

**14-0937
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT, JERRY BUTLER,
EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER,
JESÚS G. GARCÍA, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, GREGG GOSLIN,
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LARRY SUFFREDIN AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS
OF COOK COUNTY SHERIFF'S INVESTIGATOR CUAUHTEMOC ESTRADA**

WHEREAS, The members of Cook County Board and the Cook County Sheriff were deeply saddened to hear of the untimely death of Cook County Sheriff's Investigator Cuauhtémoc "Temo" Estrada, (Star #345), who was killed in the line of duty on Friday, December 20, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Investigator Estrada, a Department of Corrections officer for nearly twenty years, was fatally wounded after attempting to intervene and protect his daughter from armed robbers outside of an Estrada family holiday party in Bellwood; and

WHEREAS, Investigator Estrada dedicated his life to both public service and public safety, having previously served with honor as a United States Marine; and

WHEREAS, Investigator Estrada was a lifetime resident of Cook County, having been born and raised in Pilsen and residing most recently in Maywood, in close proximity to his family; and

WHEREAS, Investigator Estrada joined the Cook County Sheriff's Office in February 1994, going on to work within the divisions of the Cook County Jail as well as the Vocational Rehabilitation Impact Center; and

WHEREAS, Investigator Estrada served with distinction for 13 years as an investigator with the Electronic Monitoring Unit; and

WHEREAS, Investigator Estrada brought a strong work ethic to duty to his career at the Cook County Sheriff's Office; his dedication to his job surpassed the hardest of workers, frequently leaving weeks' worth of vacation time on the table in favor of coming in to work and supporting his colleagues in the field; and

WHEREAS, Investigator Estrada commanded the respect both of detainees, a particularly important quality considering the realities of working with individuals on electronic monitoring, many of whom are homeless and have no home with which to return; and

WHEREAS, Investigator Estrada was beloved by his colleagues in the Sheriff's Office, complementing his renowned professionalism with an affable and humorous personality; and

WHEREAS, Investigator Estrada's reputation for carrying out his responsibilities in a tough but also fair

and humane manner made him the model with which his Department of Corrections colleagues aspired; and

WHEREAS, Investigator Estrada's Spanish fluency allowed him to cross language barriers and diffuse dangerous situations, maintaining civility both inside and outside of the jail; and

WHEREAS, Investigator Estrada is survived by a loving family, including a son, three daughters and three granddaughters, with whom all of Cook County grieves; and

WHEREAS, Investigator Estrada lived as he died - tirelessly protecting his family, our community and our Nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, Cook County Sheriff Thomas J. Dart, and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, assembled this 15th day of January, 2014 do hereby honor the life and memory of Investigator Cuauhtémoc "Temo" Estrada, and extend our heartfelt condolences to his family; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this Resolution be presented to the Family of Investigator Estrada as a sign of our sympathy and good wishes.

Approved and adopted this 15th day of January 2014.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

**14-0923
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE JESÚS G. GARCÍA, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

**CONGRATULATING NANCY NASKO
ON RECEIVING DISTINGUISHED PRINCIPAL AWARD**

WHEREAS, Nancy Nasko began her career as a teacher at St. Pius V Catholic School in 1986 and was named Principal in 1996; and

WHEREAS, throughout her tenure as principal, Nancy has worked tirelessly to increase enrollment and expand the faculty, and has overseen academic and capital improvements, including a new science lab and playground, shaping St. Pius V School into a top-notch school attracting students from across the city and suburbs; and

WHEREAS, having adopted the educational philosophy from St. Francis of Assisi to “Preach the gospel at all times. When necessary, use words”. Nancy has held an open-door policy for her students, parents and staff, a trademark of her tenure as principal; and

WHEREAS, Nancy has developed a personal relationship with the parents of all of the children in her school, ensuring a second home atmosphere where a peaceful environment can reign; and

WHEREAS, Nancy created the Peacemaker Award, a peer-nominated award in each classroom that is given to those students who best exemplify the values of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2013, the National Catholic Education Association presented Nancy with its 2013 Distinguished Principal Award at its annual convention for embodying the very best of a Catholic education, and her inspirational leadership and dedication to academic excellence; and

