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Consent Agenda

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, Black History Month provides an opportunity for the residents of Cook County to reflect and recognize the rich culture, history, and contributions of African Americans; and

WHEREAS, when Carter G. Woodson established Negro History week in 1926, he realized the importance of providing a theme to focus the attention on the important developments that have been made to highlight the achievements and raising the awareness of African Americans; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 Black History theme is “Black Resistance.” This theme explores how African Americans have resisted historic and ongoing oppression since the earliest days of our nation. This year's theme was chosen, in part, because of the current politically charged environment around race.

WHEREAS, “African Americans have resisted historic and ongoing oppression, in all forms.” “These efforts have been to advocate for a dignified self-determined life in a just democratic society in the United States and beyond the United States political jurisdiction.” said Association for the Study of African American Life and History. “It's an effort to reframe the conversation about Black history around a theme of empowerment” said LaGarrett King, an associate professor of social studies education at the University at Buffalo.

WHEREAS, “There is no American history without African American history for it is embedded in everything we think of as American history,” said Sara Clarke Kaplan, executive director of Antiracist Research & Policy Center; and

WHEREAS, we must always reflect on the various contributions and accomplishments made by African Americans to build and grown Cook County, and the United States of America; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby honor Black History Month.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION**REMEMBERING AND HONORING THE LIFE OF LAURENCE MSALL**

WHEREAS, Laurence Msall was born in Chicago in 1962, to Emile and Lucile the eighth of ten children. Laurence attended St. Ignatius High School and Knox College. After graduation he moved to Springfield where he worked in the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs under Gov. Jim Thompson; and

WHEREAS, in 1990 Laurence joined the staff of the Commercial Club of Chicago as vice president, promoting regional economic development strategies and special projects including the Chicago Bears stadium and reorganization of the United Way of Chicago. Laurence earned his Juris Doctorate in 1992 at Loyola University School of Law, Evening Division; and

WHEREAS, Laurence returned to government in 1999, when then-Governor George H. Ryan appointed him Senior Advisor for Economic Development. In this position Laurence was responsible for the oversight of eleven of the state's economic development and infrastructure-related agencies; and

WHEREAS, Laurence became president of the Civic Federation, Illinois' century-old and leading voice for fiscal responsibility and government accountability, in January of 2002. During his twenty years as president, Laurence worked tirelessly to make the Civic Federation an indispensable source of reliable fiscal information and government process recommendations for Cook County and other public government bodies, the media, and the general public. Laurence was a strong mentor to a generation of Civic Federation staff, who have gone on to successful careers in government, philanthropy, and the private sector; and

WHEREAS, Msall is a member of the Board of He also serves on the Advisory Directors of the Woods Fund of Chicago, the Chicago Civic Consulting Alliance, the Cook County Health Nominating Committee, and the Kennedy Forum of Illinois. Board of the University of Illinois Institute of Government and Public Affairs and NPR Illinois Issues. He is an active volunteer with PADS Homeless Shelter and L'arche Chicago and is a member of the Board of Trustees of Knox College; and

WHEREAS, Laurence was a thoughtful and warm partner, avid advocate for fiscal responsibility and respected participant in the development of Cook County's budgets over the years. His analysis and recommendations for the budget were admired and appreciated. The questions and suggestions put forward by Laurence and the Civic Federation helped guide our work and Cook County's budgets were

better for it. Lawrence offered important and different perspectives on our budgets, and we are eternally grateful for the time spent with him. The annual budget briefings will surely not be the same without him; and

WHEREAS, Laurence Msall was the gold standard on fiscal responsibility and reforms. Laurence was respected on both sides of the aisle and truly loved this county, and this state. Cook County and Illinois are better because of him. He influenced so many leaders and policymakers. His work will be felt for generations to come. He was loved by so many; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his work in the public sector Laurence was passionate about his family, and loved and cared for his eight children, Lucy, Camille, Matilda, Alex, Samantha, Thomas, Tess and Oscar and wife Nicola Hill; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the President and its members do hereby extend their gratitude for the courageous and fortified life of Laurence Msall as they offer their deepest condolences to his friends, family, and communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Laurence Msall as an honorable expression of appreciation for his life and work.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING SISTER MARY THERESE HARRINGTON ON HER RETIREMENT

