



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

**Consent Agenda**

**for the**

**Meeting of the Board of Commissioners**

**Wednesday, March 11, 2015, 11:00 AM**

**15-1717**

**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, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**GERALD “KATO” HALLEY, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS** Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Gerald “Kato” Halley from our midst, and

**WHEREAS** Gerald “Kato” Halley was the beloved husband of Patricia (nee Hayes) Halley, and

**WHEREAS** Gerald “Kato” Halley was the loving father of Mary, Lisa, Jerry “Tiger” (Jennifer nee Pirelli), Jason, Jayme (Daniel) Connors, and Jon (Jaclyn nee Malecki) Halley, and

**WHEREAS** Gerald “Kato” Halley was the dear grandfather of fifteen, and

**WHEREAS** Gerald “Kato” Halley was the dearest son of the late Richard (late Helen nee Russell) Halley, and

**WHEREAS** Gerald “Kato” Halley was the cherished brother of Carol, Richard “Dickie” (Pam nee Marich), Linda (Thom) Bailey, Marilyn (Tom) Rosner, Robert, Daniel (Bonnie nee Novak), Helen “Honey”, John (Thomisine nee Morrissey) and Tommy Halley, and

**WHEREAS** Gerald “Kato” Halley was a proud member of Cement Masons Local No. 502 and Laborers Union No. 803, as well as a lifelong Canaryville resident; and

**WHEREAS** all who knew him will attest that Gerald “Kato” Halley 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 and many friends of Gerald “Kato” Halley, and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of same be tendered to the family of Gerald “Kato” Halley so that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

**15-1927**

**Sponsored by:** LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**COMMEMORATING THE LIFE, MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND MEMORY OF THE HONORABLE WILLIAM “NED” LAUTERBACH**

**WHEREAS**, William “Ned” Lauterbach, an extraordinary man and visionary leader who was dedicated to social justice, family and community died at the age of 92. He has left behind a devoted family, countless friends and a community profoundly enriched for having known him; and

**WHEREAS**, Ned Lauterbach was born to American parents in Warsaw, Poland, where his father was on assignment for the YMCA helping resettle World War I refugees. When Ned was two, the family moved to Kewanee, Illinois, where Ned grew up and graduated from high school; and

**WHEREAS**, Ned Lauterbach grew up during the Depression, for recreation the family spent their spare time camping and traveling to National Parks all over the country. The experience left him with a life-long love of the outdoors and a reverence for America’s system of public lands, a love he eagerly shared and passed on to his children; and

**WHEREAS**, Ned Lauterbach attended Antioch College where he met his wife of 67 years, Alberta. Ned and Alberta spent a lifetime being devoted to one another. She was every bit his equal in her accomplishments and contributions; her death in 2012 devastated him; and

**WHEREAS**, his years spent at Antioch College framed Ned Lauterbach’s world view. He noted on more than one occasion that his time there had a major influence on the direction that he took in life. He credited Antioch College’s externship program for “opening his eyes” to the shocking realities of segregation; and

**WHEREAS**, Ned and his wife Alberta raised five children, first in the Chicago neighborhood of Rogers Park and later in the city of Evanston where they became treasured community leaders and neighbors; and

**WHEREAS**, Lauterbach’s first job was with Armour Research Foundation. He worked there while completing his graduate studies in engineering at the Illinois Institute of Technology. Later, he worked as a sales manager and engineer for Dole Refrigerating Company, where he earned several patents for designs of truck refrigeration units. Later when Dole left the region, he worked for Douglas & Lomason. He belonged to the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers; and

**WHEREAS**, Ned Lauterbach was a tireless community volunteer and leader. He was president of the Y’s Men’s Club at the High Ridge YMCA in Rogers Park. He ran the organization’s annual Christmas

tree sale, and got the entire family involved in YMCA activities, earning them “Family of the Year” in 1960.