WHEREAS, Nancy is one of twelve elementary Catholic school principals to receive this award from more than 10,000 in the entire country, and the only such principal from Illinois; and

WHEREAS, on October 25, 2013, at the National Association of Elementary School Principals awards ceremony in Washington D.C., Nancy was presented the 2013 Distinguished Principal Award, their highest honor, in recognition of her high standards for instruction, student achievement, character, and climate for students, families and staff; and

WHEREAS, Nancy is one of only three (3) Catholic School principals out of 61 total principals from across the country selected to receive the 2013 Distinguished Principal Award, making her one of the top three (3) Catholic elementary school principals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate Nancy Nasko for her notable achievements in education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to Nancy Nasko in honor of her significant accomplishments.

Approved and adopted this 15th day of January 2014.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

**14-0876
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE PETER N. SILVESTRI, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
JERRY BUTLER, EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY,
BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN,
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LARRY SUFFREDIN AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING THE BIG 10 CONFERENCE
FOR BUILDING NEW HEADQUARTERS IN COOK COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Big Ten Conference has recently completed construction on its new headquarters-a three-story, \$20 million, LEED certified building located in Rosemont; and

WHEREAS, the new headquarters, which is part of Rosemont's new entertainment district on the east side of the Tri-State Tollway near Balmoral Avenue, employs 40 full-time employees; and

WHEREAS, the 3,000 square-foot Big Ten museum on the building's first floor will be an interactive experience, featuring touch screens and TVs with footage from past games; and

WHEREAS, the museum will offer a movie theater style panoramic area that will allow fans to experience what it feels like to be on the football field or on the foul line in a basketball game; and

WHEREAS, Big Ten Conference officials estimate the 50,000 square-foot building will host roughly 130 athletic and academic meetings annually and will allow school leaders to share ideas and develop best practices among their institutions; and

WHEREAS, the Big Ten Conference's inception can be traced to a meeting of university presidents at Chicago's Palmer House in 1895. After spending 18 years in Schaumburg, the conference moved to Park Ridge in 1991; and

WHEREAS, conference officials began looking again for a new headquarters once they decided the conference had outgrown its location at Higgins and Dee Roads in Park Ridge; and

WHEREAS, the new Rosemont location provides easier access to O'Hare Airport, hotels and restaurants; and

WHEREAS, as part of the entertainment district, the new facility offers a pedestrian-friendly experience, including free admission to the museum.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby commend the Big Ten Conference for remaining in Cook County and constructing this new interactive facility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to the Big Ten Conference in honor of its contribution to Cook County.

Approved and adopted this 15th day of January 2014.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

**14-0924
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE JESÚS G. GARCÍA, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

**HONORING JAMES DONAHUE UPON HIS RETIREMENT
FROM SERVICE AT THE DR. JORGE PRIETO FAMILY HEALTH CENTER
AND JOHN H. STROGER JR., HOSPITAL OF COOK COUNTY**

WHEREAS, James (Jim) Donahue, one of eight children, was born in Chicago to a large Irish family, grew-up with strong beliefs in and commitments to social justice for all; and

WHEREAS, Jim graduated from Loyola University with a bachelor's degree in 1972, earned a Master's Degree in Divinity from St. Mary of the Lake in 1980, and is also a certified Addictions Counselor and a National Certified Recovery Specialist; and

WHEREAS, as a licensed social worker, Jim was hired to work at Cook County's Dr. Jorge Prieto Family Health Center in Little Village as a Medical Social Worker III in 1984; and

WHEREAS, Jim has worked tirelessly to meet the needs of the patients at the Center, and has implemented a number of programs to meet the needs of residents within the broader community of Little Village; and

WHEREAS, Jim has represented the Health Center with distinction as a founding member of the Violence Prevention Collaborative of Little Village; organizer, manager and facilitator of Supportive Services for the Domestic Violence Self Help Group at the Dr. Jorge Prieto Family Health Center; and, advisor for the Violence Prevention Emergency Fund, established to help families who are victims of violence with funeral expenses; and