WHEREAS on Sunday, February 5, 2023, Sister Mary Therese Harrington will retire after 60 years of service to the developmentally disabled, most recently at the SPRED Chapel Special Religious Development at the Archdiocese of Chicago in Chicago's Bridgeport neighborhood, and

WHEREAS Sister Mary Therese Harrington was instrumental in helping start the services for the developmentally disabled in the Archdiocese of Chicago, and

WHEREAS Sister Mary Therese Harrington studied a method in France that would later be adopted by St. John in 1964 and established as an agency of the Archdiocese of Chicago in 1966, and

WHEREAS the Archdiocese of Chicago has credited Sister Mary Therese Harrington with changing the program to move away from clustering people with disabilities in one or two locations and instead establishing parish-based classrooms, and

WHEREAS in 2022, the program was serving nearly 700 people with special needs in 114 parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago, and

WHEREAS, throughout her 60 years of service, Sister Mary Therese Harrington's work has been premised on SPRED's mission statement that "the Church, the Sacraments and the Love of God are here for all of us. Every man, woman and child has a right to come into the Church and live its liturgy, experience its rich history and traditions, and feel the presence of God in their lives. It is our obligation as Christians to help as we can to make that right a reality for those with physical, mental, emotional and intellectual challenges," now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby extend its thanks to Sister Mary Therese Harrington for this special recognition, and extends its gratitude on behalf of Cook County for her outstanding service, 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 Sister Mary Therese Harrington, to commemorate the occasion of her retirement.

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Sponsored by: KEVIN B. MORRISON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

ELK GROVE VILLAGE TRUSTEE NANCY CZARNIK, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, former Elk Grove Village Trustee Nancy Czarnik was a cherished wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, aunt, niece, colleague, and friend; and

WHEREAS, Nancy was the beloved wife to the late Frank Czarnik; and

WHEREAS, Nancy was a proud mother to Carl (Patricia) Czarnik and Frank (Andrea) Czarnik; and

WHEREAS, Nancy was a cherished grandmother (Busia) to Kyle and Alaina; and

WHEREAS, she was a daughter to the late Felicia and Walter Spejcher in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Nancy was a friend to all she met; and

WHEREAS, she was born on October 25, 1941, but sadly left us on January 29, 2023; and

WHEREAS, she worked as a Real Estate Trust Officer; and

WHEREAS, Trustee Czarnik was appointed to the Village Board in 1989, and faithfully served in that role until her retirement in 2021; and

WHEREAS, Nancy was involved for over 32 years in Elk Grove Village, including as a member of the Plan Commission; and

WHEREAS, she was instrumental in creating the Hometown Parade to showcase the Village's community organizations and groups and was the Village Trustee representative for the Parade Committee since it began in 1997, and served as the Parade Committee Chairperson through the parade's 23rd anniversary in 2023; and

WHEREAS, Nancy was so beloved among family and friends that her legacy should be memorialized and remembered; 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 Nancy Czarnik and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners sends their sincerest thanks to former Elk Grove Village Trustee Nancy Czarnik and her family for her dedication to the people of Elk Grove Village; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and suitable copies be tendered to the family of former Elk Grove Village Trustee Nancy Czarnik that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

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Sponsored by: DENNIS DEER and BRANDON JOHNSON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING ANDREW TOLBERT FOR WINNING THE 7TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS APP CHALLENGE

WHEREAS, On January 28, 2023, U. S. Congressman Danny K. Davis, 7th Congressional District of Illinois, recognized and awarded Andrew Tolbert, 1st place as the 7th Congressional District of Illinois App Challenger winner; and

WHEREAS, Andrew's family received an official email communication from Congressman Davis office in December of 2022; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Tolbert originally resided in the North Lawndale community and now is a resident of Oak Park, IL; and

WHEREAS, Andrew is a freshman student at Providence St. Mel in the West Garfield Park community; and,

WHEREAS, Andrew spent two summers in a row teaching himself how to code; and

WHEREAS, Andrew's winning app is a virtually reality multi-player application allowing multiple players to virtually play volleyball in the comfort of their homes; and

WHEREAS, Andrew's winning app will be entered into the National Congressional app challenge and hopes his app will provide under resourced communities who have historically had limited access to green spaces and safe spaces to have physical activities and gaming opportunities virtually.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the President and the members of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County do hereby congratulate Andrew Tolbert on his accomplishment as 1st place winner of the 7th Congressional District of Illinois App Challenge and wishes him much success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a suitable copy of this text is spread upon the official proceedings of this honorable Body and a suitable copy be presented to Andrew Tolbert to honor this auspicious occasion.

