



**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 2, 2016, 11:00 AM**

**16-1424**

**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**

**CELEBRATING THE 90TH BIRTHDAY OF NEWTON N. MINOW**

**WHEREAS**, it has come to the attention of the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Newton N. Minow celebrated his 90th Birthday on January 17, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, Newton N. Minow was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on January 17, 1926; and

**WHEREAS**, Newton N. Minow honorably served his country in the China-Burma-India theater in World War II from 1944 to 1946 and attained the rank of a sergeant in the U.S. Army; and

**WHEREAS**, Newton N. Minow received a Bachelor of Science degree in 1949 from Northwestern University and a Juris Doctor degree in 1950 from Northwestern University Law School; and

**WHEREAS**, Newton N. Minow served as Law Clerk to Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson of the U.S. Supreme Court in 1951 and then Assistant Counsel to Illinois Governor Adlai Stevenson in 1952; and

**WHEREAS**, Newton N. Minow was appointed by President John F. Kennedy as Chairman of Federal Communications Commission in 1961; and

**WHEREAS**, Newton N. Minow is the Walter Annenberg professor emeritus at Northwestern University and the Honorary Consul General of the Republic of Singapore; and

**WHEREAS**, Newton N. Minow is the author of four books and the recipient of 14 honorary degrees; and

**WHEREAS**, Newton N. Minow is the recipient of numerous awards including: the American Bar Association Silver Gavel Award, the Chicago Bar Association John Paul Stevens Award, the Federal Communications Bar Association Lifetime Achievement Award and the American Lawyer Lifetime Achievement Award;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby extend its warmest wishes and congratulations to Newton N. Minow on the occasion of his 90th Birthday, and join all who have had the pleasure of his friendship in wishing him 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 Newton N. Minow to commemorate this joyous occasion.

**16-1546**

**Sponsored by:** LUIS ARROYO JR, County Commissioner, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, 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 Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**NANCY FRANCO-MALDONADO, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Nancy Franco-Maldonado, the dear wife of the Honorable Roberto Maldonado, Alderman of the 26th Ward and a former Cook County Commissioner, from our midst; and

**WHEREAS**, Nancy Franco-Maldonado was the much-adored mother of Rene, Roberto II and Raquel, to whom she imparted values of character, strength and kindness. Nancy also leaves behind her parents, Felicita Montanez and Hector Franco and many relatives and friends; and

**WHEREAS**, born on January 13, 1970, into a family of community activists, Nancy Franco-Maldonado was raised in the Humboldt Park neighborhood and graduated from St Boniface Elementary School, Holy Trinity High School and Rosary College in River Forest; and

**WHEREAS**, Nancy Franco-Maldonado worked for fifteen years as a mortgage underwriter and later as an auditor for Household Bank International, she eventually left her profession to raise her children and devote more time to advancing the goals and aspirations of her community; and

**WHEREAS**, Nancy Franco-Maldonado reached out to assist single mothers by coordinating turkey giveaways and boot drives and actively supported the Save Our Seniors Foundation (S.O.S.) and the LGBT community; and

**WHEREAS**, Nancy Franco-Maldonado was a trusted sounding board for her husband and served as his chief political advisor during his two aldermanic election campaigns, a role in which she helped to shape and define key policy initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, Nancy Franco-Maldonado actively supported the building of the 65th Infantry Borinqueneers building to provide affordable housing for Latino veterans. She also envisioned the construction of the Paseo Boricua Arts building, a mixed-use building designed to provide affordable residences for artists with commercial space and a theatre on the ground floor; and

**WHEREAS**, Nancy Franco-Maldonado campaigned to name the Humboldt Park Library Branch for veteran Congressman Luis V. Gutierrez, and encouraged young, first-time homeowners to invest in the 26th Ward, many of whom became the next generation of Humboldt Park residents; and

**WHEREAS**, let the vision, sacrifice and dedication of Nancy Franco-Maldonado, serve as an example to all; and as a woman of elegance, grace and charm, Nancy Franco-Maldonado will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by her many relatives, friends and admirers; and

**WHEREAS**, to her beloved family, Nancy Franco-Maldonado imparts a legacy of faithfulness, service and dignity.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Members of the Board do hereby offer their deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to our dear friend Alderman Roberto Maldonado, and join him and the many friends and family of Nancy Franco-Maldonado 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 Alderman Roberto Maldonado so that Nancy's memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

**16-1804**

**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**

**LILLIAN "GIGGIE" CORTESE, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Lillian "Giggie" Cortese from our midst; and