WHEREAS, Jim has been recognized for his tireless work and commitment to the welfare of the community with many awards, including the Nutritional Service Award from WIC, Cook County Superior Service Award, Dr. Jorge Prieto Visionary Award, Enlace Chicago Annual Spirit Award Mujeres Latinas en Acción award for empowering women who have experienced domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, due to his advocacy and work at the Dr. Jorge Prieto Family Health Center Jim was presented with the All Chicago Emergency Fund 2012 Service Excellence Award for offering Holistic Health Services to the Community; and

WHEREAS, Jim has served in various capacities with several organizations, including Community Representative for the American Cancer Society, Little Village Lawndale High School Health Advisory Board, Roots to Wellness Community Committee to promote mental health services in Little Village and the National Association of Social Workers; and

WHEREAS, Jim has served as mentor, trainer and supervisor to Loyola University graduate Social Work students in their internships at the Dr. Jorge Prieto Family Health Center, and he has served as a role model for Loyola's Family Medicine Residency Training Program at John H. Stroger, Jr., Hospital of Cook County and Provident Hospital of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, after thirty years of dedicated service, Jim chose to retire on December 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate James Donahue for thirty years of extraordinary service and commitment to the patients of Cook County, and thanks him for his dedication to the residents of the community he has served so selflessly and for consistently advocating for the delivery of quality health care to all patients; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to James Donahue with our thanks and sincere wishes for good health and happiness during his retirement.

Approved and adopted this 15th day of January 2014.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

14-0925

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE JESÚS G. GARCÍA, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

**HONORING TOMAS VASQUEZ UPON HIS RETIREMENT
FROM THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, Tomas (Tom) Luna Vásquez was born on October 12, 1943 in Matamoros, Tamaulipas, México, to Maria del Socorro and Trinidad Vásquez and is one of fourteen children; and

WHEREAS, Tom emigrated to Brownsville, Texas, at the age of fifteen to pursue his dream of moving to the United States, where he married the love of his life, Irma Reyna, in 1962; and

WHEREAS, Tom and Irma moved to Chicago in 1967 to the Pilsen/Little Village community; and

WHEREAS, Tom and Irma have been blessed with four boys, eight grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Tom dedicated countless hours of volunteer service at his Parish, St. Agnes of Bohemia and as a distinguished precinct captain in the 22nd Ward Independent Political Organization for 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Tom contributed to the historic elections of Mayor Harold Washington in 1983, the 1986 election of Jesús García as the first Mexican-American Alderman of the 22nd Ward and the 1996 election of Sonia Silva as the first Latina State Representative; and

WHEREAS, Tom worked tirelessly to provide for his family at several jobs including at Westinghouse, Sears, Clark Oil and the Chicago Transit Authority; and

WHEREAS, Tom started his career at the Chicago Transit Authority as a bus servicer then rose to the position of laborer then labor leader which carried with it substantial responsibilities, including snow command, supervising units of the Sheriff's Work Alternative Program and the Earned Work Force Program; and

WHEREAS, Tom chose to retire from the Chicago Transit Authority after twenty-six years of dedicated service on December 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate Tomas Vásquez for twenty-six years of extraordinary service to the Chicago Transit Authority and his commitment to the Little Village community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to Tomas Vásquez with our thanks and sincere wishes for good health and happiness during his retirement.

Approved and adopted this 15th day of January 2014.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

**14-0926
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE JOHN P. DALEY, COUNTY COMMISSIONER
AND PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE**

HONORING FATHER ĆASTIMIR TIMOTHY MAJIĆ ON HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners has been informed of the august occasion of Father Ćastimir Timothy Majić's 100th birthday by John P. Daley, Cook County Commissioner for the 11th District; and

WHEREAS, Father Majić was born on January 9, 1914 in Croatia; and

WHEREAS, in 1933 Father Majić joined the Franciscan Order and was ordained on June 4, 1939 in Mostar, after having completed his philosophy and theology studies in both Mostar and Rome; and

