



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, May 11, 2016, 11:00 AM

16-3164

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE 90th BIRTHDAY OF JACK ROSENBERG

WHEREAS, Jack Rosenberg was born on May 21, 1926 in Pekin, Illinois. The son of Sam Rosenberg, Jack had two siblings, Leonard and Rosella; and

WHEREAS, from the beginning Jack was a natural leader, he was elected Student Council President at the beginning of his senior year at Pekin High School in 1943. Jack knew from an early age that he wanted to be a newspaperman, as a student he worked at the *Pekin Daily Times*; he worked his way up to sports editor; and

WHEREAS, Jack went into the Navy in June 1944, the week of D-Day, and completed his service in May 1946. Following the Navy, Jack went to work at the Peoria Journal-Star, the largest downstate Illinois newspaper, where he won two NCAA awards as tops in the nation for college baseball reporting for papers over 100,000 circulation; and

WHEREAS, Jack moved to Chicago in 1954 to work for WGN, where he served as sports editor for more than 40 years and built a nationally renowned sports department; and

WHEREAS, Jack Rosenberg along with Arne Harris and Jack Brickhouse were the most innovative team for baseball coverage and covered more baseball games than any other broadcasting team; and

WHEREAS, Jack Rosenberg Arne Harris and Jack Brickhouse created the multi-camera and various replay effects to make television coverage better; and

WHEREAS, Jack snared an exclusive interview by Vince Lloyd with President Kennedy on the Lead-Off Man before the 1961 Sox-Senators season opener in Washington, DC, and a 1981 Brickhouse interview in the White House with President Reagan; and

WHEREAS, Jack retired in 1999 after 45 years with WGN television and radio. His work was regularly singled out for distinction. He was inducted in 2011 into the 'Silver Circle' by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, was inducted in 2012 into the Illinois Broadcasters Association, as a 'Broadcast Pioneer' and was inducted into the Chicagoland Sports Hall of Fame as a 'sports legend'; in 1983; and

WHEREAS, Jack married Mayora Gitlitz on February 5, 1956 and they had two children, David and Beth and six grandchildren, Abby, Carly, Jaclyn, Molly, Laura and Ethan; and

WHEREAS, Jack Rosenberg is a generous and supportive mentor to many in his field. His wisdom and guidance helped shape the next generation of journalists. Aspiring sportscasters, writers and producers frequently seek his advice and wisdom; and

WHEREAS, Jack Rosenberg is a tireless community leader and philanthropist. He was instrumental in organizing the Jack Quinlan Memorial Golf tournament that raised thousands for charity. Jack currently serves on the Faculty Board of Directors at Swedish Covenant Hospital in Chicago. He was honorary chairman of the Women’s Health Initiative Campaign, where Swedish Covenant Hospital’s Mayora Rosenberg Women’s Health Center was named in honor of his late wife. He is deeply cherished for his kind, limitless devotion to Swedish Covenant Hospital and the neighborhood it serves.

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 90th birthday, hard work and many accomplishments of Jack Rosenberg and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions he 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 Jack Rosenberg in honor of his 90th Birthday.

16-3177

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, County Commissioner, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING SANTA LUCIA CATHOLIC SCHOOL PRINCIPAL GERALDINE MARATEA

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Geraldine Maratea is retiring on June 30, 2016 as principal of Santa Lucia Catholic School at 3017 South Wells Street in Chicago, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Geraldine Maratea attended Santa Lucia Catholic School and received her diploma in 1963 as a member of one of its first graduating classes; and

WHEREAS, Geraldine Maratea returned to Bridgeport after graduating from the College of St. Francis in Joliet to assist in educating the children of her lifelong community; and

WHEREAS, Geraldine Maratea has served at Santa Lucia Catholic School for 13 years as a teacher and 32 years in the school’s administration; and

WHEREAS, Geraldine Maratea has bridged local communities to create a school that is diverse in its enrollment and social makeup; and