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Sponsored by: SEAN M. MORRISON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING ORLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT'S LIEUTENANT MARK DUKE'S 26 YEARS OF SERVICE

WHEREAS; As EMS Administrator, Orland Fire Protection District's Lieutenant Mark Duke set an example for many and never lost sight of the goal to improve the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, Through service, compassion, and dedication, Lieutenant Mark Duke represents the very best qualities of a leader; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Mark Duke's expertise, endurance, and hard work have been a lifeline for our community; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Mark Duke's service as an instructor for Cook County Commissioner Sean Morrison's Evzio Opioid Overdose Prevention Program provided life-saving training to dozens of police departments across Cook County; and

WHEREAS, As a result of this life-saving training provided by Lieutenant Mark Duke, more than 300

lives have been saved from opioid overdose by police officers across Cook County through the Evzio Opioid Overdose Prevention Program; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Mark Duke worked tirelessly during the COVID-19 pandemic, including involvement with regional fire departments, local hospitals, and nursing homes as they developed their own pandemic policies and procedures; and

WHEREAS, Upon the occasion of Lieutenant Mark Duke's retirement from the Orland Fire Protection District, Cook County Commissioner Sean M. Morrison joins the many residents who appreciate his service and wish him well in all his future endeavors,

THEREFORE, be it Resolved that on this 9th Day of February, 2023 Cook County Commissioner Sean M. Morrison, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, extends sincerest congratulations and gratitude to EMS Administrator Lieutenant Mark Duke for 26 years of dedicated service to the Orland Fire Protection District and the citizens they are sworn to protect.

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 retired Lieutenant Mark Duke.

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Sponsored by: DENNIS DEER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING MILTON JOHNSON AS A COMMUNITY LEADER, MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL, VETERAN, AND ENTREPRENEUR.

WHEREAS, Milton Johnson is a graduate of Midwest School of Broadcasting receiving his degree in Broadcast Journalism; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from high school, he enlisted in the United States Air Force where he became a Police Officer. While stationed at Whitman Air Force base his interest in mental health began to grow; and

WHEREAS, He later became a Police Officer for the Veterans Administration. Once again seeing the mental health effects of war on those returning from Vietnam. He eventually became an on-air personality and Executive Producer for WVON talk radio, and this is where his community concerns which included mental health, and how the disparities connected to the mental health of the communities were discussed. He had the opportunity to talk with some of the community's greatest minds daily, including Dr. Bobby E. Wright and Dr. Carl Bell who were very much involved with bringing attention to the poor mental health of the African American communities; and

WHEREAS, growing up in the community and witnessing the commitment and cultural approach and competence of Bobby E. Wright CBHC (BEW) to the African American Community. He applied for a case management position, becoming a mental health professional. He was promoted under the new administration to Assistant to the President and CEO for Community Relations and Later Director of Community Relations.

WHEREAS, in this time he has worked closely with the CEO/President of BEW to assist with being a part of the development of the Westside Community Triage and Wellness Center located 4133 W. Madison St. Chicago, IL 60624 opened 24 hours a day which has been an innovative and integral part of the community providing screening/assessments, crisis intervention, intensive case management services, psychotropic medications, referrals, Mobile Crisis and Crisis Line. He also was a part of helping expand the BEW agency locations with two of their new locations. That reaches more clients around the community; and

WHEREAS, He is an entrepreneur in the North Lawndale Community having been a partner in the creation with Willie J. Barney of Barney Records and including New Life Health food store at Roosevelt and Kedzie, which is still operating; and

WHEREAS, Milton Johnson has served as Executive Director of Greater Westside Development Corporation and the legendary O'Quinn Royal Gladiators Drum and Bugle Corp, served on the Board of Directors for Homan Square Park District Community Center and is the recipient of numerous community awards, nominations, and recognition.

WHEREAS, Milton Johnson has dedicated his life as an advocate for mental health in the areas of education and substance abuse.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the members of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County does hereby recognized Milton Johnson for being a Community Leader. Mental Health Professional, Veteran and Entrepreneur in the County of Cook and wish him much success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a suitable copy of this text is spread upon the official proceedings of this honorable body and a suitable copy be presented to Mr. Milton Johnson for this auspicious occasion.

