



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

Second Consent Agenda

for the

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, March 2, 2016, 11:00 AM

16-1941

Sponsored by: PETER N. SILVESTRI and RICHARD R. BOYKIN, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE OAK PARK-RIVER FOREST INFANT WELFARE SOCIETY AS IT CELEBRATES ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, the Infant Welfare Society (IWS) was started in December of 1902 after a baby died from diphtheria in his father’s arms on the streets of Chicago. For the next decade the IWS worked to distribute clean milk for free or below cost to infants; and

WHEREAS, the Oak Park-River Forest Infant Welfare Society began in 1916 as an association of Chicago-area women who support the IWS Children’s Clinic in its mission to provide all children with unfettered access to quality health care; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, the IWS has been organized around “circles,” which are small groups of women who join together to support the society’s mission through fundraising and volunteering; and

WHEREAS, currently, the Oak Park-River Forest IWS consists of 150 members in eight circles, each with its own personality and traditions; and

WHEREAS, the society’s work is powered by dedicated members and volunteers, a highly competent professional staff, generous donors, engaged partners, and enlightened communities who share the view that sustaining the health of our children is a critical investment in the future; and

WHEREAS, in addition to its recurring fundraising events, the Oak Park-River Forest IWS is taking on special centennial events, including a business luncheon in March at Dominican University, a block party for children and families in May, and a dinner in September.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby honor the Oak Park-River Forest Infant Welfare Society as it celebrates its 100 years of dedicated service to the health of children.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a commemorative copy of this resolution be distributed to the Oak Park-River Forest Infant Welfare Society on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary.

16-1975

Sponsored by: STANLEY STINSON MOORE, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE MEMORY OF HENRY RAYMOND STINSON

WHEREAS, Henry Raymond Stinson was born in Meridian, Mississippi on April 26, 1925 to Homer R. Stinson and Mary Savannah Blackwell Stinson; and

WHEREAS, he was the youngest of seven children, three sisters (Pearl, Lillian, and Louise) and three brothers (Leo, Frank, and Homer), all of whom preceded him in death; and

WHEREAS, soon after his birth, his family moved to Chicago and Henry Stinson attended Edmond Burke Elementary School and Du Sable High School; and

WHEREAS, he enlisted in the United States Army at the age of 17 and quickly attained the rank of sergeant; and

WHEREAS, Henry Stinson was a proud and outstanding member of the National Council of Meridianites, Inc., a social organization originally made up of individuals born in Meridian, Mississippi, since its inception in 1967; and

WHEREAS, Henry Stinson in admiration for his father's spirit for business, followed in his father's footsteps and established the Royal Answering Service, whose motto was "Where every customer is King" in the 1970s; and

WHEREAS, shortly after beginning his working career in the United States Post Office, he became a Chicago Police Officer; and

WHEREAS, he worked in several police districts and in various units including Neighborhood Relations, Human Relations, and Special Events; and

WHEREAS, he participated in yearly charitable events and organized the annual Chicago Police Picnic; and

WHEREAS, Henry Stinson's strong belief in being an honest individual and police officer endeared him to the local businesses and residents in the areas that he served; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stinson's service to his community continued even after completing his work day by delivering baskets of food to those individuals less fortunate; and

WHEREAS, his dedication to serving the people of Chicago is well documented by the numerous awards and accommodations bestowed upon him during his 34 year career; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stinson's enduring love and commitment to his Wife, his children and his grandchildren shall forever be remembered; 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 Mr. Henry Raymond Stinson 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. Henry Raymond Stinson.

16-1976

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE HONORABLE JEAN ESCH

WHEREAS, Jean Esch represented the best qualities of citizenship and humanity through her life-long work as a community leader and as an elected official. Her love of politics and leadership abilities were put to work for her community when she was elected by the voters of Evanston's Fourth Ward to be their Alderman. When she died at the age of 91 she left behind a family, countless friends and a community enriched for having known her; and

WHEREAS, Jean Esch was a longtime leader in environmental and ecology issues. Her tireless work was recognized when she was selected to receive the 2003 Community Service Award for her involvement with Evanston's Ecology Center; and

WHEREAS, Jean Esch forged strong bonds with her fellow elected officials that outlasted their terms of office and spanned decades. She served with great distinction and earned the respect and affection of her co-workers, many of whom also describe themselves as friends; and

WHEREAS, Jean Esch was a leader who firmly supported efficiency in government. She had the unique ability to regularly achieve her goals without rancor and, as a result was genuinely admired and respected by her peers. Her wisdom and critical thinking made her an asset to the city, her pleasant demeanor and sense of humor made her a delightful colleague with whom to work; and

WHEREAS, Jean Esch and her late husband Wilbert moved to Evanston in 1944 and raised their family there; daughters Carol, Barbara, Deborah and Cynthia and sons Lawrence and Donald. She will be sorely missed by her 16 grandchildren, and many great grandchildren, nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, a memorial mass was held at St. Mary's Church in Evanston on Saturday, February 13, 2016. Many of the people whose lives she improved celebrated the life of a woman who had such a positive impact on the community; 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 commemorates the extraordinary life of Jean Esch and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions she has 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 family of Jean Esch.

16-1980

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE JOINT BIRTHDAYS OF THE HONORABLE STEVE BERNSTEIN AND THE HONORABLE JEANNE CLEVELAND BERNSTEIN WHO TOGETHER HAVE ACHIEVED 140 YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED YOUTH

WHEREAS, on Sunday March 6, 2016 the Honorable Jeanne Cleveland Bernstein and the Honorable Steven James Bernstein will celebrate the joyous combined total of 140 years; and

WHEREAS, Jeanne Cleveland Bernstein and Steven Bernstein share an affection for the law, both have been practicing law for a combined total of 88 years and both graduated from DePaul University Law School in 1971 where they met; and

WHEREAS, Jeanne Cleveland Bernstein and Steven Bernstein are the unique couple who successfully lived and worked together; the two shared a law practice for over 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Jeanne Cleveland Bernstein and Steven Bernstein share an affection and the wisdom necessary to be effective administrators of justice; both are Circuit Judges in Cook County and have been on the bench for a combined total of nearly 16 years; and

WHEREAS, Jeanne Cleveland Bernstein and Steven Bernstein share an affection for their children, Timon Jandora, Claire Lawrence and Iden Bernstein-Nowlin. They are proud grandparents of Gavin, Eleanor, Raymond, Harper, Everett and Arleigh; and

WHEREAS, Jeanne Cleveland Bernstein and Steven Bernstein share an affection and a knack for politics, both were Democratic Committeeman; Steven was Evanston Alderman for the 4th Ward for 16 years and was the Evanston Township Assessor; and

WHEREAS, Jeanne Cleveland Bernstein and Steven Bernstein are treasured members of the community. They were very active members of the District 65 PTA, Booster Clubs at Evanston Township High School, the YMCA, the YWCA, Justin Wynn Foundation and the Warren Cherry Scholarship Foundation. Because of their enlightened leadership they have brought success to countless community events; and

WHEREAS, Jeanne Cleveland Bernstein and Steven Bernstein were married on April 26, 1973. In addition to sharing an affection and admiration for one another they also love to travel. They have lived in Afghanistan, India, Nepal and Evanston. Together they will celebrate together their 140 years of combined years on March 6, 2016; 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 successful completion of a combined total of 140 years achieved by Jeanne Cleveland Bernstein and Steve Bernstein 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 Jeanne Cleveland Bernstein and Steve Bernstein.