



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

Consent Agenda

Wednesday, July 24, 2019, 1:00 PM

Consent Calendar Meeting - Third Set

[19-4815](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF LYNDA MARIE DELAFORGUE

WHEREAS, Lynda Marie DeLaforge was born on February 18, 1958 to James DeLaforge and June Kaczur-Tate; and

WHEREAS, Lynda was raised in Franklin Park, Illinois and was a Cook County resident and social justice activist who selflessly made extraordinary contributions to improve the community; and

WHEREAS, Lynda graduated from Rockford University in 1980, where she majored in theater and was active in local community productions as an actress and costume designer; and

WHEREAS, looking for part-time work, Lynda took a fundraising job for the Illinois Public Action Council (IPAC), an activist group that relied on door-to-door canvassers to recruit members and donations; and

WHEREAS, with hard work and a great charisma, she soon became IPAC's Rockford office manager and helped organize a voter registration drive leading up to the 1984 election; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, Lynda married Hans Hintzen and settled in Chicago's Edgewater neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, their daughter Katy DeLaforge was born in 1987, and their son Jordan DeLaforge was born in 1991; and

WHEREAS, Lynda became IPAC's statewide canvass manager and helped set up canvass operations in other states; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her canvass manager duties, Lynda increased IPAC's role around health policy and consumer protection; and

WHEREAS, Lynda was also involved in various progressive political campaigns, among them: Paul Simon to the U.S. Senate, re-elect Mayor Harold Washington, and Jan Schakowsky to the Illinois House of Representatives in 1990; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, after IPAC's shut down, Lynda became the associate director of Citizen Action/Illinois where she brought her expertise and lead the finances and supervised staff; and

WHEREAS, Lynda was a regular presence at Chicago City Hall Council and Cook County Board meetings as an advocate on policies for the well-being of all residents; and

WHEREAS, while at Citizen Action/Illinois, she was involved in the progressive political campaigns of Barack Obama for Senator in 2004, JB Pritzker for Governor of Illinois, and Sean Casten for U.S. Congress; and

WHEREAS, Lynda’s work for progressive policies was demonstrated in her advocacy to regulate predatory payday loans, ensure food safety, oppose Social Security privatization, support equal marriage, and ensure the rights of consumers to affordable energy and health insurance; and

WHEREAS, Lynda Marie DeLaforge passed away on January 12, 2019 at her home in Chicago, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Lynda is survived by her daughter, son, mother, sister, life partner Brian Reizfeld, extended family and friends; 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 Lynda Marie DeLaforge and honor the life and memory of this outstanding Cook County resident.

[19-4805](#)

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

CARMEN “CARMIE” BERTUCCI, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Carmen “Carmie” Bertucci from our midst, and

WHEREAS, Carmen Bertucci was the loving and adored husband of Josephine (nee Dongarra), and

WHEREAS, Carmen Bertucci was the amazing father of Carmen, Anthony (Caryn), and Paulie (Lindsey), and

WHEREAS, Carmen Bertucci was the fond grandfather of Sophia, Luciana, and Rocco, and

WHEREAS, Carmen Bertucci was the beloved son of the late Nick and Marie Bertucci, and

WHEREAS, Carmen Bertucci was the dear brother of Bruno (Gael), Bob (Marianela), and Ava Marie (the late Jim) Lindahl, and

WHEREAS, Carmen Bertucci was a dear brother-in-law of Jimmy (Janet) Dongarra, and

WHEREAS, Carmen Bertucci was a member of the Old Neighborhood Italian American Club, San Rocco Society, and SAG-AFTRA, and

WHEREAS, all who knew him will attest that Carmen “Carmie” Bertucci 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, now therefore

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 and many friends of Carmen “Carmie” Bertucci, 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 same be tendered to the family of Carmen “Carmie” Bertucci, that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

[19-4803](#)

Sponsored by: DENNIS DEER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING MRS. MILDRED AUSTIN KENERSON 100TH BIRTHDAY

WHEREAS, On April 27, 2019, 175 friends and family from across the United States gathered to celebrate Mrs. Mildred Austin Kenerson 100th Birthday at the historic Parkway Ballroom; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mildred Austin Kenerson, affectionately known as “Red”, was born in Braxton (Simpson, County), Mississippi on April 29, 1919 to the late Eddie and Idella Harper Perkins; and

WHEREAS, She was educated in the Rosenwald School for Negro Children and the historic Piney Woods Country Life School founded by Dr. Laurence C. Jones in 1909; and

WHEREAS, while attending Jackson State College (University), she obtained her Teaching Certificate to educate the students in segregated Simpson County; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mildred Kenerson is a woman of great faith who loves her “Home” Church, St. John Baptist Church in Braxton, Mississippi, which was founded in 1865 by her grandparents and other families from the community. Her only living sibling, Billy Ray Perkins currently serves as a Deacon and Trustee;

and

WHEREAS, seeking opportunities in the North, Mrs. Mildred Kenerson relocated to Troy, New York in 1943 where she worked at an Ammunition Plant during World War II. She was a faithful member of Bethel Methodist Church and the Troy, New York Branch of the NAACP; and

WHEREAS, in 1948 she married the late Rowland Austin and had two children, Rowland Austin of Matteson, Illinois and Carolyn Austin of Orlando, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mildred Kenerson has been a resident of Chicago's Westside since 1958. She was a member of the New Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church founded by the late Rev. D. B. Bishop where she was active with the Ministers and Deacon's Wives. She later fellow shipped with her sister Mary Lee at Holy Starlight Baptist Church, founded by the late Rev. C. H. Porter, who baptized both of her children; and