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Sponsored by: DENNIS DEER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING JOSE M. WILSON AS A WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST, MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY LEADER

WHEREAS, José M. Wilson was raised in Atlanta, GA, a 25-year resident of Cook County, and a homeowner in the Greater Grand Crossing Community, and has received his Master's in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from Walden University; and

WHEREAS, Jose is happily married to Stephanie Forbes-Wilson, 33 years, and they have been blessed with five children, ages 30 to 16; and

WHEREAS, Jose is an 18-year employee and Director of Facilitation and Organizational Learning for the North Lawndale Employment Network. As the director, he is responsible for facilitating, training facilitators, and ensuring curriculum fidelity and sustainability of NLEN's flagship reentry program, U-Turn Permitted, ensuring that the organization is acquiring the knowledge and competencies required to achieve the organization's mission; and

WHEREAS, As NLEN's representative, Jose served as a founding Committee Member of the North Lawndale Restorative Justice Community Hub, and continues to serve on the Executive Committee; and is a Founding Steering Committee Member of the Country's first 100% Restorative Justice Community Court in North Lawndale. Finally, Jose served as NLEN's lead staff in developing the READI Chicago Transitional Job arm in North Lawndale; and

WHEREAS, He is a chapter co-author in the book Cultural Awareness and Competency Development in Higher Education, titled, Multicultural Counseling Competencies: Why Is It Difficult to Apply What We Know...?, he has received numerous Community Service awards from Wichita, KS, Atlanta, GA, and Chicago, IL. Jose has been a guest lecturer at several universities, including the Adler School of Professional Psychology - Doctoral Program; and

WHEREAS, Jose's mission is to work with his justice-involved brothers and sisters and inspire individuals and organizations to improve and adopt healthy lifestyle behaviors, including exercise. He has completed many cycling challenges, none more significant than in May 2022, Jose completed the London to Paris 24 Sportive Challenge (L2P24), Where he, his younger brother, with 120 other cyclists from around the world rode their bikes from London, England, to Paris, France; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the members of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County does hereby recognized Jose M. Wilson for being a Workforce Development Specialist, Mental Health Professional and Community Leader in the County of Cook and

wish him much success in all of his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a suitable copy of this text is spread upon the official proceedings of this honorable body and a suitable copy be presented to Mr. Jose M. Wilson for this auspicious occasion.

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Sponsored by: JOSINA MORITA, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING MORRIS “DINO” ROBINSON FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO PRESERVING BLACK HISTORY OF THE NORTH SHORE

WHEREAS, Morris “Dino” Robinson spent over 25 years tirelessly documenting and preserving the history of African Americans in the North Shore region; and

WHEREAS, Dino Robinson holds a BA degree in Communication Design and a minor in African American Studies from Loyola University; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, he operated Robinson Design, was an instructor at Apple and was an Art Director within various advertising firms in Chicago, IL; and

WHEREAS, Dino Robinson currently serves as the Production Manager at Northwestern University Press; and

WHEREAS, his independent research led to the establishment of Shorefront, an organization he pioneered in 1995 that documents the African American experience on the North Shore; and

WHEREAS, with Shorefront Legacy Center, he has written three books, produces the Shorefront Journal, hosted lectures, assembled several traveling exhibits, and has built its archives from a few news clippings to over 275 linear feet of photographs, documents and ephemera for public use; and

WHEREAS, Dino Robinson works directly with Black residents of North Shore communities to collect and preserve family history to be included at the Shorefront Legacy Center; and

WHEREAS, Dino Robinson’s research has led to Shorefront Legacy Center serving as one of the main research engines that has powered the passing of country’s first reparations bill enacted in Evanston, IL towards the repair of harm to the Black Community; and

WHEREAS, Dino Robinson is an active member of the Evanston community and broader professional community as a past Board President of the Evanston History Center, Evanston Neighborhood Conference, Co-founder of the Organization of Black Designers, Chicago Chapter (now Osmosis) and a board member of the Black Metropolis Research Consortium; and

WHEREAS, Dino has appeared on WTTW Chicago Tonight, Channel 7 and 5 evening news, various local Cable Access TV, WBEZ, WNUA and WNUR radio, Chicago Tribune Magazine, The Chicago Reader and various local North Shore publications.

