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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING MAY AS ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, the month of May commemorates the rich and diverse culture of Asian American Pacific Islanders, who have enriched America's history and were instrumental in its future success; and

WHEREAS, on October 5, 1978, President Jimmy Carter signed a joint resolution designating the annual celebration of Asian/Pacific Heritage Week during the first 10 days of May; in May 1990, the holiday was further expanded when Congress designated May as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, the more than 300,000 Asian American residents of Cook County have contributed significantly to the development of our neighborhoods and cities; and

WHEREAS, Asian, along with Irish immigrants and African Americans among others, constructed and operated the transcontinental railroads that passed through Cook County and provided the basis for our county's economic strength as a transportation center; and

WHEREAS, Cook County is home to Asian American veterans who fought heroically for our nation through many of her conflicts in the 20th century, including Filipinos who, alongside soldiers from Maywood Illinois, survived the Bataan Death March in the Philippines during World War II, and Japanese Americans of the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Teams who served our nation with the highest military honors despite being designated for internment in American concentration camps on the west coast; and

WHEREAS, This year's commemoration of Asian Pacific American heritage comes at a fraught and vexing moment in which people of Asian and Pacific Islander descent have experienced a resurgence of racism, prejudice, and physical violence spurred by hate; and

WHEREAS, Across 16 of America's largest cities and counties, there was a 164% increase in anti-Asian hate crime reports to police in the first quarter of 2021; and

WHEREAS, Despite these attacks, both historic and contemporary, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have shown resilience, demonstrated by the vibrant communities they have built and the myriad contributions they have made throughout American society; and

WHEREAS, Asian American Heritage Month provides Cook County the opportunity to restate its firm stand against any and all discrimination on the basis of race, creed, or national origin of Cook County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the County of Cook is proud to recognize the leadership and contributions of Asian Pacific Americans throughout our history; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, along with the entire Board of Commissioners, do hereby recognize May as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, in recognition of the contributions made to our economy and culture by Asian Pacific Americans, and in tribute to all Asian Pacific Americans who call Cook County home.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING MAY 2021 AS BIKE MONTH IN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, residents of Cook County enjoy bike riding for fun, fitness, and with family, as well as taking essential trips to work or shop; and

WHEREAS, Cook County strives to meet the needs of all Cook County residents who wish to bike - regardless of age, ability, race, gender, ethnicity, or income; and

WHEREAS, the bicycle is an economical, healthy, convenient, environmentally sound form of transportation and an excellent tool for recreation and enjoyment at the Cook County Forest Preserves and on residential bike routes and bikeways throughout Cook County; and

WHEREAS, biking affords residents a healthy, recreational activity that can be done while physical distancing during the Covid-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Cook County's road and trail system attracts bicyclists each year, providing economic, transportation, tourism, and scenic benefits; and

WHEREAS, creating a bicycling-friendly community has been shown to improve citizens' health, well-being, and quality of life, growing the economy, improving traffic safety, supporting student learning outcomes, and reducing pollution, congestion, and wear and tear on our streets and roads; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways (CCDOH) is one of the Chicago region's largest investors in bicycle infrastructure, including through the Invest in Cook program that awards grants to local agencies to improve their community's bicycle access and safety; and

WHEREAS, *Connecting Cook County*, the County's long-range transportation plan for 2040 adopted in 2016 and the first such plan in 70 years, prioritized transit and non-vehicular travel, as well as the comfort and safety of bicyclists and pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, Cook County is creating its first-ever plan for bicycle infrastructure focusing on equitable access to low-stress bikeways and establishing long-term goals for bicycle infrastructure throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, Cook County is committed to expanding the existing system of off-street trails and other low-stress routes into a coherent countywide network; and

WHEREAS, Cook County is committed to ensuring transportation investments serve a greater number of County residents and are more equitably distributed to ensure access to opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Cook County is committed to enhancing facilities to support bike commuting and other purposeful bike trips; and