**WHEREAS**, Lillian "Giggie" Cortese was the beloved wife of the late Charles "Chuckie" Cortese; and

**WHEREAS**, Lillian "Giggie" Cortese was the loving mother of Mary Ann (Michael) DiVito; and

**WHEREAS**, Lillian "Giggie" Cortese was the fond sister of Marion (the late Twerps) Segvich, and the late Charlie (Carmel) Begich, Jocko (Anita) Becich, Carl "Gink" Becich, and Tonka (the late Scully) Scalise; and

**WHEREAS**, Lillian "Giggie" Cortese was the cherished grandmother of Chuckie (Jamyn) Scalfaro, Michael (fiancé Jennifer) DiVito, and Kica (Ante) Kosir; and

**WHEREAS**, Lillian “Giggie” Cortese was the dear great-grandmother of Olivia Scalfaro and Lana Kosir; and

**WHEREAS**, Lillian “Giggie” Cortese was a loving aunt and dear Kuma to many; and

**WHEREAS**, Lillian “Giggie” Cortese was a lifelong Bridgeport resident and longtime supporter of the Chicago White Sox; and

**WHEREAS**, Lillian “Giggie” Cortese was a proud and lifelong parishioner of St. Jerome Croatian Catholic Church and the 20 year Chairperson of the Velika Gospa Feast; and

**WHEREAS**, Lillian “Giggie” Cortese was a member of the Jugerettes Club, Club Poljica, the Medjugorje prayer group, the Marion Society, Club Sinj and past President of the Altar Society; and

**WHEREAS**, Lillian “Giggie” Cortese touched the lives of many and will be remembered by all who knew her; and

**WHEREAS**, all who knew her will attest that Lillian “Giggie” Cortese 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 of Lillian “Giggie” Cortese, 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 Lillian “Giggie” Cortese so that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

**16-1812**

**Sponsored by:** PETER N. SILVESTRI, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING VITO P. CALI AS HE RECEIVES THE MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD FROM SOCIETA SAN GIOVANNI BOSCO SS. CROCIFISSO DI CIMINNA**

**WHEREAS**, Società San Giovanni Bosco SS. Crocifisso di Ciminna will honor Vito P. Cali as Man of the Year at its dinner dance on March 5, 2016, at Alta Villa Banquets in Addison; and

**WHEREAS**, the son of Filippo and Vita Maria (Campagna) Cali, Vito was born in Ciminna, Sicily, and came to America with his family when he was nine years old. He grew up in the St. Philip Benizi Parish on the Near North Side, meeting his future wife, LeeAnn (Nuccio), during his teen years; and

**WHEREAS**, after graduating from Lane Tech High School, Vito Cali attended DePaul University, where he majored in marketing and served as the president of his fraternity, Alpha Phi Delta; and

**WHEREAS**, soon afterward, Vito was approached by Salvatore Miceli to help him found and lead a new society organized by local Ciminnesi in honor of San Giovanni Bosco; and

**WHEREAS**, Vito served as president of Società San Giovanni Bosco SS. Crocifisso di Ciminna from 1960 to 1981, and he currently serves as president emeritus of the society; and

**WHEREAS**, Vito Cali has dedicated most of his life to working on behalf of the Italian American community. He is the chairman of the board of the Italian American Executives of Transportation Charitable Foundation, a past president of the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans (JCCIA), and a past chairman of the Italian American Soccer Club, Maroons; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2002, Vito was honored as Man of the Year by the Italian American Executives of Transportation and continues to serve as a member of the advisory board. He was also honored as Man of the Year by the Maroons. He was the recipient of the Cardinal Bernardin Humanitarian of the Year Award from the JCCIA in 2005 and the Leonardo Da Vinci Award from the Illinois Grand Lodge of the Order Sons of Italy in America for outstanding achievement in community leadership in 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, Vito is currently president of Vito P. Cali Insurance Agency, representing State Farm Insurance Companies, where he has received many awards, including being inducted into the State Farm Hall of Fame for life insurance sales in 1981 and being a member of the elite Lifetime Presidents Club; and

**WHEREAS**, Vito and LeeAnn have been married for 54 years and have three children, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate Vito P. Cali for his commitment to the Italian American Community.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be sent to Vito Cali as he receives the Man of the Year Award from Società San Giovanni Bosco SS. Crocifisso di Ciminna.