WHEREAS, Father Majić furthered his pursuit of erudition in Friedberg, Germany where he earned two doctorates, one in philosophy (1946) and one in theology (1951); and

WHEREAS, in 1951, Father Majić emigrated to Chicago, over the years he has written for several newspapers and periodicals, and has worked in parishes in St. Louis, New York and Milwaukee; and

WHEREAS, Father Majić served as the executive secretary of the Association of Croatian Priests in America and Canada for 20 years; and

WHEREAS, at age 97, Father Majić wrote a book which commemorated those of his fellow Franciscans who had been killed, evidencing his still-powerful memory and talent with the pen; and

WHEREAS, Father Majić lives at St. Anthony Friary, where he has served as guardian for the past decade; and

WHEREAS, Father Majić is a robust member of the Hyde Park community, where he mentors many individuals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Toni Preckwinkle, President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Commissioners of Cook County do hereby congratulate Father Ćastimir Timothy Majić on the venerable and joyous occasion of his 100th birthday, and do send our best wishes for continued health and happiness; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy of same be tendered to Father Ćastimir Timothy Majić.

Approved and adopted this 15th day of January 2014.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

**14-0933
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE ROBERT B. STEELE, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
JERRY BUTLER, EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY,
BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN,
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AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF QUEEN ISABELLA (ISABEL) CONNOLLY TAYLOR

Proverbs 31: 28-31

(28) Her children arise up, and call her blessed, her husband also, and he praiseth her, (29) Many daughters have done virtuously but thou excellest them all; (30) Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised; (31) Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

WHEREAS, Almighty God has called Queen Isabella (Isabel) Connolly Taylor from our midst on January 5, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Queen Isabella was born into life on August 11, 1909 in Savage, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Queen Isabella confessed her faith in Christ at the tender age of 14 and joined St. Samaritan A.M.E. Church in Coldwater, Mississippi, where she developed her commitment and dedication of service not only to the Lord but to mankind; and

WHEREAS, on April 12, 1931 she married Mr. Luke Taylor and to this union ten (10) children were born; and

WHEREAS, her husband and three (3) of their children; Menore T. Hall, Calvin Taylor and Vernice T. Brownlee preceded her in death; and

WHEREAS, Queen Isabella raised her children in a God fearing and loving home, provided them principles of hard work and education, they became successful entrepreneurs, educators and governmental officials throughout the cities of Los Angles and Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Queen Isabella's passion was education. She passed the State of Mississippi's teacher certification exam in 1930 and began teaching in a "one room school house" at Prichard Elementary School in Tunica, Mississippi all before earning her high school diploma in 1950. She later earned her Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education in 1959 from Mississippi Industrial College. She taught school until her retirement in 1973; and

WHEREAS, in the mid 1970's Queen Isabella migrated to Chicago, Illinois and joined the Allen Metropolitan C.M.E. Church where she was a faithful, loyal and hard-working member. She served with numerous auxiliaries including the Missionary Society, the Young at Heart and the Stewardess Board just to name a few until her departure; and

WHEREAS, in 1974, Queen Isabella became a member of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. and subsequently became a lifetime member. As the oldest living soror in the State of Illinois, Queen Isabella was always doted on by her sorors and in the 2013, the Isabella C. Taylor Scholarship was created in honor of her services and commitment to education; and

WHEREAS, Queen Isabella was known as an author for her treasure chest of inspirational words and beautiful rhythmic expressions were frequently displayed in churches, schools, newspapers and on television. From 1996 through 2000 Queen Isabella authored two poetry books, in which one of her poems won second place at the Gwendolyn Brook Writer's Conference; and

WHEREAS, Queen Isabella is survived by seven (7) loving children; Lee Dale, Marjorie, Hosea, C.L. (Irene), Doretha, Eunice and Melvin (Renee) whose memory of their mother will forever live on in their hearts; and

WHEREAS, Queen Isabella was the grandmother of thirty-six (36) precious grandchildren, one (1) of them being Melva L. Brownlee who is employed by Cook County Government, seventy-two (72) adorable great- grandchildren and twenty-five (25) delightful great-great grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, she is also survived by two (2) sisters; Ora Mae Rushing and Fannie Taylor, one (1) son-in-law Thomas O. Brownlee, Sr., one (1) daughter-in-law Sonia Taylor, a host of nieces, nephews, numerous relatives and friends; and

WHEREAS, most of all, Queen Isabella had unwavering faith in the Lord. She was a loving, charming, sincere individual who took the time to share every aspect of her life.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Toni Preckwinkle, President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Commissioners of Cook County do hereby offer our deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family of Queen Isabella C. Taylor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to the family of Queen Isabella (Isabel) C. Taylor and a copy be spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body.

