



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

Consent Agenda

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, April 9, 2014, 11:00 AM

14-1690

Sponsored by: ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, County Commissioner TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners, JERRY BUTLER, EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, EDWIN REYES, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING LEMONT HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS

WHEREAS, the members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners are proud to recognize excellence in 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 Lemont High School Cheerleaders displayed those qualities and worked together with coaches Dave Erlenbaugh, Bree Grady and Brittany Cantarino, to achieve a great season and progress to become the 2014 IHSA Medium Division State Champions; and

WHEREAS, this marks the 9th consecutive time that the Lemont High School Cheerleaders made a state final appearance taking third place in 2006 and 2012, and placed at the state runner-up in 2007, 2008 and 2013 and won state titles in 2009, 2010 and 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Lemont High School Cheerleaders final score of 90.84 marked its best score of the post season; and

WHEREAS, the Lemont High School Cheerleaders placed third at the Midwest Cheer Fest and the North Pole Invite, placed first at the Winter Meltdown at the Sears Centre in Hoffman Estates; and on its way to the State Championship placed second in the sectionals at Riverside-Brookfield High School and was first after the prelims in Bloomington, IL which qualified them for the State Championship Finals; and

WHEREAS, teammates Seniors: Madison Detres, Emily Durham, Gianna Letizia, Miranda Neumann, Rebecca Peraino, Kelsey Tate, Gianna Turek and D. J. Wohead; Juniors: Easton Kral, Reann Kwasneski, Elly Lambert, Nicole Markley, Stephanie Markley, Kayly Norris, Samantha Palumbo, Jenna Polk and Samantha Walus; Sophomores: Erin Cliff and Katelyn Papierski; and Freshman Caitlyn Henry are to be congratulated on leading the Lemont High School Cheerleaders 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 their family, friends and community in congratulating the coaching staff and team members of the Lemont High School Cheerleaders on their great achievements and their sense of teamwork, respect, hard work and dedication.

BE IT FURTHER RESOVLVED 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 coaching staff and team members.

14-1917

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CHILDHOOD EXPOSURE TO VIOLENCE PREVENTION WEEK

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Attorney General’s National Taskforce on Children Exposed to Violence (“CEV”), “We are facing one of the most significant challenges to the future of America’s children that we have ever known;” and

WHEREAS, homicide is the second leading cause of death among youth between the ages of 15 and 24 and is the leading cause of death among African American youth ages 10-24; and

WHEREAS, 75% of all the children who have died from abuse and neglect were younger than four years of age; and

WHEREAS, being abused or neglected as a child increases the likelihood of arrest as a juvenile by 59%; and

WHEREAS, research states that 75% of urban elementary school children living in high-violence neighborhoods have been exposed to community violence, and that 35% of urban youth who have been exposed to community violence have developed post-traumatic stress disorder; and

WHEREAS, children exposed to violence are at a higher risk of developing substance abuse, suffering from depression, anxiety and post-traumatic disorder, engaging in criminal behavior, having difficulty in school, and developing long-term health problems; and

WHEREAS, violence accounts for the majority of premature U.S. deaths and is a factor in the development of chronic diseases and lost productivity; and

WHEREAS, violence claims the majority and fastest-growing percentage of our health care spending; and

WHEREAS, each year, youth homicides and assault-related injuries result in an estimated \$16 billion in combined medical and work-loss costs; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Department of Public Health’s Office of Violence Prevention asks all residents to utilize the resources available to them and to unite in the knowledge that violence is a learned behavior that can be unlearned and prevented; and

WHEREAS, residents of Cook County are invited to gather together under this year's CEV Prevention Week campaign, *Protecting Every Child, Every Day*, led by the Chicago Department of Public Health's Chicago Safe Start Collaborative; and

WHEREAS, CEV Prevention Week aims to defend childhood by raising awareness of the detrimental and enduring effects that exposure to violence can have on children and communities; and

WHEREAS, CEV Prevention Week aims to help end the cycle of violence, and to mobilize caring adults and providers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Board of Commissioners of Cook County do hereby name April 21, 2014 through April 26, 2014 as "Childhood Exposure to Violence Prevention Week" in Cook County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Cook County residents are urged to act as ambassadors by not only preventing childhood exposure to violence within their own families but by safeguarding the innocence and promise that should define every child's present and future.

14-1940

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN and ROBERT STEELE, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

EARTH DAY RESOLUTION 2014

WHEREAS, Earth Day, April 22, was first organized in 1970 to promote ecology and respect for all life on the planet as well as to encourage awareness of the growing problems of air, water and soil pollution; and

WHEREAS, Cook County government has shown its commitment to sustainability and to reducing the County's impact on the environment by undertaking many energy efficiency measures including the largest Energy Savings Contracts ever undertaken by a County, and is working continually to find more ways to save energy; and

WHEREAS, Cook County through its Department of Environmental Control has partnered with its suburban communities and nonprofits to make energy efficiency investments throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, Cook County in 2012 passed the Demolition Debris Diversion Ordinance, resulting in over 90% of building materials from demolitions and renovations being reused or recycled; and

WHEREAS, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle was awarded in January 2014 the Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance's Leadership Award for inspiring energy efficiency; and

WHEREAS, during Earth Week of 2014 Cook County will be celebrating the environment through many activities ranging from involving youth in cleaning up our preserves and open space, to providing opportunities for County residents to safely dispose of old pharmaceuticals to help keep our water clean; and

WHEREAS, this Cook County Board wishes to acknowledge Earth Day and encourages all its employees, residents, businesses and communities to do likewise by participating in activities to preserve and protect the environment, both on April 22nd and on every day throughout the year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Board of Commissioners of the County of Cook, State of Illinois, that the President and Board of Commissioners support April 22, 2014 as “Earth Day”.

14-2001

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING MAY 1, 2014 AS NATIONAL LAW DAY

WHEREAS, Law Day is a national day set aside to celebrate the rule of law. Law Day underscores how law and the legal process contribute to the freedoms that all Americans share. Law Day also provides an opportunity to recognize the role of courts in this democracy and the importance of jury service to maintaining the integrity of the courts; and

WHEREAS, Law Day has its origin in 1957, when American Bar Association (ABA) President Charles S. Rhyne envisioned a special day for celebrating our legal system; and

WHEREAS, on February 3, 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower established Law Day by issuing a Proclamation proclaiming it “fitting that the people of this Nation should remember with pride and vigilantly guard the great heritage of liberty, justice, and equality under law which our forefathers bequeathed to us.” Every President, since President Eisenhower, has issued an annual Law Day Proclamation; and

WHEREAS, on April 7, 1961, Congress passed a Joint Resolution, designating May 1 as Law Day. The theme of the 2014 Law Day is “American Democracy and the Rule of Law: Why Every Vote Matters”; and

WHEREAS, the right to vote is the very foundation of government by the people. For this reason, striving to establish and protect every citizen’s right to vote has been a central theme of American legal and civic history. Much of the struggle for voting rights began decades ago, but the work is far from complete, and citizen’s right to cast a ballot remains at risk today; and

WHEREAS, this Law Day occurs on the eve of the 50th anniversaries of two landmark pieces of legislation - the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Speaking on the Voting Rights Act, President Lyndon B. Johnson observed, “Every American citizen must have an equal right to vote. There is no reason which can excuse the denial of that right. There is no duty which weighs more

heavily on us than the duty we have to ensure that right;" and

WHEREAS, Law Day, May 1, 2014, will provide an opportunity to reflect on the importance of a citizen's right to vote and the challenges we still face in ensuring that all Americans have the opportunity to participate in our democracy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize May 1, 2014 as National Law Day and its theme of "American Democracy and the Rule of Law: Why Every Vote Matters."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Cook County Law Library will be celebrating Law Day with outreach focused on democracy and the rule of law.

14-2110

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

NATIONAL REBUILDING DAY 2014

WHEREAS, Rebuilding Together*Metro Chicago (formerly known as Christmas in April), a volunteer organization preserving and revitalizing low-income homes and communities, repaired its first home in suburban Cook County in 1992, and has since rehabilitated more than 1,000 homes; and

WHEREAS, Rebuilding Together*Metro Chicago is part of a national nonprofit program, which sponsors National Rebuilding Day across the country and on the last Saturday in April; and

WHEREAS, every year, Rebuilding Together*Metro Chicago selects two neighborhoods, one in the City of Chicago and one in suburban Cook County in which to provide home repair for elderly, disabled, or low income individuals; and

WHEREAS, this year on Saturday, April 26th, low-income homeowners will receive much needed aid as part of National Rebuilding Day 2014; and

WHEREAS, last year more than 3,100 volunteers donated their time and talents to plan and complete hundreds of free home repairs for residents in Cook County. The work completed on National Rebuilding Day in 93 homes, in three nonprofit community facilities and on one landscape project was accomplished by Rebuilding Together*Metro Chicago volunteer teams, including Cook County employees; and

WHEREAS, this year's event will take place in the Chicago neighborhood of West Englewood, and in south suburban Riverdale; and

WHEREAS, repairs focus on keeping homeowners "warm, safe and dry" and also improving access for low-income seniors, veterans and people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Rebuilding Together*Metro Chicago is an example of Cook County and the City of Chicago's working in partnership with private corporations to assist residents and communities in need.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, do hereby recognize and express Cook County's sincere gratitude to Rebuilding Together*Metro Chicago and its participating companies, as we work together to restore homes to a warm, safe, and dry condition; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners acknowledge April 26, 2014, as National Rebuilding Day in Cook County and, in turn, help to preserve the foundations of our neighborhoods; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to Rebuilding Together*Metro Chicago in acknowledgement of its past accomplishments and to a successful upcoming rebuilding day.

14-2202

Sponsored by: PETER N. SILVESTRI, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING ROBERT LUPO ON HIS RETIREMENT AS SUPERINTENDENT OF RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

WHEREAS, Robert Lupo is currently the superintendent of Ridgewood High School District 234, serving Norridge and Harwood Heights, a position he has held since 2003; and

WHEREAS, prior to that time, Robert Lupo served as an English teacher, Curriculum Coordinator, and Assistant Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, Robert Lupo's teaching career began in 1975 after his graduation from Northwestern University with a BS degree in Secondary English Education. Dr. Lupo holds a master's degree in English Literature and doctorate in Instructional Technology from Northern Illinois University; and

WHEREAS, Robert Lupo reached out to the student body at Ridgewood and beyond in his blog, "The Rebel Yell," which provided his educational insights; and

WHEREAS, Robert Lupo was instrumental in working with the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission as well as with members of the local, state, and federal governments to secure the largest FAA grant for a school sound abatement project in the agency's history, thereby improving the quality of life at Ridgewood for years to come; and

WHEREAS, Robert Lupo was at the helm as *Newsweek* ranked Ridgewood High School in the top 2,000 public high schools in the United States, and the *Washington Post* named Ridgewood as one of America's most challenging high school. These rankings place Ridgewood in the top ten percent of high schools in the state and in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Robert Lupo, who is a Ridgewood alumnus, will retire on June 30, 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby honor Robert Lupo for his years of service and dedication as teacher and superintendent and wish him well in his retirement.

14-2380

Sponsored by: GREGG GOSLIN, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING NAOMI D. CROOM ON HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

WHEREAS, Naomi D. Croom was born in Arragon, Georgia on March 20th 1914; and

WHEREAS, she was the third of seven children born to Elizabeth and Richard Green; and

WHEREAS, Naomi married Robert Croom and together they had four children: Barbara Patterson; Donald High; Robert Croom Jr. and Wendy Croom; and

WHEREAS, Naomi D. Croom has always been a voracious reader and passed on her love of knowledge to her children; and

WHEREAS, Naomi D. Croom continues to read two newspapers a day to keep up on current affairs and reads two books every week; and

WHEREAS, Naomie D. Croom has been an active member of her church, the Parkwood CME Church in Chicago, for many years; and

WHEREAS, Naomie D. Croom has spent many numerous hours volunteering for a variety of projects that benefit her church and the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that President Toni Preckwinkle and the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize and congratulate Naomi D. Croom on the auspicious occasion of her 100th Birthday; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an official copy of this Resolution be spread upon the proceedings of this honorable body and a suitable copy be presented to Naomi D. Croom celebrating this special occasion and our good wishes for continued good health.

14-2387

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioner, and TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners, JERRY BUTLER, EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, 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 STEELE and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN MEMORY OF THE HONORABLE JUDGE MICHAEL J. HOWLETT JR.

WHEREAS, Judge Michael J. Howlett Jr, a man whose life was devoted to public service, family, and faith, died on March 16, 2014 leaving friends, family and a community profoundly enriched for having known him; and

WHEREAS, Michael Howlett Jr. grew up in Chicago's South Shore neighborhood in Saint Phillip Neri Parish surrounded by a family that emphasized leadership and community service. His maternal grandfather was Fourth Ward Alderman Joe Geary and his father, Michael Howlett Sr. served three terms as Illinois Auditor now called the Illinois Comptroller and one term as Illinois Secretary of State; and

WHEREAS Michael Howlett graduated from Sacred Heart-Griffin High School in Springfield, received a degree from St. John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota, and received his law degree from the University of Notre Dame; and

WHEREAS, as a new lawyer, Michael Howlett clerked for the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for Judge William J. Bauer who fondly described his clerk, Michael Howlett as “a natural-born public servant”; Howlett later spent a year as an assistant U.S. Attorney but left to assist with his father’s run for governor; and

WHEREAS, Michael Howlett worked in private law practice in South Bend, Indiana where he represented his alma mater, the University of Notre Dame and later worked as a prosecutor in St. Joseph County, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, Michael Howlett was a respected lawyer who worked in two Chicago law firms and as a sole practitioner. He became a partner at Phelan, Pope and John. Later, he joined the law firm of Shesky and Froelich where he chaired its litigation department, was counsel to Cook County state’s attorney Dick Devine, and served as a legal liaison to the Archdiocese of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Michael Howlett successfully managed many high profile and sensitive legal matters. He served as deputy outside counsel to the United States House Ethics Committee in their investigation of Speaker of the House Jim Wright; and

WHEREAS, Michael Howlett Jr. was an Associate Judge from 1983- 1986; was appointed to an interim judicial vacancy in 2005 and won election to the circuit court in 2006 and was retained in 2012 where he gained a reputation as a wise and courteous judge whose abilities were recognized and honored by his peers; the Illinois Judges Association presented him with their Distinguished Service Award on March 4,

2104; and

WHEREAS, Michael Howlett Jr. and his wife of over 43 years, attorney Kathleen Fitzgerald instilled a deep respect for the law that had an enduring impact on their three daughters: Melissa M. Howlett, Elizabeth E. Howlett and Catherine who chose to follow their parents into the profession; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Howlett was a popular professor at several area law schools, including the Loyola University Chicago School of Law and was a dedicated mentor to countless lawyers and judges; and

WHEREAS, Michael Howlett Jr was a compassionate advisor whose effective leadership of the Lawyer's Assistance Program was renown. Judge Howlett made a meaningful and substantial difference in countless lives of those in the legal profession who struggled with substance-abuse; and

WHEREAS, Michael Howlett Jr was deeply involved in the world's refugee crisis and served on the board of the American Refugee committee. One of his missions for the committee was helping the Kosovo refugees in Macedonia by coordinating medical and legal services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County who he served dutifully, commemorates the extraordinary life of the Honorable Judge Michael J. Howlett Jr., and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable and innumerable 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 the Honorable Judge Michael J. Howlett Jr.

14-2394

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION DECLARING MAY 2014 BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

WHEREAS, Cook County's continuing efforts to address the critical issues of safety, energy efficiency, and resilience in the built environment that affect our citizens, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster, give us confidence that our structures are safe and sound; and

WHEREAS, our confidence is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians--building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, laborers and others in the construction industry--who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings; and

WHEREAS, these guardians-dedicated members of the International Code Council-use a governmental consensus process that brings together local, state and federal officials with expertise in the built environment to create and implement the highest-quality codes to protect Americans in the buildings where

we live, learn, work, worship, play; and

WHEREAS, the International Codes, the most widely adopted building safety, energy and fire prevention codes in the nation, are used by most U.S. cities, counties and states; these modern building codes also include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires and earthquakes; and

WHEREAS, Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council, to remind the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown guardians of public safety--our local code officials--who assure us of safe, efficient and livable buildings; and

WHEREAS, "Building Safety: Maximizing Resilience, Minimizing Risks" the theme for Building Safety Month 2014, encourages all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of building safe and resilient construction; fire prevention; disaster mitigation, backyard safety; energy efficiency and new technologies in the construction industry. Building Safety Month 2014 encourages appropriate steps everyone can take to ensure that the places where we live, learn, work, worship and play are safe and sustainable, and recognizes that countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies; and

WHEREAS, each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, Americans are asked to consider projects to improve building safety and sustainability at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local and state building departments, fire prevention bureaus and federal agencies in protecting lives and property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim the month of May 2014 as Building Safety Month. Accordingly, we encourage our citizens to join with their communities in participation in Building Safety Month activities.