**16-1832**

**Sponsored by:** PETER N. SILVESTRI, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**CONGRATULATING ADDISON OSTA SMITH FOR HER IMPRESSIVE WIN ON “MASTERCHEF JUNIOR”**

**WHEREAS**, Addison Osta Smith was one of twenty-four kids competing on the fourth season of the nationally broadcast show, “MasterChef Junior;” and

**WHEREAS**, week after week, the nine-year-old Addison, who attends Roosevelt Middle School in River Forest, served sophisticated entrees that impressed the judges and slayed her competition on “MasterChef Junior;” and

**WHEREAS**, in a season full of home runs, Addison also made history by being the first female and the youngest winner on the show; and

**WHEREAS**, the young chef with a penchant for backwards baseball caps and softball metaphors prepared a three-course, pan-Asian dinner to beat nine-year-old Avery Kyle for the cooking competition’s Season 4 title and \$100,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the young chefs had a mere ten minutes to shop in the pantry for ingredients and ninety minutes to cook their meals. Addison edged out Avery’s Southern menu in every course despite losing time and focus after cutting her finger; and

**WHEREAS**, Addison’s appetizer of sake-marinated shrimp with a seaweed, sea bean, sour plum, and puffed rice salad earned high praise from judge Gordon Ramsay, who said, “I feel like I’m in this incredible Japanese restaurant with a very modern California twist;” and

**WHEREAS**, Addison’s entrée of miso-glazed black cod was likened to a “spoonful of diamonds,” and judge Graham Elliot offered her a job at his eponymous West Loop restaurant; and

**WHEREAS**, as young as age six or seven, Addison realized she enjoyed cooking and baking and would do so when she came home from school; and

**WHEREAS**, at home, inside her own River Forest kitchen, Addison loves to make homemade pesto pasta with Parmesan cheese and four-cheese ravioli; and

**WHEREAS**, when she grows up, Addison would love to be a chef and to appear as a judge on “MasterChef” or “MasterChef Junior” but is also interested in being a singer or an astronaut.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate Addison Osta Smith for her impressive win on “MasterChef Junior.”

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Addison as she celebrates this exciting accomplishment.

**16-1866**

**Sponsored by:** RICHARD R. BOYKIN, County Commissioner, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, LUIS ARROYO JR, 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 Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE LIFE OF FORMER ILLINOIS SENATE PRESIDENT PHILIP J. ROCK**

**WHEREAS**, God, in his almighty wisdom, saw fit to call Philip J. Rock from our midst on January 28, 2016, at the age of 78; and,

**WHEREAS**, Philip J. “Phil” Rock was born "a Catholic, a Democrat and a Cubs fan-but not necessarily in that order" on May 4, 1937, to the late Joseph and Kathryn Rock in Chicago, Illinois; and,

**WHEREAS**, Phil Rock attended Quigley Preparatory Seminary followed by the University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, Illinois; and,

**WHEREAS**, Phil Rock received his law degree from Loyola University School of Law in Chicago; and,

**WHEREAS**, following his graduation from law school, Phil Rock began his legal career with the Office of the Illinois Attorney General as an Assistant Attorney General, working under the Honorable William G. Clark, and then for the Cook County State's Attorney as an Assistant State's Attorney; and,

**WHEREAS**, in 1970, Phil Rock was elected to the Illinois State Senate where he proudly served for twenty two years, the last fourteen of which were as President of the Senate; and,

**WHEREAS**, Phil Rock, the legislator, was a champion for the voiceless and the powerless, and this commitment to serving the downtrodden earned him a reputation among his colleagues as a true public servant and statesman; and,

**WHEREAS**, Phil Rock was most proud of the legislation that he sponsored to establish a school for the deaf and blind that is located in Glen Ellyn, Illinois and was dedicated in 1988 as the Philip J. Rock Center and School; and,

**WHEREAS**, Phil Rock was respected and admired by members of the General Assembly on both sides of the aisle and had a positive influence on the lives of the many people who served on his legislative staff; and,



**WHEREAS**, following his retirement from the Illinois General Assembly, Phil Rock returned to his private law practice with his best friend and law partner, Daniel R. Fusco, at Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC in Chicago; and,

**WHEREAS**, Phil Rock was a member of many professional and community organizations and served on numerous charitable and philanthropic boards; and,

**WHEREAS**, Phil Rock is survived by his devoted wife of fifty-one years, Sheila, as well as his children, Kathleen (Stephen) Snow, Meghan (Todd) Simmons, Colleen (John) Mueller, and John J. “Jay” (Lauren); and,