**WHEREAS**, Ned Lauterbach was first elected alderman to represent the Third Ward in the Evanston City Council in 1975. As alderman, Ned Lauterbach helped create the city’s first Department of Human Services. During his years in the Evanston City Council, he and his fellow aldermen guided the community through difficult and weighty issues - race relations, development, zoning, budgeting, condo conversion, social services, and rent control; and

**WHEREAS**, Ned Lauterbach served in the Evanston City Council from 1975 to 1983. It was his role as alderman of the Third Ward that gave him the opportunity for what he would later call the proudest achievement of his life. The city was about to sell off Noyes Elementary School to private developers; enrollment in the city had declined and the building was deemed beyond repair. He proposed renovating the historic building and turning it into a community arts center. Ned worked tirelessly to bring in the money necessary to make this vision a reality. Now, 45 years later, the Noyes Cultural Arts Center remains a vibrant hub of the arts in Evanston; and

**WHEREAS**, Alderman Lauterbach used his engineering and analytic skills to help the city tackle another of its enduring problems, flooding. Ned Lauterbach was appointed the first chairman of Evanston’s Flood and Pollution Control Commission which oversaw a \$200 million public works project that completely overhauled the city sewer system. He headed the commission for all eight years of his two terms as alderman and continued to serve for 17 more years as a citizen member. After almost 30 years, when the commission was dissolved, the City of Evanston honored him with a commemorative plaque; and

**WHEREAS**, after opting against a third term, Ned Lauterbach continued to serve his community working with numerous community organizations. He served on the board of Youth Organizations Umbrella (Y.O.U) and Housing Options for the Mentally Ill in Evanston; and

**WHEREAS**, Ned Lauterbach forged strong bonds with his fellow aldermen that outlasted their terms of office and spanned decades. They gathered once a month until Ned was well into his 90’s, meeting socially to talk about everything from Evanston politics to their grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS**, Ned and his wife were ardent Democrats and are widely credited with founding the Democratic Party of Evanston, one of the foremost Democratic organizations in the state; and

**WHEREAS**, Ned Lauterbach was a legendary outdoorsman who had a daily three-mile walk regimen that he maintained well into his 80s. He was a backpacking enthusiast who took dozens of trips with family and friends over the years, exploring every major mountain range in the country; and

**WHEREAS**, because of their lifetime of commitment to the community, Ned and his wife were

recognized in 2010 with an Evanston City Council resolution designating the 700 block of Forest Avenue as “Lauterbach Way.”; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the community he loved and served Ned Lauterbach will be sorely missed by his five children, Steve (Cathy Hobson), Stew (Barb Swary), Chris, Katherine “Kacki” (Rick Grant), Amy (James Yurchenco) and his four grandchildren, Claire Grant, Eric Lauterbach, Jack Grant of Boulder and Nathan Lauterbach; 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 life of William “Ned” Lauterbach, 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 Ned Lauterbach and joins them in sorrow at the loss of this remarkable and accomplished civil servant and 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 William “Ned” Lauterbach that his memory may be so honored.

**15-2065**

**Sponsored by:** LUIS ARROYO JR, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION HONORING LA CASA NORTE & SOL FLORES**