Approved and adopted this 15th day of January 2014.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

**14-0935
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE,
PRESIDENT OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF MABLE LOUISE BLACKWELL

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom, has called a highly distinguished woman who possessed a beautiful spirit of service, Mable Louise Blackwell from our midst; and

WHEREAS, born on February 15, 1947 in Decatur, Georgia, Mrs. Blackwell grew up in Springfield, Illinois and graduated from Champaign Senior High School in 1965; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Blackwell took college classes at Southern Illinois University, where she was inducted into the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Epsilon Xi Chapter, in 1968; she continued her college studies at Chicago State University earning a bachelor's degree in biology in 1972. Mrs. Blackwell then earned a master's degree in biology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1974, and an M.D. in pediatrics in 1978 from the University of Illinois at Chicago, as well as a master's degree in public health, also from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 1986; and

WHEREAS, for over 30 years, Mrs. Blackwell led an exceedingly successful professional life, serving as a practicing physician, a medical administrator and an academician; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Blackwell served as the Regional Medical Director for the Chicago Department of Public Health; she also served as the Medical Director for the Illinois Department of Human Services, as the Chief Medical Officer/Medical Director for the Health Department of Will County, and held positions at Mercy Hospital and Cook County Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Blackwell served for almost ten years as a College of Medicine Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Pediatrics, and as the Director of the Office of Public Health Practice, both at the University of Illinois at Chicago; and

WHEREAS, while a professor and administrator at the University of Illinois at Chicago, Mrs. Blackwell served as a consultant to the Illinois Office of Inspector General's Division of Medical Integrity; she was responsible for reviewing medical practices and serving on hearing committees; and

WHEREAS, while a visiting professor at Chicago State University, Mrs. Blackwell developed a clinical research structure for interdisciplinary and interagency study; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Blackwell's service extended into the national and international realms as well; she was a Professional Peer Reviewer for the Public Health Service Health Resource and Service Administration, the National Institute of Health, the National Cancer Institute Office of Cancer Program Support, as well as at the U.S. Department of Education Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Blackwell sojourned to numerous countries to examine health delivery practices, access and barriers, including countries throughout West Africa, Japan, China, Thailand, Mexico and South Africa; this work included serving as an invited planning meeting participant on the Establishing a Post-Apartheid Health System for South Africa conference sponsored by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation at the University of Illinois at Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Blackwell founded the Herman T. and Ruth K. Blackwell Foundation, a non-profit public charity established to support and encourage communities to improve their quality of life and that of future generations; proceeds from the Foundation now fund an endowed scholarship by the same name at Morehouse College; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Blackwell utilized her medical knowledge to fight for the underserved and poor; as a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Academy of Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine, Mrs. Blackwell was awarded several research grants for her work in minority and adolescent medicine; and

WHEREAS, as much as she was devoted to her professional life, Mrs. Blackwell was deeply committed to her family and friends; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, Mrs. Blackwell joined Trinity United Church of Christ and quickly became an active member; she was inspired by its African centered philosophy and by the opportunity to uplift others who were poor and disenfranchised; she was particularly involved with the Project Jeremiah and the Yoga ministries; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Blackwell was preceded in death by her parents, Herman T. and Ruth K. Blackwell, brothers, Duane W. Blackwell and William N. Blackwell, and sister, Diana D. Polk. She leaves to mourn her daughter, Samantha S. Fields, and son, Ryan E. Fields, sisters, Dorothy R. Coleman (Dejustice), Doris K. Butts (Stanley), Wilma J. Conwell, Clara Johnson (Samuel), Ave M. Blackwell Alvarado, brothers, Robert T. Blackwell (Carolyn), Victor E. Blackwell (Kimberly), and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mable Louise Blackwell's memory shall be cherished in all of the hearts of the people whom she touched and loved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that I, Toni Preckwinkle, President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Commissioners of Cook County on behalf of the residents of Cook County, do hereby express my deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family as well as to the many friends and loved ones of Mable Louise Blackwell, and may a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to the family of Mable Louise Blackwell so that her rich legacy may be so honored and ever cherished

