



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

Second Consent Agenda

for the

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, September 9, 2015, 11:00 AM

15-2987

Sponsored by: LUIS ARROYO JR, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

PUERTO RICAN ARTS ALLIANCE

WHEREAS, founded in 1998, Puerto Rican Arts Alliance was created to increase awareness, knowledge and access to the arts by its immediate Puerto Rican community. Initially serving the Northwest Side of Chicago, PRAA's service area expanded to include Metropolitan Chicago. PRAA now draws legions of visitors and artists from the East to West coasts; and

WHEREAS, spearheaded by Carlos Hernandez, Founder and Executive Director, PRAA remains dedicated to preserving Puerto Rican culture by upholding their traditions, advocating their arts and administering educational opportunities in these arts, encouraging the cultivation of pride in the heritage of future generations to come; and

WHEREAS, guided by four core principles of: preserving and promoting the traditions, culture and art of Puerto Rico, advocacy of intercultural understanding and appreciation, reinforcement of Puerto Rican intergenerational understanding and instilling ethnic pride within the Puerto Rican community, PRAA remains dedicated to promoting the richness and diversity found in its native Taíno Indian, Spanish and West African roots; and

WHEREAS, now a major broker of Puerto Rican arts, through performances, art exhibits and other arts-related educational programs, PRAA has become a beacon to hundreds of thousands of Puerto Ricans in Chicago. PRAA strives to secure donations so that their high quality, impactful programs remain free to all underserved youth; and

WHEREAS, remaining true to their core principles, PRAA students may participate in the Latino Music Project, teaching students how to play violin, the cuatro or the Spanish guitar. Historical and cultural traditions are taught in the Taíno Project and The Three Kings Project. Experimentation with various types of media and art forms can be learned in the Studio Arts Program. An integral part of PRAA, Carlos Hernandez recently completed PRAA's \$2.5 million capital campaign drive to establish and expand the Puerto Rican/Latino Cultural Center in the Logan Square/Avondale community; and

WHEREAS, Carlos Hernandez remains a key leader in cultural programming, fundraising, office operations, board development and volunteer recruitment. He directs El Archivo, an archival effort aimed at documenting the historical migration contribution of the Puerto Rican community, guides its Taíno Project and the exhibition and studio arts programs as well as produces PRAA's annual Emmy Award Winning National Cuatro Festival; and

WHEREAS, PRAA strongly encourages and advocates cross cultural connections among other ethnic groups and diverse audiences throughout the city. Utilizing their ingenious and innovative programs as vehicles to do so, PRAA has partnered with Chicago Public Schools and Chicago Park Districts to offer their music program in 15 Chicago Public Schools and the Humboldt Park Field House. PRAA has

served over 5,000 CPS students to date. Other notable collaborations have also taken place with the National Museum of Mexican Art, DAMA International, The Field Museum and University of Illinois at Chicago.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and board of the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby acknowledge the contemporary programming, developmental and cultural contributions made by Puerto Rican Arts Alliance and Carlos Hernandez in honor of National Hispanic Heritage Month; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and a ceremonial copy of this resolution be presented to Carlos Hernandez, Founder and Executive Director of Puerto Rican Arts Alliance.

15-5331

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF SFC COREY HOOD

WHEREAS, almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called one of our American heroes, SFC Corey Hood, from our midst; and

WHEREAS, SFC. Hood, a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, was a fourteen (14) year Army veteran who valiantly served five tours in Iraq and Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, he was the recipient of several service awards including two Bronze Stars, two Meritorious Service Medals, the Master Parachutist Badge, Pathfinder, and the Air Assault and Combat Action Badges; and

WHEREAS, after he began parachuting for the U.S. Army in 2010, SFC Hood amassed over 500 free-fall jumps and 75 military staticline jumps.

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to the loved ones of SFC Corey Hood as a means of communicating our gratitude for his service to The United States of America.