**WHEREAS**, it has come to the attention of the Cook County Board of Commissioners that La Casa Norte was co-founded by Keith Decker and Peter McQueen in 2002 as a non-profit organization and, under the leadership of founding executive director Sol Flores, a Chicago native and with a long history of community engagement who’s served on the boards to The Latino Policy Forum, Bickerdike Redevelopment Corporation, Heartland Housing Corporation, The Chicago Low Income Housing Trust Fund, and Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County, Protestants for the Common Good and Kuumba Lynx; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2003, La Casa Norte began a capital campaign to make Solid Ground Supportive Housing Program, one of Chicago’s first housing projects serving homeless males ages 16-21, a reality. Shortly after, La Casa Norte also received an award of \$400,000 for capital and operating expenses from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. This seed money paved the way for other funding opportunities to develop and La Casa Norte began to see an influx of support from various foundations, churches, and individuals who believed in the mission of serving youth and families confronting homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2005, La Casa Norte continued to grow and began construction of Solid Ground and La Casa Norte's third program, Esperanza Trabajando, providing free career and educational assistance to ex-offenders, limited English speakers, and those without a high school diploma or GED; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2006, La Casa Norte opened Solid Ground and continued to gain recognition and support for its leadership and work within the community, Sol Flores, Executive Director, received the inaugural Ruby Slipper Award for leadership and advocacy from Mayor Richard M. Daley on behalf of the City of Chicago's Plan to End Homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2012, as it celebrated its ten-year anniversary, La Casa Norte was honored by The White House and continued to receive countless of other awards and accolades as it worked towards building a new 55,000 square ft. facility with 25 units of housing, a wellness center, a training center, tutoring services, a conference space and an arts center, all housed at 3533 W. North Avenue in the Humboldt Park community; and

**WHEREAS**, since opening its Crisis Center Program with two employees, a bold mission, and hope for the future, today boasts over 80 staff members, an annual budget of \$4.5M while serving 2,600 households with multiple services including housing programs, such as: emergency, transitional and permanent housing for youth and families and service programs, such as: homelessness prevention, education and employment counseling, drop in centers, food, clothing and toiletries; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does, hereby congratulate and recognize La Casa Norte and Sol Flores for their work and service of homeless youth and their families, and honors them for their dedication to and service of Cook County's homeless community.

**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 La Casa Norte.

**15-2086**

**Sponsored by:** ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN and TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, County Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**IN HONOR OF GIOVANNI GULLO ON HIS 70TH BIRTHDAY**

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners are proud to congratulate Giovanni Gullo, an esteemed resident of Elk Grove Village and President and CEO of Gullo International Development Corporation on the occasion of the celebration of his 70th birthday on February 14, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, Giovanni was born in Caccamo, Sicily in 1945 where he was raised until his family realized the American dream and immigrated to Chicago and upon his arrival at the age of 17, Giovanni took up work for \$50 per week as a busboy at Como Inn Restaurant while attending school to learn English; and

**WHEREAS**, in the late 60's, Giovanni pursued commercial painting for industrial developers and shortly thereafter, after much perseverance and tenacity, purchased his own land at Oakton and Lively Boulevards in Elk Grove Village, putting him on his way as an industrial developer and more than four decades after his initial vision, Gullo International is one of the largest industrial and commercial developers and landlords in the O'Hare International Airport area; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1968, Gullo International prides itself on providing the highest quality in building design and construction and Gullo is renowned for providing the market with modern, free standing, Class A image buildings, all located in prime locations throughout O'Hare with open floor plans, interior tropical landscaping, beautiful window lines and abundant glass and skylights for natural lighting and continues to honor his business mission statement of "land as far as you can see" and "building a better image"; and

**WHEREAS**, Giovanni continues to remain very active in his community serving with distinction as founder and Executive Director of the Elk Grove Village Italian Sister Cities with Termini Imerese, Sicily organization and Executive Director of the Bensenville Sister Cities with Zihuatanejo-Ixtapa, Mexico organization, together with Cook County, under the Sister Cities International program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans bestowed the honor of Chairman of the 2014 Chicago Columbus Day Parade to Giovanni in recognition of his many years of leadership and contributions to the Chicago area's Italian American community and he continues to serve in various capacities sharing his wisdom, knowledge and passions; and

**WHEREAS**, Giovanni and his wife Maria raised their children Virginia, Mariann, Mario and John in Elk Grove Village and is the proud grandfather of 4 grandchildren: Giovanni, Riccardo, Veronica and Juliana; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners joins with his family and friends in extending our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to Giovanni Gullo on the occasion of his 70th birthday; that we commend him on achieving a long and fulfilling life and enriching the lives of everyone he came into contact with, and we wish him continued happiness and good health in the future.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the text of this resolution be spread across the journal of proceedings of this honorable body and that a suitable copy hereof be presented to Giovanni Gullo as a token of our true admiration for him.

