



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, November 18, 2015, 11:00 AM

15-6591

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

KATHRYN CORBETT, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called (nee Byrnes) from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Kathryn Corbett was the loving mother of Sean and Quin (Marcella) Corbett; and

WHEREAS, Kathryn Corbett was the cherished grandmother of Brayden Corbett; and

WHEREAS, Kathryn Corbett was the dear sister of the late Jack (Mary) Brynes; and

WHEREAS, Kathryn Corbett was the loving aunt of many nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Kathryn Corbett touched the lives of many and will be remembered by all who knew her; and

WHEREAS, all who knew her will attest that Kathryn Corbett was a kind and compassionate woman, virtuous of character and gentle in spirit, admired and respected by her many friends and neighbors, and dearly loved by her family; and

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 Kathryn Corbett, 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 the same be tendered to the family of Kathryn Corbett so that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

15-6594

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

JOHN COOGAN, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called John Coogan from our midst; and

WHEREAS, John Coogan was the beloved husband of the late Joan Coogan (nee Cyphers; and

WHEREAS, John Coogan was the dear father of John (Cheryl), Dr. Michael (Sharon), Mary, James (Anne), Dennis (the late Stacey), Joan and Thomas (Beth) Coogan; and

WHEREAS, John Coogan was the cherished grandfather of fifteen and great-grandfather of two; and

WHEREAS, John Coogan was the loving brother of William Quinn (the late Margaret) Coogan, James Leo Coogan, FSC and Gertrude (the late Howard) Johnson; and

WHEREAS, John Coogan served his country and was a World War II U.S. Navy veteran; and

WHEREAS, John Coogan touched the lives of many and will be remembered by all who knew him; and

WHEREAS, all who knew him will attest that John Coogan 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; and

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 of John Coogan, 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 the same be tendered to the family of John Coogan so that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

15-6599

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioner, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, 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 and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN MEMORY OF THE HONORABLE JUDGE RICHARD L. CURRY, FORMER PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE COOK COUNTY CHANCERY DIVISION

WHEREAS, Judge Richard Curry, retired presiding judge of the Chancery Division, a man whose life was devoted to public service and family, died at the age of 86 leaving friends, family and a community enriched for having known him; and

WHEREAS, Judge Curry played a major role in restoring integrity to the Cook County judiciary. He was selected to be presiding judge of the Chancery Division during one of the worst corruption investigations in modern times. Judge Curry was a well-respected judge who immeasurably improved the division, in addition to implementing many other innovative systems he pioneered the practice of publishing written opinions at the trial level ; and

WHEREAS, Judge Curry’s many accomplishments were routinely singled out for distinction. He was honored with an award by the Constitutional Rights Foundation of Chicago, a civic engagement organization that provides elementary and secondary students with hands-on learning about the Constitution. The Chicago Bar Association gave him its highest recommendation as “highly qualified.” It described him as “arguably the most respected and highly regarded jurist in Cook County and perhaps one of the best sitting judges in the country.” His excellent work and reputation placed him the candidate pool for a federal judicial position; and

WHEREAS, Richard Curry was a veteran of the Korean War veteran. He graduated from DePaul University College of Law and began working as a staff attorney in the city of Chicago’s Law Department, where he was later named The Corporation Counsel to Mayor Richard J. Daley. He had the honor to argue on behalf of the City of Chicago twice before the United States Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, Judge Curry was first elected to a circuit judge position in 1974 and served in several divisions before ultimately settling into the Chancery Division; and

WHEREAS, Judge Richard Curry will long be remembered for his impassioned 64-page opinion that sided against the playing of night baseball games in Wrigley Field. His legendary opinion bursting with wit and couched in baseball terms, singled out the Chicago Cubs` owners specifically and major league baseball generally for being greedy in attempting to increase baseball revenue generated by night baseball to the detriment of the surrounding Lake View community; and

WHEREAS, after retirement Judge Curry generously donated his wisdom and skill to numerous

non-profits. He served on the board of directors for the Helen Brach Foundation and the Marvin and Kay Lichtman Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Judge Curry will be sorely missed by his wife, Dorothy; his two sons Richard Jr. and Michael; daughter Diane; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews; 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 who he served dutifully, commemorates the extraordinary life of the Honorable Judge Richard L. Curry, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable and innumerable 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 the family of the Honorable Judge Richard L. Curry.