**WHEREAS**, Phil Rock was most proud to be a “Papa” to his grandchildren: Emily, Erin, Lily and Ellie Snow; Kyleigh, Connor and Maggie Simmons; Jack, Owen and Kate Mueller; and, Julia and Sarah Rock; and,

**WHEREAS**, Phil Rock was the fond brother of Michael, as well as an uncle to numerous nieces and nephews; and,

**WHEREAS**, Phil Rock exemplified the very best in public service and citizenship, and will be deeply missed by all who knew him and were touched by his many acts of kindness and decency in public office and in private life;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners and the President of the Cook County Board, that the condolences of this body are extended to the family, friends and colleagues of Philip J. Rock; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the profound gratitude of the Board of Commissioners and the President of the Cook County Board is to be extended to Phil Rock for his many years of public service to the State of Illinois.

**16-1867**

**Sponsored by:** RICHARD R. BOYKIN, County Commissioner, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, LUIS ARROYO JR, 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 Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN JOSEPH “JOHNNY” LATTNER**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God, in his infinite wisdom, saw fit to call John Joseph “Johnny” Lattner from our midst on February 13, 2016, at the age of 83; and,

**WHEREAS**, Johnny Lattner enjoyed the distinction of being the only Chicago native to win the Heisman Trophy; and,

**WHEREAS**, Johnny Lattner also enjoyed the distinction of being one of the greatest athletes ever to grace the halls at Fenwick High School in Oak Park, Illinois; and,

**WHEREAS**, John Joseph “Johnny” Lattner was born in Chicago on October 24, 1932; and,

**WHEREAS**, following his achievements as an all-state high school football player, Johnny Lattner received numerous athletic scholarship offers, finally deciding to play for Coach Frank Leahy at Notre Dame; and,

**WHEREAS**, during his football career at Notre Dame, Johnny Lattner made his mark as a versatile halfback, winning the Heisman Trophy in 1953 during a season in which the team went undefeated; and,

**WHEREAS**, Johnny Lattner was a two-time all-American and was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1979; and,

**WHEREAS**, Johnny Lattner played one season in the National Football League as a member of the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1954; and,

**WHEREAS**, Johnny Lattner’s professional football career was cut short by his service in the United States Air Force; and,

**WHEREAS**, following his Air Force service Johnny Lattner coached high school football in Wisconsin and worked as an assistant football coach at the University of Denver; and,

**WHEREAS**, Johnny Lattner subsequently achieved success in the restaurant business as the owner of two establishments, Johnny Lattner’s Steakhouse, and Johnny Lattner’s Marina City; and,

**WHEREAS**, Johnny Lattner later became Vice President of Sales for Pal Graphics in Broadview, Illinois; and,

**WHEREAS**, Johnny Lattner was a frequent and beloved participant in Chicago's St. Patrick's Day parade, often donning a kilt and green stockings for the occasion; and,

**WHEREAS**, Johnny Lattner is survived by his wife, Peggy, his sons Jack, Bill, Tim and Mike, his daughters Kate, Maggie, Tricia and Gretchen, and many grandchildren;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the County Board President that the deepest condolences of this body are extended to the family of Johnny Lattner; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the County Board President that the gratitude of this body is extended to the family of Johnny Lattner for his many contributions to his community, both on and off the football field.

**16-1903**

**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**

**HONORING THE 90th BIRTHDAY OF THE HONORABLE ABNER MIKVA**

**WHEREAS**, on January 21, 2016 Abner Mikva celebrated his 90th birthday. Joining in the celebration were countless citizens of Cook County and the United States who have, over the years, honored his distinguished legal career and life-long commitment to social justice. Numerous admirers and well-wishers celebrated a man who has served with distinction in top positions in every branch of government; and

**WHEREAS**, Abner Mikva was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Abner Mikva attended the University of Chicago Law School, from which he received his Juris Doctorate in 1951. After graduation he clerked for United States Supreme Court Justice Sherman Minton; and

**WHEREAS**, Abner Mikva spent ten years in the Illinois House of Representatives. While in Springfield he pushed for fair housing laws and for reforms of the state criminal code. Next, the voters elected him to the United States Congress. He first represented the 2nd District covering Hyde Park and later the 10th district covering the north suburbs of Chicago in the United States Congress; and

**WHEREAS**, Abner Mikva's sound wisdom and advise is regularly sought locally, nationally and globally. He was nominated by President Jimmy Carter to the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals where he served until his retirement from the court as chief judge. As a judge on the D.C. Circuit, he ardently defended free speech and consumer rights in his opinions, and he was among the first to reject the discriminatory Justice Department policy of expelling openly gay service members, long before this view was politically popular. Throughout his career, Mikva consistently promoted issues concerning social justice and the public welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, Abner Mikva left the bench to become White House Counsel to President Bill Clinton; and