Approved and adopted this 15th day of January 2014.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

**14-0936
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE
PRESIDENT OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF COLETTE ANN DURKIN

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom, has called a deeply loving and beloved woman, Colette Ann Durkin from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Durkin was born on July 8, 1930 and grew up on Chicago's West Side; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Durkin attended St. Thomas Aquinas Grammar School, graduated from Sienna High School in 1947 and subsequently, attended classes at DePaul University; and

WHEREAS, for over 62 years, Mrs. Durkin was the cherished wife of Thomas J. Durkin; and

WHEREAS, home safely from the Korean War, Mr. Durkin worked during the day and, under the GI Bill, took classes at night toward his college degree; Mrs. Durkin successfully raised eight boys to manhood: Thomas, Kevin, Terry, Michael, Patrick, James, Robert and William; she insisted that each son receive a Catholic education and each earn a college degree; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Durkin's devotion to her sons was further evidenced by the fact that she was an unwavering, supportive presence at her sons' activities, whether it be an athletic event, play, concert or recital; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Durkin volunteered at Divine Infant Grammar School and Fenwick High School; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Durkin and her husband gave food to the poor at Christmas time, and made sure their children took part in this act of kindness, to instill in them a sense of gratitude for what they had; and

WHEREAS, in her spare time, Mrs. Durkin attended mass daily, volunteered to help the homeless, and served as a Eucharistic Minister at Loyola University Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Durkin's love and affection extended to her eight daughters-in-law, whom she esteemed to be the daughters she never had, as well as to her 27 grandchildren, and her nieces and nephews; Mrs. Durkin's extended family enjoyed many fun and fulfilling occasions and celebrations with Mrs. Durkin, her husband and sons; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Durkin and her husband were generous benefactors of Catholic Charities, Misericordia and Mercy Home; and

WHEREAS, in losing Mrs. Durkin, we have lost a woman who gave selflessly of herself to others and whose gusto for living was an inspiration for all who had the privilege to spend time with her; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Durkin was predeceased by her brother, Thomas McHugh; Mrs. Durkin leaves to mourn her passing her husband, Thomas J. Durkin; sons, The Honorable Thomas (Gail Fundakowski) Durkin, Kevin (Kathy) Durkin, Terry (Patti) Durkin, Michael (Julie) Durkin, Patrick (Mary) Durkin, The Honorable James (Celeste) Durkin, Robert (Laura) Durkin and William (Erin) Durkin; grandchildren, Chris Christine) Durkin, Colin (Meagan) Durkin, Connor (Lindsay) Durkin, Jess Durkin, Katie Durkin, Mike Durkin, Kristy Durkin, Mackenzie Durkin, Tommy Durkin, Billy Durkin, Michelle Durkin, Matt Durkin, Kim Durkin, Kelly, Sean Durkin, Brian Durkin, Colleen Durkin, Adrienne Durkin, Madeline Durkin, Emma Durkin, Caroline Durkin, Jane Durkin, Patrick Durkin, Maggie Durkin, Jack Durkin, Molly Durkin and Joey Durkin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Colette Ann Durkin shall be cherished in all of the hearts of the people she touched and loved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that I, Toni Preckwinkle, President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Commissioners of Cook County on behalf of the residents of Cook County, do hereby express my deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family as well as to the many friends and loved ones of Colette Ann Durkin, and may a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to the family of Colette Ann Durkin so that her rich legacy may be so honored and ever cherished

Approved and adopted this 15th day of January 2014.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

**14-0939
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE JOHN P. DALEY, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