15-6600

Sponsored by: PETER N. SILVESTRI, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF FRANK AND SHERRY AVILA

WHEREAS, Chicago-born Frank Avila met Peoria-born Sherry Hooste at Esther Hall, a Methodist Girl's Club, in Chicago, 1961; and

WHEREAS, Frank received his Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering, January, 1961, and Sherry received her Bachelor's Degree in Education, January, 1966, from the University of Illinois, Champaign; and

WHEREAS, Frank and Sherry Avila married November 27, 1965 at Broadway United Methodist Church, Chicago; and

WHEREAS, except for two years (1966-1968) when Frank and Sherry lived in Tucson, Arizona where Frank completed his Master's Degree in Finance at the University of Arizona, 1968; Frank and Sherry lived in Chicago 48 of the 50 years of their marriage; and

WHEREAS, Frank and Sherry have been blessed with three wonderful children, sons Frank (Rachel) and Quinn (Jackie), and daughter Audrey, and two wonderful grandchildren, Clarence and Thalia; and

WHEREAS, Frank owned and operated AVILA & ASSOCIATES, INC., a Consulting Engineering Company, for about 27 years; and

WHEREAS, Frank was elected to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) and serves as Chairman of Finance on the Board of Commissioners of the MWRD, and he has received numerous awards; and

WHEREAS, Frank and Sherry travelled together all over the world including China, Russia, Ireland, Italy, Greece, Spain, Gibraltar, Costa Rica, Turkey, Canary Islands, Canada, Mexico, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, and all over the USA to about 35 of the 50 states including Hawaii and Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Frank and Sherry celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary with a trip to Belgium and the Netherlands; and

WHEREAS, Frank and Sherry shared the trials and triumphs of five decades together with commitment, perseverance, and unyielding strength; and

WHEREAS, Frank and Sherry attribute the success of their marriage to sharing an intense love of family, religion, laughter, education, health, the world, travel, and the fine arts; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners extends its heartfelt congratulations to Frank and Sherry Avila on the joyous occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary on November 27, 2015, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be prepared and presented to Frank and Sherry Avila.

15-6605

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioner, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, 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 and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN MEMORY OF THE HONORABLE JUSTICE THOMAS FITZGERALD, FORMER CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT

WHEREAS, Thomas Fitzgerald, former Chief Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court, a man who spent his life deeply devoted to faith , family and public service died at the age of 74, leaving behind family, friends and a community profoundly enriched for having known him; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Fitzgerald will long be remembered for his exceptional leadership and wisdom during crisis. His equanimity and strength helped guide the judiciary through some of its darkest days and restored integrity to a system that had been devastated by a massive FBI investigation into judicial corruption that resulted in fifteen judges being convicted. Under his leadership the traffic court was entirely restructured and improved. Through his personal integrity and the redesign he was able to restore the reputation of the division as well as the entire Circuit Court; and

WHEREAS, As chief Justice, Thomas Fitzgerald presided over the only impeachment trial for a governor in Illinois state history and did so in a dignified and conscientious manner, once again stepping in to confront crisis and assist in the restoration of public confidence after one of Illinois' worst scandals; and

WHEREAS Fitzgerald was a proud Chicago South-sider. His father was a Cook County Circuit Court judge. Fitzgerald graduated from Leo Catholic High School and attended Loyola University in Chicago before enlisting in the Navy. After his discharge from the service, he enrolled in John Marshall Law School, where he founded the school's law review and later served as its editor; and