14-2400

Sponsored by: PETER N. SILVESTRI, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN MEMORY OF MARY ANGELA RANIERI

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, called Mary Angela Ranieri from our midst on March 22, 2014, just two months shy of her 105th birthday; and

WHEREAS, Mary Angela, nee Forte, was born in La Cartiera, Italy and, at the age of three, sailed to New York with her mother. They then traveled to Chicago to join her father and reunite the family; and

WHEREAS, Mary was the oldest of five children. She attended school only until the sixth grade because she was needed at home to help with caring for her younger siblings. Although she lacked a formal education, she was a wise and sensible woman; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 1930 she married Romeo Ranieri and they raised four daughters; Arlene, Annette, Ann and Camille; and

WHEREAS, even though Romeo and Mary were kept very busy raising and providing for their family, they made time to volunteer as Civic Defense Leaders and helped promote victory gardens during World War II. In 1943, Mary proudly became a naturalized citizen of the United States; and

WHEREAS, in 1949, the Ranieris achieved their American dream by purchasing their first home in Elmwood Park, Illinois. Mary worked at Elmwood Park High School for fifteen years and was well liked and respected by both staff and students; and

WHEREAS, Mary lost her dear husband, Romeo, in 1995. In 1999, she was one of the first residents of the Elmbrook Senior Housing facility, then moved to Victory Home in Melrose Park and eventually to the Norridge Gardens in Norridge, where she resided until her death; and

WHEREAS, throughout her amazingly long and rich life, she was loved and cherished by her husband, four daughters, twelve grandchildren, twenty-four great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Board of Commissioners of Cook County do hereby offer their sincere condolences to the family of Mary Angela Ranieri and join them in celebrating her remarkable life; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the family of Mary Angela Ranieri, that her memory may be so honored.

14-2437

Sponsored by: JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, County Commissioners, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners, JERRY BUTLER, EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, EDWIN REYES, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE and LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION IN CELEBRATION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WEST SUBURBAN WATER COMMISSION

WHEREAS, In May 1964, Justice-Willow Springs Water Commission was incorporated in Cook County, creating a utility to bring safe and clean water to the residents of Justice and Willow Springs; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the past fifty years, the Water Commission has grown and evolved while continuing to provide invaluable services to our community; and

WHEREAS, The Water Commission delivers more than 2.5 million gallons of water to residents in Justice, Willow Springs and Hickory Hills daily; and

WHEREAS, Twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, the Water Commission team works tirelessly to manage water main repairs, ensure water quality, read meters through state-of-the-art technology, visit homes to check for water leaks, and help customers understand their water bills; and

WHEREAS, For five decades, residents of the Justice, Willow Springs and Hickory Hills communities have come to depend on the Water Commission for clean and safe water whether it be for drinking, cooking, washing dishes, brushing their teeth, or watering their lawn; and

WHEREAS, The Water Commission recognizes the importance of not only providing needed services but also acting as strong partners and neighbors, and

WHEREAS, This was never more apparent than when the Des Plaines River flooded in 1986 and dozens of Water Commission employees worked to clear the flooded streets and help rebuild our communities; and

WHEREAS, In January 2014, the Water Commission became known as the West Suburban Water Commission, reflecting the organization it has become and the goals and high standards it upholds; and

WHEREAS, Looking to the future, the West Suburban Water Commission will continue to provide clean, safe water and dependable services to our residents for generations to come; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle and the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby honor the West Suburban Water Commission, its commissioners, and staff for the work they perform for the citizens of Justice, Willow Springs and Hickory Hills; and hereby expresses our appreciation for their fifty years of service in Cook County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to the West Suburban Water Commission and that it also be spread upon the proceedings of this honorable body.

14-2446

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE OF RABBI DANIEL MOSCOWITZ

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, has called one of our spiritual leaders, Rabbi Daniel Moscowitz, from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Moscowitz devoted his life to the spiritual uplift of people and for this his memory is to be extoled; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Moscowitz's spiritual dispensations aided countless many on their personal faith journeys; and

WHEREAS, under Rabbi Moscovitz's stewardship, Lubavitch Chabad of Illinois expanded from a single Chicago office to 40 centers of goodness and kindness spanning the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, for leading the growth of Lubavitch Chabad across Illinois, Rabbi Moscovitz himself was beloved by many individuals across Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Moscovitz's memory will be forever cherished in the hearts of those individuals whom he touched and loved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED , that I, Toni Preckwinkle, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, do extend my deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family as well as to the many friends and loved ones of Rabbi Daniel Moscovitz.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to Rabbi Daniel Moscovitz's family as a means of communicating my deep respect for Rabbi Daniel Moscovitz's contribution to the spiritual life of the people of Cook County.

14-2458

Sponsored by: JESÚS G. GARCÍA, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING APRIL 30TH, 2014 AS *DÍA DEL NIÑO* (CHILDREN'S DAY)

WHEREAS, *Chicago Día de los Niños/Celebrating Young Americans Parade*, in its 14th year, is attended annually by more than 5,000 children and their families, striving to raise awareness of the importance of education for their children; and

WHEREAS, children are a precious treasure, whose resulting world view as influenced and shaped by their families and environment will dictate our future societies and policies; and

WHEREAS, children, as citizens of the world, need emotional and physical stability, not only from their families but from society as a whole to develop confidence, empathy and courage; and

WHEREAS, children need healthy surroundings to grow, learn, excel, be happy and not be separated from their families; and

WHEREAS, Cook County has worked to provide safe and loving environments for children, enacting its Protection of Minors Ordinance and Child Support Resolution; and

WHEREAS, Cook County should have an established date to recognize the achievements and value of its children, a day that commemorates the lives of our pride and joy-our future; and

WHEREAS, *Día del Niño* (Children's Day) is celebrated on April 30th in México and other countries recognizing and acknowledging every child on earth; and

WHEREAS, Children of the Latino community have much to contribute to the future of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, this year the *Chicago Día de los Niños/Celebrating Young Americans Parade and Celebration* with its theme, ***Education: Every Child, Every DREAM***, will be held on Saturday, April 26th, kicking off at the Plaza Tenochtitlán on 18th Street and Blue Island Avenue, followed by a *Fiesta* at Harrison Park on 18th Street and Wood Street; and

WHEREAS, by celebrating *Día del Niño* (Children's Day) on April 30, 2014, we are making a commitment to children that we will continue to listen, teach and nurture them.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim April 30, 2014 to be ***Día del Niño (Children's Day)*** in the County of Cook; 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 the *Chicago Día de Los Niños Parade and Celebration Committee* in recognition of their efforts to honor the children of Cook County.

14-2465

Sponsored by: EDWIN REYES, County Commissioner and TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING POLISH CONSTITUTION DAY

WHEREAS, May 3rd is a Polish national and public holiday that celebrates the declaration of the Constitution of May 3, 1791; and

WHEREAS, the Polish Constitution of May 3, 1791 is considered one of the most important achievements in the history of Poland; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution is generally regarded as Europe's first and the world's second modern codified national constitution, following the 1788 ratification of the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Cook County's history and cultural wealth have been shaped and enriched by Polish-Americans and their commitment to helping make our county a better place to live, work and raise families; and

WHEREAS, the Alliance of Polish Clubs in the U.S. and in the Polish-American community have continued their tradition by celebrating the 223rd anniversary of Polish Constitution Day; and

WHEREAS, this national and public holiday is celebrated by persons of Polish descent all over the world, in Cook County, and in Chicago, which is the home of the largest community of Polish-Americans in the United States. Chicago has one of the grandest celebrations of Polish Constitution Day in our country; and

WHEREAS, Polish Constitution Day has been a focal point of ethnic celebrations of Polish- American pride in Chicago, dating back to 1892. Poles in Chicago have continued this tradition to present day, marking it with festivities and with the annual Polish Constitution Day Parade; and

WHEREAS, the Polish Constitution Day Committee and the Polish-American community have organized the Polish May 3rd Constitution Day Parade on May 3, 2014 in Grant Park; that will be Chicago's 123rd celebration of the Polish Constitution of 1791; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, do hereby proclaim May 3, 2014, to be "Polish Constitution Day" in Cook County, and urge all County residents to recognize this anniversary and be aware of the many contributions that the Polish-American community has made to this County.

14-2469

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioner, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President Cook County Board of Commissioner JERRY BUTLER, EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, 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 STEELE and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF OTTO CESARIO

WHEREAS, chances were quite good that if you found yourself in the Skokie Courthouse you had been warmly greeted at the door by Otto Cesario, official greeter, Deputy Sheriff and the welcoming face of the Cook County Courthouse branch in Skokie, Illinois for decades; and

WHEREAS, Otto Cesario, a man whose life was devoted to work, family, and faith, died March 31, 2014 leaving behind countless friends, co-workers, family and a community profoundly enriched for having known him; and

WHEREAS, Otto Cesario was legendary in his tireless commitment to work and faith. He continued to work right up to the end of his life and even ushered at his church, Saint Peter Parish in Skokie the Sunday before his passing; and

WHEREAS, Otto Cesario was born on January 24, 1917 in San Fili Calabria, Italy and emigrated to the United States with his family when he was thirteen years old; and

WHEREAS, Otto Cesario was a dedicated and hard-working public servant since 1957. He was elected by the Village of Skokie to be Deputy Constable in the 1960's, was later employed by the Cook County Assessor as a Field Examiner and was a State of Illinois Field Investigator of Registration and Education. In his last years he served as the Skokie Courthouse Official Information Officer until his death at age 97. He was appointed to the North Shore Mosquito Abatement District in 1979 and served there for over 35 years; he served as President and later as Trustee; and

WHEREAS, Otto Cesario held many jobs for the Cook County Sheriff, in addition to being a longtime Deputy Sheriff he also served as Assistant Chief Cook County Sheriff and building custodian at the Circuit Court of Cook County in Skokie and Rolling Meadows. His talents and charm also made him a success in business and as a wholesale liquor salesman; and

WHEREAS, Otto Cesario was a proud member of the Sons of Italy and served as President of the Donna F. Chesrow Lodge; and

WHEREAS, Otto Cesario served his country in the United States Army from 1942 until 1945. He traveled all over the United States as a French horn player in the 3rd Army Band. He was honorably discharged and was a member of the Skokie American Legion Post Number 320 for over sixty years and devoted hours of time organizing events for the Veterans of Foreign Wars; and

WHEREAS, Otto Cesario was the dotting father of the Honorable Cheryl D. Cesario, Christine Braun, Corinne Cesario Caroselli and the late Cindy Hall. He tragically lost his daughter Cindy, her husband and their two girls in an accident that devastated him, but made him treasure his family all the more; and

WHEREAS, Otto Cesario was a strong supporter of the Niles Township Democratic Organization for over sixty years and served at one point as the organization's president; 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 Otto Cesario, 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 Otto Cesario.

14-2470

Sponsored by: ROBERT STEELE, JOHN P. DALEY, STANLEY MOORE, PETER N. SILVESTRI and DEBORAH SIMS, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE CHICAGO MINORITY SUPPLIER DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, INC.'S 47TH ANNUAL CHICAGO BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY FAIR

WHEREAS, The Chicago Minority Supplier Development Council, Inc. (ChicagoMSDC) is a premier organization for increasing business opportunities between major buying organizations and minority-owned businesses; and

WHEREAS, ChicagoMSDC was founded on two fundamental principles: *Partnership* among minority business, corporate America and government, and *Fairness* in the marketplace for all; and

WHEREAS, ChicagoMSDC's programs and resources are avenues for minority entrepreneurs to increase sales to private and public sector buying organizations. To the buyer, ChicagoMSDC serves as a

credible resource for locating qualified minority suppliers. To both the entrepreneur and the buyer, ChicagoMSDC is the central network where trading partners meet and business alliances flourish; and

WHEREAS, On April 10-11, 2014 the ChicagoMSDC will hold the 47th Annual Chicago Business Opportunity Fair at Navy Pier, a catalyst for developing partnerships between minority and majority-owned corporations and government agencies; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1968 as the “Chicago Business Opportunity Day” and later renamed the “Chicago Business Opportunity Fair,” (CBOF) it remains as the signature event of ChicagoMSDC; and

WHEREAS, CBOF is the oldest and largest procurement show in the nation exclusively devoted to multi-cultural and multi-ethnic businesses; and

WHEREAS, CBOF 47 will offer workshops, networking opportunities and the 47th CBOF Trade Fair providing countless opportunities for fortune 500 corporations, government agencies and minority-owned businesses to network and develop new partnerships; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby applaud the tireless efforts of the ChicagoMSDC to provide opportunities for growth to minority owned businesses and welcome the 47th Annual Chicago Business Opportunity Fair to Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be spread upon the official roceeding of this Honorable Body and a ceremonial copy be given to Hans W. Bonner, Executive Director of the Chicago MSDC.