**15-2123**

**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, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**MINNIE MINOSO, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS** Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Minnie Minoso from our midst, and

**WHEREAS** Minnie Minoso was a trailblazer as one of the Major League's first black Latino All-Stars, and

**WHEREAS** Minnie Minoso will be fondly remembered as one of the finest ballplayers to have graced the City of Chicago, being the only modern major league player to play in five decades, having been selected for nine All-Star Games, and winning three Golden Gloves, and

**WHEREAS** Minnie Minoso helped the White Sox reach out to Chicago's Hispanic and African-American communities by building bridges during a time of racial transformation of the city, and

**WHEREAS** Minnie Minoso loved Chicago, its fans, and its working class roots, and

**WHEREAS** Minnie Minoso was always willing to say hello to fans and stop to sign an autograph, and

**WHEREAS** the White Sox retired Minnie Minoso's number nine jersey in 1983 and a statue of him stands at U.S. Cellular Field as a testament to his accomplishments on and off the field, and

**WHEREAS** all who knew him will attest that Minnie Minoso was a kind and compassionate man, virtuous of character and gentle in spirit, admired and respected by his many friends, neighbors, and fans 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 and many friends of Minnie Minoso, 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 Minnie Minoso so that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.



**15-2130**

**Sponsored by:** RICHARD R. BOYKIN and PETER N. SILVESTRI, County Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**CONGRATULATING THE OAK PARK RIVER FOREST HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM ON WINNING THEIR SECOND CONSECUTIVE CLASS 3A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**

**WHEREAS**, on February 28, 2015 the wrestling team of Oak Park River Forest High School, the Huskies, repeated as Class 3A state champions, defeating Sandburg High School 39-16 in the final of the IHSA Dual Team Tournament at U.S. Cellular Coliseum in Bloomington; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2014 the Huskies edged Marist 31-22 to claim the 3A dual-team tourney title and also produced four individual state champions in Davonte Mahomes, Isaiah White, Larry Early and Kamal Bey and 10 All-State student wrestlers overall; and

**WHEREAS**, the Huskies have won three state championships over the last seven years, including two undefeated teams (28-0 this season; 24-0 in 2009); and

**WHEREAS**, season, OPRF went 29-1 in dual matches en route to a state championship in 2014; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Huskies also own a 42 dual-match winning streak; and,

**WHEREAS**, nationally, OPRF finished as the top-ranked team in the country per several high school wrestling websites, such as InterMat, Flo Wrestling and Open Mat; and

**WHEREAS**, Huskie student wrestlers Larry Early and Isaiah White individually closed the season at 30-2 and 42-0, respectively; and

**WHEREAS**, Huskie student wrestler Isaiah White produced an undefeated season as the nation's top-ranked wrestler at 152 pounds, highlighted by his title in mid-December at the prestigious Walsh Ironman tournament hosted by Walsh Jesuit High School in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio; and

**WHEREAS**, Huskie student wrestler Isaiah White is the first Huskie student wrestler to win a title at the Walsh Ironman; and

**WHEREAS**, Oak Park and River Forest high school junior and Huskie student wrestler Jason Renteria captured perfectly the essence of the success of the Huskie wrestling program when he said, "We don't wrestle for ourselves, we wrestle for each other. Our team is so close. A lot of us wrestled together when we were younger and we do a lot of things together like team dinners. We dominated at state and I can't wait to come back next season and try to make more history."

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners that the Oak Park River Forest Huskies Wrestling Team is to be honored and commended, not just for their exceptional team and individual performances on the wrestling mat, but for their exceptional conduct and character as students and young men.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the students of the Oak Park River Forest Huskies Wrestling Team, their coaches and community, be congratulated on their Class 3A state championship by the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners and presented with a ceremonial copy of this resolution.