WHEREAS, after serving as a top prosecutor for the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, he was elected to the Circuit Court in 1976, becoming the youngest elected circuit judge in Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Judge Fitzgerald later was assigned to the Criminal Division as presiding judge in the late 80's where he put to work his exceptional skills as both a visionary and a pragmatist. He initiated the evening narcotics court, a pioneering courtroom designed to address the unique problems of the addicted that assisted them in obtaining treatment; the program had the added benefit of substantially reducing recidivism. Participants in narcotics court benefited from the focus on addiction and away from incarceration which helped avoid the disruption incarceration has on work and family obligations and at the same time reduced jail overcrowding; and

WHEREAS, another initiative credited to Judge Fitzgerald was the introduction of the practice of informing prosecutors that cases would be dismissed for want of prosecution if no attorney or police witness was present; and

WHEREAS, Judge Fitzgerald was a long-time and outspoken advocate for death penalty reform. He was appointed chairman of the newly formed Special Supreme Court Committee on Capital Cases in April 1999 before his election to the state Supreme Court in 2000; and

WHEREAS in addition to being a much admired judge, Justice Fitzgerald was a much treasured professor of law and leading member of the bar. He taught at The John Marshall Law School and Chicago-Kent College of Law. He tirelessly served as president of the Illinois Judges Association, was a member of the Governor's Task Force on Crime and Corrections. He chaired several committees of the Illinois Judicial Conference and a member of the Chicago Bar Association's Board of Managers; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Fitzgerald enjoyed a lengthy and stellar legal career. He had the unique ability to work without rancor and as a result was genuinely admired and respected by those on both sides of the courtroom and the political aisle. In his race for the Illinois Supreme Court he counted as supporters and friends both defense attorneys and prosecutors, alike. He had loyal supporters of all political perspectives as well as civic organizations and bar associations. All shared one view, that Thomas Fitzgerald was the best candidate for the job; Former Governor Jim Thompson served as the chairman of Fitzgerald's Illinois Supreme Court campaign and described him as "a breed apart"; and

WHEREAS, Justice Fitzgerald brought with him to the Illinois Supreme Court his exceptional ability to unite people. He was unanimously elected by his colleagues to be Chief Justice; and

WHEREAS, current Chief Illinois Supreme Court Justice Rita B. Garman was a colleague and friend to Thomas Fitzgerald for nearly 30 years: "Over the many years, he never changed. He was a warm and caring person, and even when on the bench, his demeanor revealed his genuine concern about the people who appeared before him;" and

WHEREAS, Justice Thomas Fitzgerald will be sorely missed by his wife of 48 years, Gayle; his son, Thomas A.; four daughters, Maura O'Daniel, Kathryn Chang, Jean Fendick and Ann Butler; and eight grandchildren.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County who he served dutifully, commemorates the life of the Honorable Justice Thomas Fitzgerald, 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 the family of the Honorable Justice Thomas Fitzgerald.

15-6629

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, 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 Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE VICTIMS OF THE ATTACK ON PARIS, FRANCE

WHEREAS, on November 13, 2015, horrific coordinated attacks were executed in Paris, France; and

WHEREAS, people world-wide mourn the one-hundred and thirty two (132) lives that were lost that day; and

WHEREAS, the attacks occurred at six locations throughout the city: Stade de France, La Belle Équipe, Le Petit Cambodge, the Bataclan, Boulevard Voltaire, and Rue de la Fontaine au Roi; and

WHEREAS, we offer condolences to the families and loved ones of those killed in these heinous attacks; and

WHEREAS, we must remain resilient with the City of Light, and it is that light of tolerance that will drive out the darkness caused by hatred and violence; and

WHEREAS, we support efforts from lawmakers and community towards healing from these terrible attacks; and

WHEREAS, we have come together as a community to stand behind France and all victims of violence, we offer prayers and support.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the Cook County residents, do hereby honor the people who lost their lives on November 13, 2015, in Paris, France, and their loved ones.