WHEREAS, Bike Month in May seeks to promote the many benefits of biking and create greater public awareness of bicycle operation and safety education in an effort to reduce collisions, injuries, and fatalities and improve health and safety for everyone on the road; and

WHEREAS, throughout the month of May, the residents of Cook County and its visitors can experience the joys of bicycling through educational programs, races, commuting events, charity events, or by simply getting out and going for a ride; and

WHEREAS, the Active Transportation Alliance, Ride Illinois, the League of American Bicyclists, various schools, parks and recreation departments, police departments, public health districts, hospitals, companies, and civic groups will be celebrating bicycling during the month of May 2021 throughout Cook County; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim May 2021 as Bike Month in Cook County urge all residents to join in this special observance and enjoy the wonders of biking.

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Sponsored by: SCOTT R. BRITTON and LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING JOAN FRAZIER FOR HER WORK AS PRESIDENT OF THE VILLAGE OF NORTHFIELD

WHEREAS, Joan Frazier is retiring as President of the Village of Northfield after more than a decade of elected service and a lifetime of commitment to the community and all its residents;

WHEREAS, Joan has demonstrated her dedication to the residents of the Village of Northfield, serving the community for 14 years as both a Trustee and as Board President; and

WHEREAS, Joan was elected as the President of the Village of Northfield in 2017; and

WHEREAS, as the Chief Presiding Officer of the Village Board, Joan oversaw all Boards and Commissions and served as the Liquor Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, Joan's hallmark has been her commitment to community service, leading the 2040 Vision Plan, spearheading the Skokie Valley Trail Committee, co-chairing the Transportation and Legislative Committees with the Northwest Municipal Conference, and volunteering at the Chicago Botanic Garden; and

WHEREAS, Joan championed the development and approval of a long-range financial plan for the Village of Northfield; and

WHEREAS, Joan enhanced the charm and beauty of Northfield by improving bus shelters, developing upon community entryway signs, enhancing parkway plantings, and approving a new holiday lighting program; and

WHEREAS, under Joan's leadership, Northfield adopted the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Greenest Region Compact (GRC2) Initiative, a collaboration of over 135 communities working towards sustainability for local municipalities, including climate, economic development, energy, land, leadership, mobility, municipal operations, sustainable communities, water, and waste & recycling; and

WHEREAS, Joan oversaw the adoption and execution of a long term water infrastructure plan for Northfield; and

WHEREAS, Joan undertook the implementation of a regional 911 center; and

WHEREAS, as part of her commitment to transportation and accessibility, Joan oversaw the completion of Phase I studies for both the Skokie Valley Trail and Happ Road; and

WHEREAS, Joan adopted the 2040 Vision Plan to guide the Village's future and ensure that every new project, both public and private, improved the aesthetics and character of Northfield; and

WHEREAS, Joan led Northfield through the COVID-19 pandemic and the execution of 11 State of Emergency Declarations, ensuring the community made it safely through an undoubtedly difficult time; and

WHEREAS, Joan has served the residents of Northfield by creating and upholding the ordinances of the Village, interpreting and applying them equally and with fairness toward all residents and property owners; and

WHEREAS, Joan’s untiring leadership, unselfish approach to challenges, and insight into resolving issues will be truly missed by the community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby thank Joan Frazier, on the occasion of her retirement, for her steadfast dedication to the Northfield community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of the Resolution be tendered to Joan as a means of communicating our thanks and well wishes.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING MICHAEL “MIKE” MILLER FOR HIS 33 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, Michael “Mike” Miller has dedicated 33 years to residents of Cook County and the Cook County Sheriff’s Office as the Executive Director of Operations within the Department of Corrections; and,

WHEREAS, Additionally, Executive Director Miller has served in every sworn rank within the Sheriff’s Office, beginning his career in 1988 as an officer and retiring as Executive Director of the Department of Corrections; and,

WHEREAS, Executive Director Miller has worked in every division and unit with the Department of Corrections, making him one of the Sheriff’s most valuable assets within the Department; and,