WHEREAS, In 1963, she married the late John Dubois Kenerson, President of the Standard Burial Insurance Company, founded in 1952 and located on West Madison Street. She joined him at the Greater New Friendship Missionary Baptist Church pastored by the late Rev. Claude Clayton. Together with her sisters and close friends, they were members of the Universal Charity Club, which provided community service to families in need. She is a member of Holy Starlight Missionary Baptist Church where Rev. Royal Simmons, serves as Senior Pastor; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mildred Kenerson was an employee of the Chicago Public Schools. From 1969-1999 she worked at the Daniel Webster Elementary School on Arthington Street as a Cadre performing various positions including teaching and reading. Faculty and parents fondly remember her creative Bulletin Boards throughout the school and decorations for the 8th Grade Graduations. Often described as someone who always tries to be kind to others, and one who lives by the Golden Rule in "treating people right". Others describe her as being very humble and grateful for everything you do for her. Those who know her say she is always smiling, has a great sense of humor; one who takes pride in her appearance. Mrs. Kenerson is surrounded and loved by many "Young'uns" which include children of close friends and the friends of Rowland and Carolyn; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mildred Kenerson enjoys a variety of activities such as baking her infamous "S" cookies and Fruit Cake. During the holidays, she shares her Cranberry Sauce and Apple Sauce with family and friends. Since her Retirement, she enjoys spending hours completing Word Search Puzzles and watching her favorite game shows. She especially enjoys creating hand make Birthday and other special occasion cards, and decorations for various Churches. Her lesson in living is best described in the words of a familiar song: Great is Thy Faithfulness, Great is Thy faithfulness, Morning by morning new mercies I see, and all I have needed Thy hand hath provided, Great is thy faithfulness Lord unto me.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that President Preckwinkle along with the Cook County Board of Commissioners and on behalf of the 5.3 million residents of Cook County takes great pleasure in honoring and celebrating Mrs. Mildred Austin Kenerson on for one hundred birthday and wishes her

continued health and happiness for years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution is shared upon the official proceedings of this honorable body and that an official copy of the same is tendered to Mrs. Mildred Austin Kenerson in honor of this auspicious occasion

[19-4804](#)

Sponsored by: DENNIS DEER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING BRITNEY JONES FOR HER EXCELLENCE IN SPORTS

WHEREAS, members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners are proud to recognize excellence in academics and sports; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes academics and sports contribute to developing qualities such as respect, collaboration, hard work and dedication in young adults; and

WHEREAS, Britney Jones is a graduate of John Marshall Metropolitan High School where she was a starting point guard. She led the school to three City Championship appearances, two City Titles, and one state Appearance. She was named to the All City, All Area, and All State teams, the 1,000-point club, and named CPS player of the year during her tenure; and

WHEREAS, Britney Jones is a graduate of University of Alabama Birmingham where she obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice with a minor in Physical Education. Britney aspires to become a Chicago Police Officer; and

WHEREAS, since 2010, Britney continues to play professional basketball, playing in Puerto Rico and in seven countries, Greece, Iceland, Romania, Russia, Belgium, Salvador, and Switzerland; and

WHEREAS, Britney Jones is a five-time All Star and two-time Most Valuable Player; and

WHEREAS, she averages 31 points per game with including a 52-point game performance; and

WHEREAS, while playing for Romania she was named guard of the year and scoring leader. She won three European Championship, two Central American Championship Names Top 10 European Scorer and Assist, Belgian Defensive Player of the Year (2019), Belgian First Team Honors (2019), and El Salvadorian Champion and Leading Scorer/First Team Honors (2019).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that on behalf of President Toni Preckwinkle, and Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate Britney Jones for her stellar career playing overseas and wish her continued success in her future endeavors

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread across the official text of the proceedings of this honorable body and that suitable copy of the same be presented to Britney Jones in honor of this auspicious occasion

[19-4749](#)

Sponsored by: BILL LOWRY, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING SETERIA VENABLE, FOUNDER & CEO OF THE FIBROID FOUNDATION

WHEREAS, Seteria Venable is a patient advocate who was diagnosed with fibroids at the age of 26. After receiving recommendations of a hysterectomy in her 20's she was prompted to explore other options to manage her fibroid diagnosis. She began a quest for information which led her to establishing The Fibroid Foundation; and

WHEREAS, After her 2nd of 4 fibroid surgeries, Seteria Venable turned a personal health challenge into a global movement by launching a nonprofit to raise awareness. She is also the patented inventor of an undergarment that she hopes will transform intimate apparel for all women. A sought-after speaker, she has been featured in print and radio media, and presented at gynecologic conferences and

WHEREAS, Seteria Venable holds a Bachelor of Architecture from Carnegie Mellon University, co-authored a scientific paper for the American Journal of Obstetrics & Gynecology on fibroids and

WHEREAS, The Fibroid Foundation is based in the Washington, D.C. metro area and has grown to well over 21,000 followers in 48 countries. There are currently 9 chapters in the United States. The mission initiatives include education, patient-sensitive research, consulting and legislation; and

WHEREAS, Seteria Venable, encourages women to ignore the naysayers and follow your passion because she believes there's a special energy that infuses your passion when you're fully focused; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, BILL LOWRY, COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONER of the 3rd DISTRICT, do hereby stand, and salute the life changing work of Seteria Venable; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution will be presented to Seteria Venable; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED: That a copy of this Resolution will be filed within the **Office of Cook County Commissioner Bill Lowry 3rd District**.