PETRA TOBAR - IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Petra Tobar from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Petra Tobar (nee Medina) was the beloved wife of the late Ernest Tobar; and

WHEREAS, Petra Tobar was the dear mother of Tina (Victor) Roa, Richie (Bernice), Diana "Cookie", Vince (Debbie), Maria, Christal, Anthony CFD (Dawn), Michael CFD (Phyllis) and the late Ernest "Toby" and the late Chuckie; and

WHEREAS, Petra Tobar was the loving grandmother of 21 and great-grandmother of 11; and

WHEREAS, Petra Tobar was the cherished aunt of many; and

WHEREAS, all who knew her will attest that Petra Tobar 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.

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 Petra Tobar, 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 Petra Tobar, that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

Approved and adopted this 15th day of January 2014.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

**14-0941
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE JOHN P. DALEY, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

THOMAS WARD, SR. - IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Thomas J. Ward, Sr. from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Ward, Sr. was the beloved husband of Sally Ward (nee Fitzgerald) for over 50 years of marriage; and

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Ward, Sr. was the loving father of Maureen (Craig) Kirby, Thomas J. Ward, Jr., Elizabeth (Will) Ketcham, Michael (Patty) and John (Mary) Ward; and

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Ward, Sr. was the beloved brother of James (Joan), Bernard, Jack (Louise), Neil (Marge) and Susan (Jerry) Brown; and

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Ward, Sr. fond uncle of many nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Ward, Sr. served and protected the citizens of Chicago as a Sergeant with the Chicago Police Department, wherein throughout his career he upheld his oath with honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, all who knew him will attest that Thomas J. Ward, Sr. 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.

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 Thomas J. Ward, Sr., 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 Thomas J. Ward, Sr., that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

Approved and adopted this 15th day of January 2014.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

**14-0942
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE JOHN P. DALEY, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

GEORGE KOVACEVICH - IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called George F. "Bucky" Kovacevich from our midst; and

WHEREAS, George F. "Bucky" Kovacevich was the beloved husband of Marion "Mimi" (nee Caulfield); and

WHEREAS, George F. "Bucky" Kovacevich was the dear father of Michael (Joyce), Judi LaGiglio and Patti (Michael) Sullivan; and

WHEREAS, George F. "Bucky" Kovacevich was the cherished grandfather of Jacki Arriaga, Megan, Michael, Kaila, Patrick and Maeve; and

WHEREAS, George F. "Bucky" Kovacevich was the fond brother of Edward (the late Genieve), the late Matthew (the late Dorothy), Joe (the late Evelyn), Mary (the late Frank) Paslaski, Ann, James (the late Ruth), Frank and John (the late Jean) Kovacevich; and

WHEREAS, George F. "Bucky" Kovacevich was the fond uncle of many nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, all who knew him will attest that George F. "Bucky" Kovacevich 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.

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 George F. "Bucky" Kovacevich, 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 George F. "Bucky" Kovacevich, that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

Approved and adopted this 15th day of January 2014.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

**14-0949
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE
PRESIDENT OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

HONORING THE MEMORY OF CLYDE BLACK

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom, has called upon a hard working entrepreneur who was also a man of integrity, veteran shoe shine man, Clyde Black from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Black worked on the ground floor of the County building shining shoes; he would always say: “A proper shoe shine should take 10 minutes, tops. Conversation costs. You pay for conversation”; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Black got his start shining shoes in 1978. He treated every set of shoes with the same quality and attention, whether they belonged to the Cook County Board President or to a custodian; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Black enjoyed talking with former Mayor Richard M. Daley about the White Sox while he shined his shoes as well as former Cook County Board President, John H. Stroger, Jr., whom he counted among his good friends and whom he praised for always extending help to others in need; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Black would say, “I don’t call myself successful, but I do OK. Most people say I am the best in the business”; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Black looked up to his brother, Marion Black, who had been his guardian; when Mr. Black was tempted by personal vices, his brother would remind him that he had a good head on his shoulders if he could just straighten up and fly right; since his brother’s death, Mr. Black was committed to flying right; and