WHEREAS, he has been the recipient of several awards, including the “Award for Excellence” from the Illinois Association of Museums and the “Diversity Award” from the Society of American Archivists; and

WHEREAS, his community recognized him with the key to the City of Evanston, named a part of Church St. for his work preserving the North Shore’s Black history, and named November 28th Morris “Dino” Robinson Day in Evanston, Illinois; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County hereby honors Morris “Dino” Robinson during Black History Month for his decades of tireless work in documenting and preserving Black history of the North Shore; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be provided to Morris “Dino” Robinson.

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Sponsored by: JOSINA MORITA, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING GERALD C. TURRY’S DECADES OF SERVICE

WHEREAS, Gerald C. Turry is a distinguished resident of Cook County, Illinois and has dedicated himself to a honorable civic service career in public service to the Village of Lincolnwood, first as a Trustee from 1995-2005, then as Village President until 2017; and

WHEREAS, Gerald C. Turry, provided model leadership to the Village of Lincolnwood and contributed to the vitality of the Village toward a better quality of life for its citizens, and during his tenure as Village President was instrumental in making significant improvements to the Village such as securing grants to install two multi-use recreational trails and a pedestrian overpass bridge, replacement of Village infrastructure including Village parks, water mains and street lights, upgrading the traffic signal at Pratt and Central Avenues, implementing a pilot stormwater management project, streetscape improvements at Touhy and Crawford Avenues, securing a grant for future streetscape improvements on Devon Avenue, reconstruction of Crawford Avenue, developing the Northeast Parkway connector roadway, and creating two Tax Increment Financing Districts; and

WHEREAS, Gerald C. Turry, led the Village of Lincolnwood to the successful completion of several

economic development improvements including, The Carrington at Lincolnwood, new Hyundai and Kia auto dealerships, and new retail establishments including Libanais Sweets, CVS, Binny's Beverage Depot, and Illinois Bone and Joint; and

WHEREAS, Gerald C. Turry's administration worked diligently to bring new improvements and the financial tools necessary to run Village of Lincolnwood offices, including the prestigious GFOA Budget and CAFR Awards for ten straight years; and

WHEREAS, Gerald C. Turry, was a driving force behind the implementation of several key ordinances and policies which will help the Village of Lincolnwood continue to thrive, including an update to the Village's Comprehensive Plan, conducted biennial strategic planning sessions with the Village Board, established a retail overlay district for Touhy Avenue, amended the Village Code to allow restaurant drive-thrus in certain retail areas, bulk regulations for stormwater management and alternate side parking for snow removal; and

WHEREAS, Gerald C. Turry demonstrated leadership which allowed open access to government and inclusion of residents in the decision making process by his work with the Village of Lincolnwood committees and commissions, appointing new faces who brought new ideas forward; 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, does hereby honor Gerald C. Turry for his decades of public service through which he has made invaluable contributions 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 Gerald C. Turry.

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Sponsored by: JOSINA MORITA, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING OFFICER KYLE BENOIT FOR HIS YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

WHEREAS, Officer Kyle Benoit of the Evanston Police Department retired on February 3, 2023 after committing himself to public service and his community; and

WHEREAS, Officer Benoit served the Evanston Police Department honorably for 22 years; and

WHEREAS, Officer Benoit is a longtime resident of the 13th District and was born on June 20, 1970 in Skokie, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Officer Benoit is the son of Judith Benoit (*nee* Alexander) and Eddie Benoit and has deep

roots in the Evanston community with family living in Evanston for four generations; and

WHEREAS, Officer Benoit has a close knit family with wife, Enjoli and their three children Jacob, Hailey, and Kamryn; and

WHEREAS, Officer Benoit built friendships playing in the Fellowship of Afro-American Men (FAAM) and participating in the Evanston Drum & Bugle Corp; and

WHEREAS, Officer Benoit started his educational career at King Lab in Evanston; and

WHEREAS, Officer Benoit was a member of the 1988 graduating class at Evanston Township High School where he played on the 1988 Elite 8 downstate basketball team; and

WHEREAS, Officer Benoit completed his educational career at Roosevelt University; and

WHEREAS, Officer Benoit served as a member of the Kenilworth Police Department for four years; and

WHEREAS, in Officer Benoit 22 years of service to the Evanston Police Department he held several positions including patrol officer, tactical detective, training officer, and drone team pilot; and

WHEREAS, Officer Benoit enjoys sports, travel, and spending time with his family in his free time; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County does hereby honor Officer Kyle Benoit for his dedicated years of public service through which he has made invaluable contributions; 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 Officer Kyle Benoit.