14-2471

Sponsored by: PETER N. SILVESTRI and JOHN P. DALEY, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION DECLARING APRIL AS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Autism is a complex neurological disease and developmental disability that robs children of social skills, the ability to talk, interact and do the normal things that are often taken for granted, transcending all social, cultural and geographic boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the CDC recently announced another alarming increase in Autism afflicting "one in every sixty-eight children" born today and afflicts boys nearly five times the level of girls (1 in 42 boys & 1 in 189 girls). It has been diagnosed at a higher rate than Pediatric Aids, Juvenile Diabetes, Downs syndrome, Cerebral Palsy and all Pediatric Cancers combined and is considered to be our country's number one medical condition afflicting children today and is considered among the fastest growing global public health crisis 's, and (30% increase since 2008, 78% increase from 2002, recent increase is noted by 2010 numbers). *Source Center for Disease Controls (CDC); and

WHEREAS, Autism is treatable through early diagnosis, early intervention including critical intensive medically necessary therapies such as Speech therapy, Occupational therapy, Physical therapy, ABA therapy, RDI floor time, and other behavior therapies, combined with medical interventions have been proven to be extremely effective often unlocking the world of Autism to enable these beautiful children the ability to communicate and interact with the ultimate goal of a independent and fulfilling productive life; and

WHEREAS, the month of April is World Autism Month and the global autism community will celebrate the seventh annual United Nations-sanctioned World Autism Awareness Campaign to bring awareness. World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD), celebrated on April 2 annually, was adopted by the United Nations in 2007 to shine a bright light on autism as a growing global health crisis. WAAD activities increase and develop world knowledge of the autism crisis and impart information regarding the importance of early diagnosis and early intervention. Additionally, WAAD celebrates the unique talents and skills of persons with autism and is a day when individuals with autism are warmly welcomed and embraced in community events around the globe. Autism is one of only three health issues to be recognized by the United Nations with its own day.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim the month of April 2014 as AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH in Cook County to promote awareness and early detection of Autism and ask residents to recognize April as "World Autism Awareness Month."

14-2477

Sponsored by: DEBORAH SIMS, County Commissioner

Co- sponsored by: JERRY BUTLER, ROBERT STEELE and LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

TIFFANY OTIS-ALBERT PROMOTION

WHEREAS, Tiffany Otis-Albert was recently promoted to President and CEO of LifeSecure Insurance Company in Brighton, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Tiffany Otis-Albert served as the director of External Sales Distribution and Strategic Sales for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (BCBSM) and is part of the Middle and Small Group team within Group Business and Corporate Marketing (GBCM), with responsibility for enterprise relationships with managing agents, agents, chambers and associations; and

WHEREAS, Tiffany has been in the health care industry more than 20 years, and prior to joining BCBSM in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Tiffany served as Senior Vice President of Client Management for Cofinity, a subsidiary of Aetna, her responsibilities included all account management and payer service activity for Cofinity's traditional medical network access business, transplant network, health management, out-of-network claims solutions, dental, vision, credentialing, specialty pharmacy, and fraud and abusive prevention

services. As a sales leader, she also served as Vice President of National Accounts for newly-created Cofinity; and

WHEREAS, before Cofinity's inception, Tiffany held several leadership positions at PPOM, including Vice President of Corporate sales and provider services, where she gained invaluable provider negotiations experience; and

WHEREAS, she began her career as a computer programmer in the Information Technology (IT) department, and has also worked in operations and provider contracting; and

WHEREAS, Tiffany is a member of numerous professional organizations, including the National Association of Health Underwriters (NAHU), where she is Past President of the Metro Detroit Association of Health underwriters (MDAHU) and also Past President of the Michigan Association of Health Underwriters (MAHU), having previously served as Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, among other roles; and

WHEREAS, Tiffany was the first African-American to serve as President of both the state and Metro Detroit Chapters; and

WHEREAS, under Tiffany's leadership, MAHU was recognized nationally for outstanding chapter management, and was the sole recipient of the Large State Membership Award; and

WHEREAS, Tiffany qualified for NAHU's Leading Producers Round Table (LPRT) Golden Eagle Carrier Management for eight consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career, Tiffany has held membership in the Self Insurance Institute of America (SIIA), the American Association of Preferred Provider Organizations (AAPPO) and America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP); and

WHEREAS, she also served on the Leadership Council of the American Lung Association of the Midland States (ALAM), the Development Committee for the Anti-Defamation League and also served as Financial Secretary for the Motor City Chapter of Jack and Jill of America; and

WHEREAS, Tiffany is a Past President of the Michigan Pro Athlete Charity (MPAC), formerly the Detroit Lions Professional Retired Football Players Charity Board, and previously served on the Development Committee for the Coalition on Temporary Shelter (COTS), as well as having volunteered in various capacities with Alternatives for Girls, Focus: HOPE, Yatooma's Foundation for The Kids, and the City of Hope; and

WHEREAS, Tiffany is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, an Alumnus of Leadership Oakland and Leadership Detroit, she received the 2006 Leadership Oakland Distinguished Leader Award for Corporate Leadership; and

WHEREAS, Tiffany was named to Who's Who in Black Detroit in 2011, is a graduate of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, and resides in Northville with her husband, Derek, and their three children.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County does hereby salute and congratulate Tiffany Otis-Albert on her promotion to President and CEO of LifeSecure Insurance Company in Brighton, Michigan and wish her success on all of

her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution is tendered to Ms. Tiffany Otis-Albert for this auspicious occasion and a copy be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body.

14-2478

Sponsored by: JERRY BUTLER and DEBORAH SIMS, County Commissioners

Co-Sponsored by: JESÚS G. GARCÍA, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, STANLEY MOORE, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, ROBERT STEELE and LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN MEMORY OF FRANKIE KNUCKLES

WHEREAS, Almighty God in his Infinite wisdom has called from our midst, producer and club remixer, Frankie Knuckles; and

WHEREAS, Frankie Knuckles was born January 18, 1955 in the Bronx, New York as Francis Nicholls. As a teenager he frequented the after-hours disco clubs of New York with his best friend Larry Philpot and by the mid-seventies they were both DJs carving out their individual sound in different cities; and

WHEREAS, Frankie Knuckles moved to Chicago in 1977 and rose to prominence as one of the most significant DJs of all time for his prolific style of the electronic dance music culture. He was the resident DJ at the Warehouse night club from 1977 to 1982 and it is widely reported that “house music” was a shortened reference to the music heard at the club where Knuckles developed his sound and style.; and

WHEREAS, In 1982 Frankie Knuckles opened The Power Plant night club and continued to refine his sound of disco classics which came to delineate Chicago house music gaining popularity as far away as England and birthed large dance parties in warehouses known as “raves” in that country. Knuckles joined DJ David Morales in 1983 and co-founded Def Mix Productions, working with an array of diverse artist including En Vogue, Michael Jackson, Chaka Khan, and Diana Ross; and

WHEREAS, In 1991 Frankie Knuckles released “Beyond the Mix”, his widely popular debut album of dance mixes and in 1997 earned a Grammy as Remixer of the year, Non-Classical for his club mixes of songs by artists including Mary J. Blige and Toni Braxton, along with many others and garnered a nomination in the same category the following year. Frankie Knuckles continued to keep a heavy DJ schedule throughout his career and participated in the global club and festival circuits. He was an inspiration to a generation, converting young music enthusiasts that never experienced a night at the Warehouse.; and

WHEREAS, Frankie Knuckles brought electrifying remixes to the mainstream and is widely known as the Godfather of House Music. In 2004, as a tribute for his contribution to the city of Chicago and its music the block where the Warehouse stood was given the honorary designation of “Frankie Knuckles Way” ; and

WHEREAS, it is customary for the Cook County Board of Commissioners to applaud the achievements and mourn the passing of individuals among us who impact our lives, culture, and possess outstanding ability.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County pay tribute to this great mixologist, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to the family of Mr. Frankie Knuckles, “Mix Master” and a copy be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body for the benefit of future generations.

14-2483

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, County Commissioner, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners, JERRY BUTLER, EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, 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 STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

MARIST HIGH SCHOOL, 50 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, on September 9, 1963, a new school opened its doors for the first time to serve the educational needs of the growing Catholic community on Chicago’s South Side and Near Suburbs; and

WHEREAS, Marist High School was founded under the leadership and vision of Brother Pius Xavier, with 320 enrolled students, and a dedicated faculty; and

WHEREAS, the new school was part of the vision of His Eminence Albert Cardinal Meyer, who believed that Marist High School would be embraced by the community, and since that day his belief has become reality as Marist has continued to serve the educational and social needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, Marist High School today is home to many students from the original families in those early years, with thousands of alumni having passed through its doors over the many decades, including young men and young women after the school decided to become a coeducational campus in 2002; and

WHEREAS, since its proud beginning Marist High School has continued to grow and serve the needs of the community, and has continued to build upon the traditions of family, education and Catholic leadership that have been so important to the parishes and the neighborhoods of Chicago and South Suburbs; and

WHEREAS, 2014 marks the 50th Anniversary Year for Marist High School and special activities are planned to commemorate this historic milestone; and

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2014, the “Red and White Ball” will be held at the Chicago Hilton and Towers to conclude a year of events in commemoration of the 50th Anniversary, and to give students, staff, faculty, and alumni the opportunity to join together in celebration; and

WHEREAS, Marist High School today is a thriving, modern educational institution, proud of its heritage but always looking ahead to a future that includes service to families from all of Chicago.

NOW, THEREFORE, 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 Marist High School on the joyous occasion of its 50th 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 Marist High School, to commemorate this historic milestone.

14-2484

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, County Commissioner, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners, JERRY BUTLER, EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, 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 STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

PJ O’DEA, RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, P.J. O’Dea of Chicago, Illinois and Ennis, County Clare, Ireland, has completed outstanding service to the County of Cook, and has commenced his well-earned retirement effective February 28, 2014; and

WHEREAS, throughout the course of his remarkable career P.J. O’Dea has promoted and supported the fundamental values of service to his community and adherence to the highest principals of hard work and dedication; and

WHEREAS, P.J. O’Dea has worked as an ambassador and liaison to Chicago’s large Irish-American Community, and is widely known for his kindness, gentle demeanor, and quick wit; and

WHEREAS, P.J. O’Dea has provided excellent leadership and over his many years of service, has made a number of significant contributions to the betterment of his community; and

WHEREAS, P.J. O’Dea has long been a supporter of the rich Gaelic culture, and has done much to educate his American audience about the traditions of Ireland, and has generously given his time and talent to many worthwhile programs; and

WHEREAS, P.J. O’Dea has earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues for his dedication, congeniality, enthusiasm, professionalism, sense of humor; and hard work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby commend P.J. O’Dea for his outstanding accomplishments during his long and remarkable career as Liaison to the Irish Community of Chicago for the Cook County Sheriff, and as a premier leader in the Irish American Community of Cook County, and wishes him good health and continued success in all his future endeavors; 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 P.J. O’Dea, as a symbol of appreciation from the citizens of Cook County for his many contributions to the betterment of our community.

14-2485

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, County Commissioner, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners, JERRY BUTLER, EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, 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 STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

EXTENSION 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, University of Illinois Extension was founded under authority granted by Congress with passage of the historic Smith-Lever Act of 1914, legislation that created a nationwide system of Cooperative Extension for community based education by land grant universities; and

WHEREAS, from those humble beginnings inspired by the vision of its founders, University of Illinois Extension has remained true to its mission of emphasizing education, community awareness, and working cooperatively to make our state a more healthy, prosperous, and beautiful place to live; and

WHEREAS, over the course of its many decades of successful service as an organization, University of Illinois Extension has remained true to its slogan “Extending Knowledge, Changing Lives”; and

WHEREAS, Centennial Anniversary of the historic signing of the Smith-Lever Act will be duly commemorated by the Cook County Offices of the University of Illinois Extension on May 14, 2014, and

WHEREAS, University of Illinois Extension has been instrumental in reaching out to all 102 counties in the State of Illinois, and the County of Cook in particular is grateful for the fine and continuing work of the main county offices in Chicago, and branch offices in Matteson, Rolling Meadows, Westchester, and Lemont; and

WHEREAS, over the years and throughout many changes, University of Illinois Extension has proven itself as a highly respected and effective community outreach institution, dedicated to its principles, faithful to its vision, and greatly valued for its positive impact on the State of Illinois.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County does hereby offer due tribute to the staff and volunteers of University of Illinois Extension on the occasion of the 100th Anniversary Celebration, and tenders this expression of gratitude to its academic partners for their generous support of the ongoing work of University of Illinois Extension; 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 Willene Buffett, Cook County Director for the University of Illinois Extension, in commemoration of this occasion and in grateful acknowledgment of the important and continuing work by University of Illinois Extension in their effort to bring educational resources to all segments of the community.

14-2488

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, County Commissioner, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners, JERRY BUTLER, EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, 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 STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

LOUIS SANFRATELLO, IN MEMORIAM

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

WHEREAS, Louis J. Sanfratello, Sr. was the beloved husband of the late Valraie (nee Renaud); and

WHEREAS, Louis J. Sanfratello, Sr. was the dear father of Chrissy (Ron) Dickover, Dee (Rob) Burbridge, Tim (Gina) Sanfratello, Louie, Jr. (Dena) Sanfratello and Joey (Donna) Sanfratello; and

WHEREAS, Louis J. Sanfratello, Sr. was the Papa of Robbie, Rachel, Anthony, Nicole, Michael, Ryan, Danielle, Becca, Nicolas and Adriana; and

WHEREAS, Louis J. Sanfratello, Sr. was the loving son of the late George and Lucile (nee Spalla) Sanfratello; and

WHEREAS, Louis J. Sanfratello, Sr. was the fond brother of the late Joseph (the late Eleanor), Marie and Robert "Bobby" Sanfratello; and

WHEREAS, Louis J. Sanfratello, Sr. proudly upheld his sworn oath to serve and protect the citizens of Chicago as a member of the Chicago Police Department, prior to his retirement; and

WHEREAS, all who knew him will attest that Louis J. Sanfratello, 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 Louis J. Sanfratello, 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 Louis J. Sanfratello, Sr., that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

14-2490

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, County Commissioner, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners, JERRY BUTLER, EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, 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 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 under the leadership Brother Adjutor of Mary, 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 will give rise to the occasion of honoring influential leaders who have helped to build a lasting legacy of support for De La Salle Institute, including the Honorable Richard J. Daley (class of 1919), the Honorable Richard M. Daley (class of 1960), Michael P. Daley (class of 1961) and Michael L. Daley (class of 2004), the John C. (class of 1946) and Carolyn Noonan Parmer Family, and the Brothers of Christian Schools; and

WHEREAS, 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 May 15, 2014, the “Great Futures Gala” will be held at the Chicago Hilton and Towers 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 1,100 young men and young women enrolled as students today.

NOW, THEREFORE, 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 joyous occasion 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.

14-2491

Sponsored by: JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET GAINER, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN and PETER N. SILVESTRI, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING P.J. O’DEA, THE MAN FROM CLARE

WHEREAS, P.J. O’Dea has retired from the Cook County Sheriff’s Department after over twenty years of outstanding public service; and

WHEREAS, P.J. O’Dea distinguished himself as a liaison to the Irish community and at the Maywood Courthouse where he received countless commendations throughout the years attesting to his exceptional work ethic, professionalism, integrity, generosity, kindness and compassion toward others; and

WHEREAS, P.J. O’Dea is a lifetime advocate and ardent promoter of Gaelic culture and heritage, known for his work promoting the Irish American News, the Chicago Irish Radio Hour, the Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA) and the annual O’Dea family reunions held at the O’Dea Castle in County Clare, Ireland; and

WHEREAS, P.J. O’Dea was born in Kilrush, County Clare, Ireland in 1926, and became a legend in his own lifetime as an Irish football and hurling sensation both in Ireland and the United States where for three decades during the 1930’s, 40’s and 50’s he played with fifty-two clubs in eleven cities and four countries; he won the All-Ireland Medal for hurling in 1939 then settled in Chicago opening the Notre Dame Inn; and

WHEREAS, P.J. O’Dea founded and became a prominent figure in the development of the Gaelic Athletic Association in the United States; and

WHEREAS, P.J. O’Dea was honored in 2007 at Chicago’s historic Gaelic Park by a delegation from the County Clare Tourist Council for his invaluable contribution to the Gaelic Athletic Association; in 2009 he was inducted into the San Francisco GAA Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, P.J. O’Dea has been married to the love of his life Mary for 50 years, with whom he shares a great love of Gaelic culture, a dedication to their community and especially spending time with each other; and

WHEREAS, P.J. O’Dea has led an exemplary life and is a man of great accomplishment and an inspiration to us all, wholly devoted and committed to his faith, his family and his community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Board of Cook County Commissioners do hereby honor and thank P.J. O’Dea for his long service and dedication to the people of this County and wish him well in his future endeavors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to P.J. O’Dea in recognition of his remarkable achievements and the high esteem in which he is held by the President and Board of Cook County Commissioners.