**15-2131**

**Sponsored by:** RICHARD R. BOYKIN, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE MEMORY OF PETER J. TRACZYK, FORMER SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT AND BOARD MEMBER, DISTRICT 97, OAK PARK, JUNE 29,1966 - FEBRUARY 7, 2015**

**WHEREAS**, The President and Commissioners of the Cook County Board are saddened to learn of the death of Peter J. Traczyk of Oak Park, who passed away unexpectedly on February 7, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, Peter J. Traczyk personified the spirit of public service and engagement that animates the Village of Oak Park, where he was known as a valued leader, a friend to many, and a loving husband and father; and

**WHEREAS**, Peter was born on June 29, 1966 in Windsor, Connecticut to Richard and Germaine Traczyk; he graduated from high school and earned a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Wisconsin; and

**WHEREAS**, Peter married Cindy Friess in November of 1994; they moved to Oak Park in 1997, where their 3 children attend school; and

**WHEREAS**, Peter enjoyed working with his hands, doing carpentry, and playing with the latest gadgets; these skills and his bottomless generosity made him the go to repair man for his friends and neighbors; and

**WHEREAS**, Peter cleared the winter snow and ice from his neighbors' sidewalks, driveways, and alleys; he loved spending time with his children, exploring new adventures and the world with them and sharing his love of books, movies, and music; and

**WHEREAS**, Peter had a great sense of humor and he laughed often; his laugh was known as loud and long and was well known to all who knew him; and

**WHEREAS**, Peter was a remarkable citizen and leader in Oak Park; he first served on the Parent-Teacher Organization of Beye School and served as co-president of the organization; and

**WHEREAS**, Peter was elected to the District 97 School Board in 2007, serving one term as President; and

**WHEREAS**, In learning of his passing, the District 97 School Board commended Peter as a dedicated public servant whose passion, altruism, and leadership had a profound and lasting impact on the schools and the entire Village of Oak Park; they also noted that he inspired many with his strong work ethic, integrity, and tireless commitment that he displayed on a daily basis; and

**WHEREAS**, Peter was a fixture at school and community events and on the ball fields of Oak Park, where he coached his children in softball, tee-ball, and soccer; and

**WHEREAS**, Peter is survived by his wife, Cindy; 2 sons Gilbert (Gib) and Zachary; a daughter, Helen (Ellie); 5 siblings, David (Linda), Janice (Phil), Christine, Julie, and Amy (Jeb), his in-laws, Judy and Herman Friess, Gregory and Michelle Friess, Lisa and Jeffrey Alder, and Jane Friess; and his many, nieces and nephews.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners that we, along with his family, friends, and community mourn the passing of Peter J. Traczyk; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Peter J. Traczyk as an expression of our deepest sympathies.

**15-2150**

**Sponsored by:** TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**IN MEMORY OF NARENDRA S. PATEL**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in his infinite wisdom has called Narendra S. Patel from our midst; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Patel, who was born on November 9, 1942, was a great humanitarian and philanthropist who graced others with his love, care and generosity; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Patel graduated from Gujrat State University of India in 1969 with a degree in pharmacy; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Patel was the President, CEO and owner of Medstar Laboratory, Inc. in Hillside, Illinois for 13 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Patel was the loving husband of Sumitra Patel, the devoted father of two sons, Neal and Raj Patel, and the doting grandfather of four grandchildren, Nishal, Shriya, Ronak and Raveen; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Patel was the caring brother of Ms. Beena Patel, together they served on numerous humanitarian and not for profit organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Patel served as the president of Care & Share USA International, an organization that helped build 100 houses for 2004 tsunami victims in India and a school for disadvantaged children in India; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Patel was recognized as an “Outstanding Asian American in Community and Leadership” in 2007, he received the Distinguished Community Service Award from the City of Chicago, and many other honors; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Patel will be missed by his family and friends, although remembrances of his spirit will live on in our hearts forever.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and Board of Commissioners of Cook County offer their deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and many friends of Narendra Patel, and join them in sorrow at this time.

**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 Narendra Patel, that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.