WHEREAS, throughout his career with the Sheriff’s Office, Executive Director Miller helped guide the Department of Corrections through reform efforts, including but not limited to expanding Jail programs, realizing operational efficiencies and reducing millions in operational and overtime costs, and co-leading DOC’s efforts to reduce recidivism and to expand reentry programs and services ; and,

WHEREAS, Executive Director Miller’s experience in operations in the Department of Corrections led to him becoming the Office’s “go-to individual” as the COVID-19 world pandemic began to arrive in Cook County in March of 2020; and,

WHEREAS, under Executive Director Miller’s leadership, the Department of Corrections was credited

by the Centers for Disease Control as a leader in saving the lives of those incarcerated and staff working within the Department as the once-in-a-century pandemic began wreaking havoc around the world; and,

WHEREAS, those efforts have led to scores of formerly incarcerated individuals graduating from the RENEW Project, which trains individuals in demolition skills by demolishing abandoned buildings in the County's economically-depleted communities; and,

WHEREAS, Executive Director Miller has led numerous additional innovative programming within the Department, helping offer formerly incarcerated individuals training, education and a path out of the criminal justice system; and,

WHEREAS, Executive Director Miller has been a supervisor in the Department of Corrections for over twenty-five years and been a leader, mentor and inspiration to thousands of correctional employees during this period; and,

WHEREAS, Executive Director Miller has helped guide the Department of Corrections and the County as it has worked to modernize and maintain one of the largest single-site jails in the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board President, the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the Cook County Sheriff do hereby recognize Michael "Mike" Miller for all that he has contributed to the more than 5 million residents of Cook County and wish him well in his retirement.

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 Michael "Mike" Miller.

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE JACKSON PARK YACHT CLUB ON THEIR QUASQUICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, Jackson Park Yacht Club (JPYC) was incorporated on June 3, 1896 in the State of Illinois, County of Cook and is celebrating its Quasquicentennial (125th) Anniversary, and is one of the oldest yacht clubs in the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, JPYC is devoted to improving the world by making boating activities accessible to all; and

WHEREAS, JPYC has enabled over the years tens of thousands of Cook County residents to access

Cook County's greatest natural resource, Lake Michigan; and

WHEREAS, JPYC continues to have a positive impact on our community and its residents; and

WHEREAS, this Honorable Body is pleased to congratulate and celebrate the Quasiquicentennial Anniversary of the Jackson Park Yacht Club;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate the members of the Jackson Park Yacht Club on the occasion of their Quasiquicentennial Anniversary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, May 30th, 2021 be hereby declared as Jackson Park Yacht Club Quasiquicentennial Anniversary Day in the County of Cook; 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 a representative of the Jackson Park Yacht Club as a symbol of our respect and esteem.

[21-3186](#)

Sponsored by: BRIDGET DEGNEN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE OF LEONARD KNIFFEL

WHEREAS on March 19, 2021 Leonard Kniffel, 73, passed away after pancreatic cancer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kniffel was raised in rural Michigan by his grandmother, who came to the United States from Poland; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kniffel began his remarkable career in Detroit, working at the Detroit Public Library. During this time, he met his future spouse, Carlon Walker; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, Mr. Kniffel and Carlon moved to Chicago, where Mr. Kniffel worked for American Libraries, the flagship magazine of the Chicago-based American Library Association. Mr. Kniffel was quickly promoted to the Managing Editor, and then Editor in Chief; and

WHEREAS, Inspired by his grandmother and her exciting travels to Poland, Mr. Kniffel wrote and published a series of books about his Polish heritage, including a travel memoir titled, "A Polish Son in the Motherland: An American's Journey Home." He helped other Polish authors, frequently volunteering to help edit and publish their work; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kniffel founded a blog named “PolishSon.com”, where he wrote about Poland, shared recipes and stories about his family and articles about libraries; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kniffel’s work sent him around the world, reporting on the annual conferences of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institution and speaking about the importance of libraries, archives, and preserving historical records. Mr. Kniffel and Carlon traveled across Europe, Asia, Africa and South America together; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kniffel was the creator and publisher of the American Library Association’s “@ your library” public awareness website (www.atyourlibrary.org). As a part of a series called “Reading with the Stars: A Celebration of Books and Libraries,” Mr. Kniffel conducted interviews with library advocates including President Barack Obama, entertainers Julie Andrews and Jamie Lee Curtis, Microsoft founder Bill Gates, First Lady Laura Bush, and basketball legend Kareem Abdul-Jabbar; and

WHEREAS, after retiring from the American Library Association in 2012, Mr. Kniffel became the Executive Director of the Chicago-based Polish American Librarians Association and a member of the Board of Directors of the Polish Museum of America, located at 984 N. Milwaukee Avenue; and

WHEREAS, through his stalwart dedication, Mr. Kniffel worked to uplift and increase awareness about the Polish community, while promoting Polish heritage and documenting the history of his community, he will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and community. He is survived by his partner of nearly 43 years, Carlon Walker, and many friends throughout the world;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby offer its deepest condolences family and friends of Leonard Kniffel, as we celebrate and honor the life and contributions of this outstanding Cook County twelfth district resident; 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 Leonard Kniffel.

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Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, 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 and LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION**CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF HELMUT JAHN**

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Helmut Jahn made his transition to eternal life on May 8, 2021; and

WHEREAS Helmut Jahn was the husband of Deborah Lampe and father of Evan; and

WHEREAS, Helmut Jahn was born in Zirndorf, Bavaria in 1940 and emigrated to Chicago in 1966 to study engineering at the Illinois Institute of Technology; and

WHEREAS Helmut Jahn joined Charles Francis Murphy's architecture firm C.F. Murphy Associates in 1967, was appointed Executive Vice President in 1973 and become head of the firm in 1981, renaming it Murphy/Jahn, and then JAHN in 2012; and

WHEREAS Helmut Jahn's early career saw him working on various large-scale public and civic buildings in Chicago, his adopted home city, and helped establish his reputation as a contemporary architecture talent; and

WHEREAS In 1985, the Helmut Jahn designed the State of Illinois Center, renamed the James R. Thompson Center, was completed. With its sloped glass facade and towering open atrium, the 17-story structure not only became one of downtown Chicago's most recognizable buildings but a bold architectural expression of open government; and

WHEREAS Helmut Jahn designed the inspiring Terminal 1 building at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport, with its acclaimed pedestrian tunnel, which is illuminated in neon designs created by artist Michael Hayden; and

WHEREAS Helmut Jahn designed many award-winning projects including the Liberty Place skyscraper complex in Philadelphia, Sony Center in Berlin, Suvarnabhumi Airport terminal in Bangkok and the 55-story Messeturm in Frankfurt, which briefly reigned as the tallest building in Europe after being completed in 1990, and

WHEREAS in 1991, Helmut Jahn was named as one of the "Ten Most Influential Living American Architects" by the American Institute of Architects; and

WHEREAS Helmut Jahn held various teaching posts through his career, including at the University of Illinois Chicago, Harvard University, Yale University and IIT; and

WHEREAS Helmut Jahn's firm was awarded in the AIA Chicago Firm of the Year Award in 2006 and the Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Award for Architecture Excellence in Community Design in 2008; and

WHEREAS all who knew him will attest that Helmut Jahn was a thoughtful and creative man, virtuous of character, admired and respected by his many friends and colleagues, and loved by his family; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby offer its sympathy to the family of Helmut Jahn; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to the family of Helmut Jahn.

[21-3197](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING DR. RAMI NASHASHIBI FOR HIS OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, Dr. Rami Nashashibi is a MacArthur Fellow, a Doctor of Sociology from the University of Chicago, and the founder and Executive Director of the Inner-City Muslim Action Network (IMAN), a non-profit organization incorporated in 1997 that fosters health, wellness and healing on Chicago's South Side & Atlanta's west end by organizing for social change, cultivating the arts and operating a holistic health center; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rami Nashashibi is a community leader building bridges across racial, religious, and socioeconomic divides to confront the challenges of poverty and disinvestment in urban communities, Rami has successfully unified a diverse set of constituencies around a shared focus of social justice; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rami Nashashibi serves on the board of directors of the Margaret Casey Foundation and in 2020, Rami made his debut as musician, song-writer and executive producer of "THIS LOVE THING", a soul-stirring LP. The album's first single "Mama Please" was dedicated to raising the profile of and advocating for Cariol's Law, legislation which passed in late 2020 to help transform police accountability in Buffalo, New York. He has worked with several leading scholars in the area of globalization, African American studies and urban sociology and has contributed chapters to edited volumes by Manning Marable and Saskia Sassen; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rami Nashashibi has lectured around the world on a range of topics related to American Muslim identity, community organizing and social justice issues and has received many prestigious community service and organizing honor; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rami Nashashibi has been featured in several prominent media publications including the New York Times, the Washington Post, The Atlantic, the Chicago Tribune, and multiple stories on PBS, CBS, and National Public Radio. Rami have also taught at the Chicago Theological Seminary, where he was a visiting professor of the Sociology of Religion and Muslim Studies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I, Dennis Deer, Cook County Commissioner 2nd District on behalf of President Toni Preckwinkle, the Cook County Board of Commissioners and on behalf of the over five million residents of Cook County, on this day of May 13th, 2021 do hereby recognize Dr. Rami Nashashibi for his Outstanding Leadership in Community Development and so wish him every continued success in his future endeavors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered too, Dr. Rami Nashashibi and a copy is spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body.

[21-3202](#)

Sponsored by: DENNIS DEER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING MR. JACKIE GLASS FOR HIS OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP IN COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, Jackie Glass is a true Chicagoan born in Hyde Park. Raised in the South Shore Woodlawn community and went Kenwood High School in the graduating class of 1974; and

WHEREAS, He enrolled at Daniel Payne College, in Birmingham, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Jackie had to leave school because his father was shot in an attempted robbery where he was working; and

WHEREAS, Jackie is the oldest of five siblings, and had to return home to work at the Wisconsin Steel Mill and enrolled in the Foreman program; and

WHEREAS, Jackie Glass' values comes from both parents; and

WHEREAS, Jackie Glass started working at Roosevelt Hospital in 1978. When the hospital changed administration and closed, began working at The Children's Home and Aid Society of Illinois at the Evanston Children's Center. After 6 years of working as a counselor at the Evanston Children's Center,

He started a non- for profit mentoring program for kids on the North side of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Jackie Glass, was approached by Mr. Chris Carroll, Director of Chicago Counseling Centers of Chicago to be a Respite SASS worker and a Crisis SASS Counselor on the Westside of Chicago at the Chicago Counseling Centers of Chicago. After 5 years, Ms. Karen Johnson CEO of Hartgrove Hospital asked if would like to work in Business Department at Hartgrove Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Jackie Glass worked for Hartgrove Behavioral Health System for 25 years as Community Relations Representative; and

WHEREAS, in 2018 he was promoted to Legislative Affairs Manager for Hartgrove Hospital and In June of 2020, was given the title of Legislative Affairs Manager for both Hartgrove Behavioral Health System and Garfield Park Behavioral Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Jackie Glass helped to start the Peer Jury with Chicago Police Department, for, West and North side Chicago Police Districts; and

WHEREAS, He worked with Chicago Public Schools Crisis city-wide team while at Hartgrove as a service to the community Mentoring Program at the 15th District, worked with the African American Male Mentoring Program, The J.U.M.P. (Juvenile Urban Mentoring Program at Piccolo Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, He currently sits as the DAC Chairperson for the 15th District, Member of the State Representative La Shawn K. Ford Mental Health Task Force, Member of the Westside for healthy Neighborhood, and Co-Chairperson of the Commissioner Denise Deer 2nd District Mental Health Task Force.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I, Dennis Deer, Cook County Commissioner 2nd District on behalf of President Toni Preckwinkle, the Cook County Board of Commissioners and on behalf of the over five million residents of Cook County, on this date of May 13th, 2021 do hereby recognized Jackie Glass for his Outstanding Leadership in Community Mental Health Development and so wish him every continued success in his future endeavors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to Jackie Glass, and a copy is spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body.

[21-3210](#)

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING GAIL SUFFREDIN ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Gail Suffredin, respected special education teacher at Proviso West High School in Hillside, Illinois, is retiring; and

WHEREAS, Gail had many accomplishments and has served in many capacities during her 35 years at Proviso. She was chair of the Special Services Department for 7 years and supervised the Transition Service Program for students transitioning out of school into the labor market; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure, she also served as the Yearbook Mentor for 5 years, the Graduation Coordinator for 10 years, the Sports Ticket Manager for all sports for 30 years; and the Ticket Manager for the Proviso West Holiday Boys Basketball Tournament for 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Gail was beloved within the Proviso West general and special education community. Her impact on students' lives will be felt long after her retirement both by the students she served and, in the communities where those students live. Her presence will be missed but not forgotten.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County, honors the work and contributions of Gail Suffredin, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions she 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 same be tendered to Gail Suffredin.

[21-3254](#)

Sponsored by: BRIDGET GAINER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING CELEBRATE ARGYLE'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, Celebrate Argyle is a community initiative that celebrates AAPI individuals, restaurants, and Asia on Argyle's rich and dynamic history; and,

WHEREAS, Celebrate Argyle aims to shine a spotlight on immigrant-owned restaurants and businesses,

while also connecting community members to critical resources to meet pressing needs through the pandemic and beyond; and,

WHEREAS, Celebrate Argyle hopes to amplify the community's rich immigrant stories and those that shape, define, and impact Asia on Argyle; and,

WHEREAS, Celebrate Argyle is dedicated to inclusion and connection and unwavering authenticity; and,

WHEREAS, in honor of Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month, Celebrate Argyle has launched a month long programming schedule to high the beautiful AAPI community; and,

WHEREAS, since March 2020, AAPI communities have felt the adverse effects of anti-Asian violence and nearly 3,800 reports of anti-Asian harassment, violence and hate crimes have been logged; and,

WHEREAS, businesses have been the primary sites of discrimination, accounting for 35% of hate incidents reported; and,

WHEREAS, Celebrate Argyle launched on March 31, 2021 to elevate the vibrant community and leverage public and private partnerships to amplify AAPI voices, foster community collaboration and bridge cultural divides; and,

WHEREAS, the initiative is critical to the Asian American business community as it focuses on dispersing funds and providing critical services.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Cook County Board of Commissioners and residents of Cook County honor Celebrate Argyle's contribution to the Asian American Pacific Islander community.

[21-3256](#)

Sponsored by: BRIDGET GAINER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING EDGEWATER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH'S 125TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, Edgewater Presbyterian Church ("the Church") was founded on June 9, 1896, and originally served a large Scottish and Welsh immigrant community; and

WHEREAS, the Church serves a congregation, community and neighborhood with spiritual and physical resources; and,

WHEREAS, as a congregation, they live with the following core values: worship, diversity, dedication, shining light, and discipleship; and,

WHEREAS, a prominent architectural fixture in the Bryn Mawr Historic District, Edgewater Presbyterian Church calls what was originally built to be the church's "New Community House" its home; and,

WHEREAS, planned in 1936, the Church stands on the corner of Bryn Mawr and Kenmore Avenues and was built in the French Romaneque style with carving of biblical figures above the south door and family scenes above the west door by American sculptor Emil Zettler; and,

WHEREAS, J. MacMeans and his wife hosted a gathering of Edgewater residents at their 2975 Kenmore Avenue home on April 17, 1896. They concluded that Edgewater was in need of a church for its growing community; and,

WHEREAS, this month the Edgewater Presbyterian Church celebrates its 125th year anniversary.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Cook County Board of Commissioners and residents of Cook County honor Edgewater Presbyterian Church's 125th Year Anniversary.