WHEREAS, Geraldine Maratea has expanded the services provided at Santa Lucia Catholic School to

help local children meet rising expectations; and

WHEREAS, Geraldine Maratea has helped Santa Lucia Catholic School maintain the highest academic standards while also fostering Catholic values and ideals; and

WHEREAS, Geraldine Maratea has created the Girls Take Action club to help young girls become involved in artistic, social and academic programs; and

WHEREAS, Geraldine Maratea has also been a dedicated parishioner at Santa Lucia Parish and an active member of her local community; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby extend its warmest wishes and congratulations to Geraldine Maratea on the occasion of her retirement, and join all who have had the pleasure of her friendship in wishing her still more years of good health and richly deserved happiness, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and an official copy of same be presented to Geraldine Maratea to commemorate this joyous occasion.

16-3183

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE BIRTH OF JACKSON REMI MILLER ON MAY 6, 2016

WHEREAS, Cook County Commissioner Larry Suffredin's Chief of Staff, Brian Miller, his wife Anna Miller joyously welcomed a new son into the Miller family. Jackson Remi Miller was born on Friday May 6, 2016. Mother, father and baby are all doing very well. Older brother Carter Miller appears to be warming to the idea of being a big brother.

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 birth of Jackson Remi Miller, and herewith expresses its good wishes for the Miller family; 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 Brian and Anna Miller in honor of the birth of their new son, Jackson Remi Miller.

16-3189

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING THE EXCEPTIONAL LIFE AND MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF EMORY WARDELL WILLIAMS

WHEREAS, Emory Williams, community leader, teacher, and father figure to countless students died at the age of 91 leaving behind a devoted family, thousands of students, friends and a community profoundly enriched for having known him; and

WHEREAS, Emory Williams will long be remembered for being an exemplary and dedicated educator. He enjoyed a long and distinguished career, thousands of young people were the beneficiaries of his generous heart and learned from his dignified example. He took great care to understand his students; he respected them and their abilities and in return earned respect and admiration from them; and

WHEREAS, Emory Williams was born and educated in St. Louis, Missouri. He attended Fisk University before entering the United States Army and serving his country with distinction during World War II. After returning to civilian life he earned his bachelor's degree from North Carolina Central State University and his master's degree in Counseling Psychology from Temple University; and

WHEREAS, Emory Williams served an educator and counselor in the Philadelphia Public School System, was a psychology instructor at Tennessee State University and an educator in the Chicago Public School System before joining Evanston Township High School where he was the Supervisor of Vocational Services and Director of the Cooperative Education Department. He became a fixture in the school and a leader in the community. He was a venerated and treasured teacher there for over twenty-seven years. As head of the Occupational Education division he understood that college was not for every student, but recognized the importance of quality vocational learning and careers in the trades. He retired from ETHS in 1994; and

WHEREAS, Emory Williams was exceptional at assessing and encouraging people's strengths, and truly believed in the importance of an education; and served on the Oakton Community College board. He was on the board from 2003 to 2009, during which time he served as board chairman, vice chairman and secretary. From 2011 to 2015, he sponsored the Kenny Jackson Williams Memorial Scholarship to support a minority student attending Oakton full or part time. "Emory was a strong advocate for community colleges. He was deeply connected to the Evanston community and was instrumental in moving the college forward in our efforts to be a welcoming and diverse community, particularly for students and employees of color," said Oakton President Joianne L. Smith; and

WHEREAS, Emory Williams was described by many as the consummate gentleman. He possessed impeccable manners, an unmatched sartorial flair and a charming and charismatic personality. He had a quiet demeanor, but a sparking sense of humor underneath. He was a man of few words, but the words he chose were powerful and impactful; and