WHEREAS, people who knew Mr. Black said that his word was his bond and that he was a people person, a free spirit and a man of God; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Black attended church regularly where he enjoyed singing spiritual songs; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Black was devoted to his sons and worked hard to ensure that they were able to fulfill all their desires in life; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Black’s abundant, loyal customers were a testament to his diligent work ethic and his professionalism; and

WHEREAS, in losing Mr. Black we have lost a true American entrepreneur who was a shining example of the adage, “Whatever you do, do it well”; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Black made an honest living while touching the hearts of many.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Clyde Black’s memory shall be cherished in all of the hearts of the people he touched and loved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, does hereby express its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family as well as to the many friends and loved ones of Clyde Black and may a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to his family herewith.

Approved and adopted this 15th day of January 2014.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

**14-0955
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE JOHN P. DALEY, COUNTY COMMISSIONER
AND PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE**

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Jack Schaller celebrated his 90th Birthday on January 15, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Jack Schaller is known to generations of Chicagoans as the proprietor of Schaller's Pump, the oldest licensed liquor establishment in the city; and

WHEREAS, throughout the course of his life, Jack Schaller has faithfully managed the Schaller's Pump in the manner taught to him by his grandfather, George Schaller who founded the establishment in 1881; and

WHEREAS, Jack Schaller is a loyal fan of the Chicago White Sox and has known many players and team officials over the years; and

WHEREAS, Jack Schaller was once honored by the team when he was selected to throw out the ceremonial first pitch before a game; and

WHEREAS, in his youth Jack Schaller attended Leo High School in Chicago before being drafted to serve his country, and

WHEREAS, Jack Schaller was a member of the 34th Infantry Division during World War II, where he served with courage and distinction was stationed in the Philippine Islands; and

WHEREAS, Jack Schaller has been a devoted father, and with his beloved late wife Betty, he raised a close and loving family with sons Jack (Melissa), Jim, and Jay, and daughters Jill (Mike) Nolan, Sue (Leo) Weber, Colleen (Jack) Sheehan, Betty Jo (Bob) Bailey and Kim (George) Shinnick; and

WHEREAS, Jack Schaller and his loyal customers at the Schaller's Pump have witnessed memorable sporting events over the course of his lifetime such as: the Super Bowl Champion Chicago Bears in 1985, White Sox World Series Championship in 2005, the Chicago Blackhawks Stanley Cup Championships of 2010 and 2013, and the dawn of a new Millennium; and

WHEREAS, on January 15, 2014, Jack Schaller celebrated his 90th Birthday in the company of his family.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby extend its warmest wishes and congratulations to Jack Schaller 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 Jack Schaller to commemorate this joyous occasion.

Approved and adopted this 15th day of January 2014.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

**14-0439
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT, JERRY BUTLER,
EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, JESÚS G. GARCÍA,
ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE,
JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, EDWIN REYES, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER,
PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT B. STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN
AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY AS NATIONAL SPAY AND NEUTER MONTH

WHEREAS, pet overpopulation results in an estimated 6-8 million animals entering shelters nationwide each year; and

WHEREAS, tragically, only half of these animals find adoptive homes resulting in the euthanasia of 3-4 million animals per year across the nation; and

WHEREAS, spay/neuter is the only permanent, 100 percent effective method of birth control for dogs and cats; and

WHEREAS, the spay/neuter procedure prevents various forms of cancer and bacterial infections thus adding to the quantity and quality of the dog or cat's life; and

WHEREAS, during the month of February, the Cook County Department of Animal and Rabies Control conducts a spay/neuter rebate program that allows any citizen of Cook County with a valid rabies vaccine to have their pet spayed/neutered at the veterinarian of their choice; and

WHEREAS, 4126 animals were spayed/neutered in the month of February 2013 in Cook County saving the citizens of Cook County \$165,040.00 through the Cook County Animal and Rabies Control Rebate program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the month of February is recognized as Spay/Neuter Month in Cook County; all residents and employees of Cook County are urged to have their pets spayed or neutered to help stop pet overpopulation.

Approved and adopted this 15th day of January 2014.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk