



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, April 1, 2015, 11:00 AM

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.

15-2290

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

DE LA SALLE INSTITUTE ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, De La Salle Institute was founded in 1889 as an independent Catholic secondary school in the tradition of Christian Education begun by St. John Baptist de La Salle, with a stated mission to foster a desire for excellence in education; and

WHEREAS, the new school opened as a two year commercial school, chartered by the State of Illinois as a degree-granting institution, with a cornerstone ceremony on May 19, 1889, at the corner of 35th and Wabash; and

WHEREAS, this historic 125th anniversary year celebration continues and throughout the decades, De La Salle Institute has continued to grow and thrive, exemplified by national recognition achieved in 1985 with designation as an “Exemplary School” by the United States Department of Education, an honor limited to just 65 private schools in the nation; and

WHEREAS, In the fall of 2002, De La Salle added another chapter to its rich legacy of excellence in the field of secondary education by opening a campus for young women in collaboration with the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis in Chicago's Bridgeport neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, since its proud beginning De La Salle Institute has continued to grow and serve the needs of the community, and has continued to build upon the traditions of family, education and leadership that have been so important to the neighborhoods of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2015, the “Great Futures Gala” will be held at the Ritz-Carlton and will be sponsored by Extollo Educational Foundation to commemorate this historic anniversary milestone and give students, staff, faculty, and alumni the opportunity to join together in celebration; and

WHEREAS, De La Salle Institute today is a thriving, modern educational institution, proud of its heritage, continuing its mission of service to over 1,000 young men and young women enrolled as students today; and

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby extend its congratulations to the staff, students, faculty, and alumni of De La Salle Institute on the continuing celebration of its 125th Anniversary; 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 De La Salle Institute, to commemorate this historic milestone.

15-2413

Sponsored by: JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, County Commissioners, 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, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE and LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION HONORING THE NAZARETH ACADEMY FOOTBALL TEAM

WHEREAS, the members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners are proud to recognize excellence in high school sports; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes the importance of team sports in developing the qualities of teamwork, respect, hard work and dedication in young adults; and

WHEREAS, the Nazareth Academy football team displayed those qualities and worked together with Coach Tim Racki, to achieve a perfect season and progress to become the 2014 IHSA Class 6A Football State Champions; and

WHEREAS, this marks the first time since Nazareth's premiere season in 1978 that the Roadrunners competed in the State Championship game, and their first time winning the State Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Nazareth Roadrunners ended their season undefeated; and

WHEREAS, Teammates Ivory Kelly-Martin, Nolan Dean, Carson Bartels, Joseph Muscolino, Daniel Bakovich, Christopher Simmons, Jonah Beauduy, Matt Prendergast, Michael Hillsman, Frank Bakovich, Kevin Jackson, Xavier Burgos, Decxavier Kelly-Martin, Andrew Rouse Jr., Christian Davis, Ryan Kramer, Roger Veome, Jordan Brooks, Julian Love, Blaine Bilek, Matthew Flach, Cameron Weems, Freddie Lockie, Matt Kelly, Mark Mercado, Christian Sampleton, Edward Claudio, James Eraci, Jake Damanskis, Joshua Santi, Donald Kelly, Karlas Delano Robinzine, Steven Karitsiotis, Christopher Kulnig, Jack Brindley, Michael Owens, Paul Kramer, Zachary Dominick, Andrew Gonzalez, Patrick Kilcommons, John Brunory, John Kilcommons, Tom Henehan, Bryan Behrendt, Jack Shutack, Mike Carpinelli, Victor Austin II, Justin Weller, Sean Smith, Kevin Schick, Devonte Dunn, Dmitri Joe are to be congratulated on leading the Nazareth Roadrunners boys football team to a great season and impressive championship we are all proud of.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners join the Nazareth Academy family, friends and community in congratulating the coaching staff and team members of the Nazareth Roadrunners boys football team on their great achievements and their sense of teamwork, respect, hard work and dedication; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be spread across the official text of the proceedings of this honorable body and that suitable copies hereof be presented to the administration, coaching staff and team members.

15-2434

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF THEODORE GREEN

WHEREAS, Ted Green spent nearly two decades of his life as a Cook County Assistant Public Defender where he was well known and respected by his peers and his adversaries alike for his diligence and devotion to fighting for every client's constitutional rights; and

WHEREAS, Ted Green was born and raised in Atlanta, Georgia and was the oldest of eight siblings. He excelled as a student at Booker T. Washington High School and attended Clark Atlanta University. Later he graduated from the George Washington University Law School in Washington, D.C. and set out to pursue his dream of becoming a lawyer; and

WHEREAS, as a young lawyer, Ted Green moved to Chicago and began his work with the Cook County Public Defender's office a year later. He rose through the ranks and, because of his legal aptitude, his profound compassion and rapport with his clients, he was selected to join the elite Murder Task Force division of the Cook County Public Defender; and

WHEREAS, during the time that Ted Green spent fighting for the lives of his clients on the Murder Task Force, the climate was particularly hostile and societal compassion for poor defendants facing death was at its nadir. It was a difficult time to be a defense attorney fighting for the life of a client; it was an even more difficult time to be a defense attorney for multitudes of clients whose extreme poverty and deprivation left them deeply troubled. With that as a backdrop, Ted became known, not just as an

attorney who was meticulously prepared and skilled as a litigator but as one who genuinely believed and valued the humanity of each of his clients and treated them and their families with dignity and respect; and

WHEREAS, in 1984, Ted Green left the public defender's office and went into private practice in Chicago. After several decades he returned to the Public Defender's office in 2003 as a supervisor for trial lawyers working in the First Municipal District courts and remained there until his untimely death at the age of 66; and

WHEREAS, Ted Green was a generous and tireless mentor to countless young attorneys at the Public Defender's Office. His wisdom and guidance helped shape the next generation of Public Defenders and his calm and thoughtful demeanor made him an excellent model for all lawyers; and

WHEREAS, Ted Green will be sorely missed by his daughter, Brandi Green and his seven siblings, Teala Goode, Camille Collier, Stacy Collier, Pamela Collier, Tracy Collier, Craig Collier and Chauncy Collier; and

WHEREAS, Ted Green will long be remembered for his thorough work and achievement, his high ethical and moral standards, professionalism, and excellent character. Above all, he will be remembered as a model of decorum and affability; he was uniformly referred to as a real "Southern gentleman"; 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 commemorates the extraordinary life of Theodore Green, 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 Theodore Green.

15-2435

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE, ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND MEMORY OF JANET OTWELL

WHEREAS, Jan Otwell, former President of the League of Women Voters of Illinois, Director of the Illinois Department of Aging and a tireless advocate and community volunteer died on February 23, 2015 leaving behind countless friends, family and a community profoundly enriched for having known her; and

WHEREAS, Jan Otwell championed the value of civic engagement over a long life of volunteer and public service. She inspired Illinois citizens to greater awareness of public issues and participation in the democratic process through her leadership in the community, her service in state government, and her time spent volunteering in social service agencies; and

WHEREAS, Jan Otwell grew up in suburban Philadelphia and came to Illinois to study journalism at Northwestern University in Evanston. She received undergraduate and graduate degrees in journalism, and it was while working on the Daily Northwestern newspaper that she met her husband Ralph Otwell. He was a reporter and she was his managing editor. Jan and Ralph had three sons and, while Ralph rose through the ranks in journalism to become a top editor at the Chicago Sun-Times, Jan focused her energies on the family and became a valued volunteer in the community; and

WHEREAS, Jan Otwell was a member of the Illinois League state board from 1968 to 1981, and served as its President from 1977 to 1981. During this time she spearheaded the League's effort to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment in Illinois, and directed the Illinois Juvenile Court Watching Project, which was funded through the Illinois League. As President, she chose to take the Illinois League Convention to the neighboring state of Wisconsin after Illinois refused to ratify the ERA. In recognition for her decades of hard work and dedication to the League of Women Voters she was honored with the Carrie Chapman Catt Award, the highest honor the League bestows; and

WHEREAS, Jan Otwell was a tireless leader and advocate for the aging. Despite her being a life-long Democrat, Republican Governor Jim Thompson appointed her to head the Illinois Department on Aging. During her seven years in Governor Thompson's cabinet, she focused her energies on fighting elder abuse and neglect and to extend quality of life. One of her initiatives, "Ninety for the '90s," was a groundbreaking networking program that drew together leaders from business, labor, communications, health and religion to study and report on issues facing aging Illinoisans. She created the Task Force on the Status of Older Women in Illinois and later became the Midwest Director of the AARP; and

WHEREAS, Jan Otwell was appointed to and served on the Task Force on the Future of Illinois, the Bureau of Employment Security Advisory Board, and the White House Conference on Families. She served as Coordinator of the Governor’s Task Force on Children and she was chairperson of the Long Term Care Committee of the National Association on State Units on Aging. She also chaired the Department of Children and Family Services Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, Jan Otwell’s commitment to her community was not limited to civics. Jan spent substantial time working to improve the lives of children, women, and the homeless through her involvement with Voices for Illinois Children, the Good News Partners and Deborah’s Place; and

WHEREAS, while being universally regarded as a dedicated team player, Jan Otwell’s exceptional abilities regularly singled her out for distinction. In addition to many other recognitions and awards she was honored by the Chicago Metro Chapter of the National Caucus and Center on Black Aged for her efforts to improve the lives of the minority elderly. She received the first annual Wise Older Woman Award from the White Crane Senior Health Center in Chicago, the Northwestern Club of Chicago Community Service Award, and the “Friend of Children” award from the Child Care Association of Illinois and, for her work with the Intergenerational Initiative, she received the “Champion” award; and

WHEREAS, Jan Otwell’s unfailing loyalty and her great generosity of spirit won her the affection and respect of the community. She was a role model for all who knew her and will be deeply missed. Jan Otwell and her husband Ralph resided in Evanston for nearly 31 years and the community has lost a treasured leader. Her loss will be felt even more acutely by her husband Ralph Otwell and their sons Brian, Douglas and David; their five grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter; 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 commemorates the extraordinary life of Janet Otwell, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions she 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 Janet Otwell.

15-2450

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

HONORING THE SERVICE OF HON. ABISHI C. CUNNINGHAM JR. AS PUBLIC DEFENDER OF COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, after graduating from Fisk University with a Bachelor of Science in 1969; and the Northwestern University School of Law with a Juris Doctorate in 1972. The Honorable Abishi C. Cunningham Jr., a native of West Virginia, became a member of the Illinois Bar; and

WHEREAS, after a brief stint as legal advisor to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction he joined the Cook County State's Attorney's office as a felony trial assistant, Judge Cunningham would also serve as Chief of the Vertical Prosecutions Unit. Later in his career, he would rejoin the State's Attorney's office as a supervisor of all misdemeanor and quasi-criminal cases; and

WHEREAS, after leaving the State's Attorney's office in 1976, Judge Cunningham joined the Criminal Defense Consortium of Cook County as a Supervisor of that organization's Lawndale office; and

WHEREAS, Judge Cunningham joined the bench as a Cook County Circuit Court Judge in 1986. During his time on the bench, he presided over thousands of bench trials, hundreds of jury trials, and was appointed by the Chief Judge to mentor newly appointed and elected judges. His last judicial assignment was in the Law Division, where he presided over an array of civil matters; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2009, after being appointed by then County Board President, Todd Stroger, Judge Cunningham was sworn into the office of Public Defender of Cook County by his sister and Presiding Judge of the Sixth Municipal District, Hon. Marjorie Laws; and

WHEREAS, during his six-year term as Public Defender, Judge Cunningham has diligently carried out his mission to uphold the Constitutions of the United States of America and the State of Illinois; and protect the rights, liberties, and dignities of every person his office was appointed to represent.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners that we, along with his family, friends, and the citizens of Cook County whom he has spent his exemplary career serving and protecting, honor him for his dedicated service; 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 Hon. Abishi C. Cunningham Jr.

15-2498

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

HONORING THE LIFE OF REV. WILLIE T. BARROW

WHEREAS, almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, has called one of our spiritual leaders, Rev. Willie T. Barrow from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Barrow was born in Burton, Texas, to Nelson and Octavia Taplin. At the young age of 12, in 1936, she organized and led her first demonstration when she confronted a bus driver and demanded that all students be allowed to ride the school bus regardless of race; and

WHEREAS, at age sixteen, Rev. Barrow moved to Portland, Oregon, to attend Warner Pacific Theological Seminary. It was here that she organized one of the first African-American Churches of God; and where during World War II she worked as a welder at the Kaiser Shipyards in Swan Island, Washington; and

WHEREAS, in 1943 Rev. Barrow and her husband, Clyde Barrow, moved to Chicago where she began studies at Moody Bible Institute and served as a youth minister at Langley Avenue Church of God; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Barrow began her civil rights activism in the 1950's when she became a field organizer for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). In this capacity she worked alongside Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. to organize demonstrators whom participated in marches and sit-ins across the country including, the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom and the 1965 March from Selma to Montgomery. Rev. Barrow was among the first to seek Dr. King's assistance in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Barrow was a fervent activist, she also lent her organizing talents to the LGBT community, she fought for HIV/AIDs victims; and advocated for fair labor practices. She remained vocal about women's rights, Chicago gun violence, and changes to the Voting Rights Act until her passing. She also co-pastored The Vernon Park Church of God; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Barrow was preceded in death by her husband, Clyde Barrow and her son, Keith Barrow; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Willie T. Barrow's memory will be forever cherished in the hearts of those individuals whom she touched and loved; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, do extend their deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family as well as to the many friends and loved ones of Rev. Willie T. Barrow.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to the loved ones of Rev. Willie T. Barrow as a means of communicating our deep respect for Rev. Willie T. Barrow's contribution to the spiritual life and championing issues of equality and fairness for the people of Cook County.

15-2529

Sponsored by: RICHARD R. BOYKIN, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HONORING THE LIFE OF MRS. DOROTHY D. SCHNADIG

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom called Dorothy D. Schnadig from our midst on March 23rd at the age of 104 years old; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy D. Schnadig was a native Chicagoan who grew up in Hyde Park and attended the University of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy D. Schnadig was an ardent supporter of numerous social service and community-based organizations, including the Chicago Lighthouse and SGA Youth and Family Services, and was a long-time volunteer at Highland Park Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy D. Schnadig was a champion of progressive causes pertaining to civil rights, education, employment and the environment; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy D. Schnadig was happily married to the late Lawrence Schnadig for 51 years and was the mother of prominent Chicago labor attorney Richard Schnadig, as well as two other children; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy D. Schnadig was a proud grandmother to 10 grandchildren and a proud

great-grandmother to 21 great-grandchildren;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners extend their deepest sympathies to the family of Mrs. Dorothy D. Schnadig; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners extend their gratitude to Mrs. Dorothy D. Schnadig for her immeasurable contributions to Cook County through her exemplary life of service.