WHEREAS, Emory Williams represented the best qualities of citizenship and humanity through his work with countless civic and community activities in Evanston. He served on the boards of the Youth Organization Umbrella, the New Trier Federal Credit Union, Earn and Learn, Meals at Home, Citizen's Lighthouse Community Land Trust and was a trustee of the Second Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Emory Williams' spirit remains alive in the community both in the great works he accomplished as well as the great works he inspired as a mentor. One example is the Evanston Youth Job Center, an organization that he helped inspire through his close friendship with his former employee and mentee Ann Jennett, its founder and longtime Executive Director. The Youth Job Center has been a leading provider of employment-related services for disadvantaged and at-risk youth in Evanston and Chicago, serving more than 20,000 young people during their 30-year history. Many former students credit him as their inspiration and have described his vocational programs as a lifeline; and

WHEREAS, Emory Williams' exceptional abilities singled him out for distinction and the community recognized him with numerous honors. In addition to others, he was honored by the Illinois State Board of Education, the Chessman Club of the North Shore, Real M.M.E.N. (Men Meeting Evanston's Needs) the Evanston-North Shore Branch of the NAACP. In 2012 he was presented with the Annual Work Ethic Award by the Forrest E. Powell Foundation in honor of his commitment to helping so many young people learn the value of work and for the exemplary example he gave throughout his long life; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life Emory Williams appreciated and nurtured his close family ties. He was the proud son of the late David Williams and Scottie Hall Williams. Throughout his life he remained very close to his six siblings, Herman, Althea, Evelyn, David, Larry and Maurice. He was exceptionally proud of his remarkably accomplished daughter, Dr. Andrea Williams Lawrence and each of his grandchildren Dr. Deirdre Lawrence Kittner, Allegra Lawrence-Hardy, and Valerie Lawrence, and his great-grandchildren Alexandra Lawrence, Avery Lawrence and Madeline Hardy; and

WHEREAS, Emory Williams will be dearly missed by his family, countless students, friends, neighbors and co-workers. His loss will be felt acutely by his longtime companion Gerri Sizemore. Along with so many other relatives and friends, the community mourns the loss of Emory Williams; and.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board on behalf of the nearly the 5.2 million residents of Cook County commemorates the exceptional life of Emory Williams, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions he has made to the Citizens of Cook County, Illinois; and does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and many friends of Emory Williams and joins them in sorrow at the loss of this remarkable and accomplished community leader; 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 Emory Williams, that his memory may be so honored.

16-3190

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN HONOR OF STEPHEN J. CINA M.D, CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2016, Dr. Stephen J. Cina will complete his service as Chief Medical Examiner for Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Cina has more than 20 years of forensic autopsy experience, conducted close to 4,000 autopsies, testified in court and been deposed over 200 times, authored more than 100 scientific publications and book chapters; and

WHEREAS, prior to coming to Cook County in 2012, Dr. Cina served as the Associate Medical Director of the University of Miami Tissue Bank as well as the Deputy Chief Medical Examiner of Broward County (Fort Lauderdale), Florida; and

WHEREAS, from 2001 to 2006, Dr. Cina was a Forensic Pathology Consultant for Northern Colorado and 80% of Wyoming (approximately 90,000 square miles), where he also served as a Coroner/Medical Examiner; and

WHEREAS, prior to moving to Colorado, Dr. Cina served as a Regional Medical Examiner in the United States Air Force, covering suspicious deaths and aircraft fatalities from Ecuador to Alaska to Curacao to Korea; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his subspecialty training as a forensic pathologist, Dr. Cina completed a fellowship in Surgical Pathology at the Johns Hopkins Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Cina was recently elected to his fifth term on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Medical Examiners, has served as Chair of the Forensic Pathology Committee of the College of American Pathologists, and has been the President of the Florida Association of Medical Examiners; and

WHEREAS, under Dr. Cina's leadership, the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office obtained full accreditation by the National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME) in 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Board of Commissioners of Cook County do hereby extend their thanks to Dr. Stephen J. Cina for the contributions and leadership he provided as Chief Medical Examiner for Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President and the Board of Commissioners of Cook County wish Dr. Stephen J. Cina well in all his future endeavors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to Dr. Stephen J. Cina as a small token of appreciation for his service to Cook County.