**WHEREAS**, Abner Mikva was selected to a special committee to investigate a tragic fire in 2003 at the Cook County Administration Building; six employees were trapped in smoke-filled stairwells by doors that locked behind them; and

**WHEREAS**, Abner Mikva was an international election monitor of Ukraine's contested presidential election and was named chair of the Illinois Human Rights Commission by the governor of Illinois; and

**WHEREAS** Abner Mikva helped shape the next generation of lawyers through teaching law at Northwestern University School of Law. He later returned to the University of Chicago Law School, where he served as the Schwarz Lecturer and the senior director of the Mandel Legal Aid Clinic; and

**WHEREAS**, Abner Mikva and his wife Zoe started a civic leadership program called Mikva Challenge, which challenges high school students throughout the Chicagoland area to be active participants in the political process through elections, community problem solving, and policy-making programs. Thousands of high school students get deeply involved in the democratic process working as election judges, volunteering on campaigns, advising city officials, and creating local activism projects to improve their schools and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Abner Mikva and his wife Zoe are the proud parents of three extraordinarily accomplished daughters who have each continued the family's proud legacy of commitment to service. Laurie Mikva was nominated by President Obama to be a board member at the Legal Services Corporation and is Clinical Assistant Professor of Law at Northwestern University School of Law. Mary Mikva is a Cook County Circuit Court Judge and former law clerk to United States Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan, Jr. and U.S. District Court Judge Prentice Marshall. Dr. Rachel Mikva is a congregational rabbi and is the Rabbi Herman E. Schaalman Associate Professor of Jewish Studies and Director of the Center for Jewish, Christian and Islamic Studies at the Chicago Theological Seminary; and

**WHEREAS**, Abner Mikva's accomplishments and recognitions are so numerous they would fill volumes and he is routinely singled out for distinction and honors. In addition to many others, he received the Chicago History Museum "Making History Award" for Distinction in Public Service. He received the Thurgood Marshall Award from the American Bar Association. He was named a Legal Legend by the Chicago Lawyer Chapter of the American Constitution Society. He and his wife, Zoe received the 2005 Public Humanities Award from the Illinois Humanities Council; and

**WHEREAS**, Abner Mikva received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Barack Obama on November 24, 2014. The Presidential Medal of Freedom is an award bestowed by the President of the United States and is the highest civilian award of the United States. It recognizes those individuals who have made an especially meritorious contribution to the security or national interests of the United States, world peace, cultural or other significant public or private endeavors; 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 takes great pleasure in honoring and celebrating the 90th birthday, hard work and many history-making accomplishments of Abner Mikva 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 Abner Mikva in honor of his 90th Birthday.

**16-1921**

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RECOGNIZING BISHOP JENNIE L. PETTIES**

**WHEREAS**, Bishop Jennie L. Petties was born in Clarksdale Mississippi, where she received her formal education and lived most of her early life until migrating to Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, Bishop Petties became a Charter Member of Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church under the auspices of Reverend James Bass where she remains a member; and

**WHEREAS**, Bishop Petties continued her education with three years of study from Moody Bible Institute and later received her bachelor's degree from Governor's State University, as well as receiving many certificates from many community classes; and

**WHEREAS**, Bishop Petties, anointed as one of God's Chosen Ambassadors, was consecrated as a Bishop on October 22, 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, Bishop Petties is the founding pastor of Family Altar Evangelistic Baptist Church and the J. L. P. Scholarship Foundation, and continues to financially sponsor three children in needs-based programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Bishop Petties has been recognized and honored by various organizations, magazines and newspapers, receiving such awards as the "Daughter of Thunder Trailblazer Award" and the "Greatest Pastor of Chicago Award"; and

**WHEREAS**, Bishop Petties, while currently overseeing many churches in Chicago and organizing two churches personally, still finds time for her husband, five children, twenty four grandchildren, thirty-five great grandchildren, and her three God children; and

**WHEREAS**, Bishop Petties believes in Ministering to the Total Man. Her love for mankind has caused God to use her in a mighty way. She continues to lead with the Vigor and Vitality that the Holy Spirit imparts to this spiritually gifted Woman;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners that Bishop Jennie L. Petties is recognized for her unique and significant contributions to Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the sincere appreciation of the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners is to be extended to Bishop Jennie L. Petties for her service to her Church and to the wider community.