exchange Program a “County Activity of Excellence”; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Farm Bureau developed meaningful and beneficial agricultural and small business policy; and established a grassroots Viewpoint Committee to solicit farmer member opinions on pertinent issues called the Viewpoint Survey which includes questions on food safety, private property rights, government assistance, organic certification, and food labeling; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Farm Bureau has submitted numerous policy resolutions including Illinois Farm Bureau’s first food labeling, organic agriculture, and community support agriculture policies and has received the Liberty Bell, the highest recognition awarded by the Illinois Farm Bureau® for outstanding programming in the area of Legislative and Political Affairs, Local Government, and Policy Development;

and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Farm Bureau engages in programs to connect farmers to consumers and has created “Local Farm Products” which promotes member farms, farm stands, greenhouses, stables, farm stores, and agricultural-related businesses; and

WHEREAS, to further connect consumers to the farmers who grow and raise healthy and nutritious food, the Cook County Farm Bureau hosts a “Farm Crawl,” which allows consumers to visit farms and farm stands throughout the county, and for fall enthusiasts flock to the Farm Bureau’s “Giant Pumpkin Contest” and visit with local farmers; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Farm Bureau launched its “Agriculture in the Classroom” program, and during its thirty plus years, the program has reached more than 559,000 students and over 23,000 Cook County classrooms to educate youth about the connection between farmers, food and their day-to-day lives; and

WHEREAS, more than 200 teachers experience agriculture and explore how to integrate agriculture and food sciences into their classrooms while earning professional development and graduate credits, and the Cook County Farm Bureau also strives to educate consumers about the shared values of farmers and consumers; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Farm Bureau partners with Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana® to celebrate “Food Checkout Day” and the healthy and nutritious contributions of modern farmers, and to date “Food Checkout Day” has donated over \$130,000 and more than 96,000-pounds of food to the families who call Ronald McDonald House their temporary home while their child is receiving care; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Farm Bureau has received the Summit Award from the American Society of Association Executives® for “Food Checkout Day” in recognition of the tremendous contributions non-profits can make when working together to accomplish a mutual goal; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Farm Bureau launched a mobile-friendly website to enhance member communication efforts and over 1.27 million people engage with Cook County Farm Bureau® through the social media program “Grocery Giveaway” which the American Farm Bureau Federation® has named the “Grocery Giveaway” a “County Activity of Excellence”; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Farm Bureau launched the “Food Pantry Challenge” to engage consumers and provide financial donations to local food pantries; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Farm Bureau serves non-farming families through member benefits, programs and enrichment activities; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Farm Bureau received the President’s Award for outstanding

programming in Agricultural Literacy, Commodities and Marketing, Communications, Health and Safety, Legislative and Political Affairs, Local Affairs, Membership, Policy Development, and Quota; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Cook County Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate the founders, members, leadership, staff, and supporters of Cook County Farm Bureau on their 100th Anniversary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Cook County Farm Bureau in honor of its noble work and remarkable impact.

[19-5802](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING BOY SCOUT RYAN C. PLYBON ON HIS ACHIEVEMENT OF THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

WHEREAS, The Cook County Board of Commissioners is pleased to recognize outstanding achievement and dedication; and

WHEREAS, In August 1911, The Boy Scouts of America established the rank of Eagle Scout which is the highest title that can be attained by a Boy Scout; and

WHEREAS, In order to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, a Scout must first earn at least 21 merit badges and demonstrate Scout Spirit through community service and leadership, including an extensive service project that the Scout plans, organizes, leads and manages; and

WHEREAS, Ryan C. Plybon, has earned the rank of Eagle Scout with Crew 36 of La Grange Park, where Ryan earned 41 merit badges. Ryan has been an active member of scouting in both Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts since the age of 7 years old; and

WHEREAS, Ryan has been active at the First United Methodist Church in La Grange where he regularly attends and volunteers at Sunday services as a sound board operator and audio-visual operator for the past three years; and

WHEREAS, Ryan has worked for the Greater YMCA of La Grange for the past two years where he was employed as a camp counselor for children enrolled in the YMCA camp program; and

WHEREAS, For his Eagle Scout Service Project, Ryan coordinated the organization of his fellow scouts and adult scout leaders in the construction of a wooden fence and an accompanying gate for St. Michael's Church in La Grange Park; and

WHEREAS, Ryan's commitment extends beyond Boy Scouts and into his education where he graduated with honors from Lyons Township High School in May of 2019 and he now currently attends the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee where he plans on making computer science his major area of study; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED By the Cook County Board of Commissioners that we join the community, family and friends of Ryan C. Plybon in expressing our sincere pride and admiration and congratulations on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the text of this resolution be spread across the journal of proceedings of this honorable body and that a suitable copy hereof be presented to Ryan C. Plybon.