15-5337

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER AS HUNGER ACTION MONTH IN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, every year one in six of our neighbors receives food from the Greater Chicago Food Depository's network of pantries, soup kitchens and shelters throughout Cook County; and

WHEREAS, increasingly, the face of hunger is a person with a job, an older adult, a veteran or a child; and

WHEREAS, the health consequences of hunger affect the well-being of our community and limit the potential of our children; and

WHEREAS, September is Hunger Action Month, a 30-day nationwide campaign to raise awareness for hunger relief; and

WHEREAS, all Cook County residents are urged to join together to support Hunger Action Month by pledging to raise awareness for the fight against hunger in our community and by striving to improve the lives of their neighbors who struggle to put food on the table through generosity and service; and

WHEREAS, Cook County is committed to lending direct assistance to address food access inequalities; And

WHEREAS, as part of these efforts, the Cook County Health & Hospitals System (CCHHS) recognizes that the health of many of our patients are impacted by lack of access to healthy and nutritious foods; and

WHEREAS, CCHHS is working to address this need by piloting a food insecurity screening and connecting patients with food benefit programs and local resources; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners believes that no one should go hungry; and joins with the Greater Chicago Food Depository to support the fight to end hunger by wearing orange pins representing the official color of Hunger Action Month.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Cook County Board Of Commissioners, that the month of September shall be recognized as **Hunger Action Month** throughout Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Greater

Chicago Food Depository.

15-5344

Sponsored by: BRIDGET GAINER, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

GLOBAL PULMONARY FIBROSIS MONTH

WHEREAS, Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, or simply pulmonary fibrosis, is a serious disorder that creates scarring in the delicate lung tissue of affected patients causing progressive, incurable lung disease; and,

WHEREAS, Pulmonary fibrosis progresses quickly, often causing limited quality of life, disability, and death within a few short years; and,

WHEREAS, In many cases, there is no identified cause of pulmonary fibrosis and approximately 200,000 people in the United States are estimated to be affected by the disease; and,

WHEREAS, Pulmonary fibrosis is often misdiagnosed and under-diagnosed, and a need has been identified to increase wide-ranging awareness and detection of this imperceptible disorder; and,

WHEREAS, the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation will unify patients, caregivers, medical professionals, and the general public, by sharing and providing the latest information and advancements alongside all of the work still to be done within the global pulmonary fibrosis community; and,

WHEREAS, established in 2000, the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation is a nonprofit organization that maintains a global mission to serve as the trusted resource for the pulmonary fibrosis community by raising awareness, providing disease education, and funding research; the Foundation works diligently to foster conversations and collaboration between everyone affected by pulmonary fibrosis, including those living with the disease, the medical and research community, and the pharmaceutical industry; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois State Senate adopted an identical resolution on July 15, 2015; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The Honorable Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, joins the Senate of the Ninety-Ninth General Assembly of the State of Illinois and proclaim September of 2015 as Global Pulmonary Fibrosis Month in the County of Cook to increase awareness of this disease and encourage research into new treatments; and be it further; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation.

15-5345

Sponsored by: JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, County Commissioner, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN HONOR OF CONCETTA JOAN O'MALLEY ON THE OCCASION OF HER 95TH BIRTHDAY

WHEREAS, Concetta Joan O'Malley (whom we will refer to as Connie, she never liked Concetta) will celebrate her 95th birthday on September 16, 2015 with friends and family; and

WHEREAS, Connie O'Malley was born Concetta Fama on September 16, 1920 in Boston, Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, Connie O'Malley grew up in South Boston along with her sister Anna and brothers Leo and Carmen; married the love of her life Michael Francis O'Malley on October 27, 1936; raised four children Michael, Eileen, Robert and Cook County Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy; has eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong involved, committed member of her community and church, Connie O'Malley became the president of every organization she joined; formed the first women's auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus in South Boston; instituted the "Senior Trips" program for retired seniors paid for by the companies they had worked for; and

WHEREAS, a consummate actress, singer, and dancer, Connie O'Malley starred in little theater productions performed in all the local churches and organizations; and

WHEREAS, Connie O'Malley, an ardent political activist in her day, volunteered in every Local, State and Federal election from the early 40s and on until 2002 working for such notables as Mayor Michael James Curley, Billy Bulger for State Senate, John F. Kennedy for the Senate and Presidency, and Mayor Ray Flynn (later Ambassador to the Vatican); and was thrilled to be able for the first time to vote for her daughter Joan Patricia Murphy in the February 2010 primary election; and

WHEREAS, Connie O'Malley now resides at The Holland Home in South Holland where she is an active member of the community; and

WHEREAS, Connie O'Malley is known to enjoy an occasional trip to the casino to play the slots (and usually wins); and

WHEREAS, Connie O'Malley will celebrate her birthday with forty to fifty of her close friends and family

where she will sing, laugh and tell amusing stories of her life; and

WHEREAS, Connie O'Malley has a zest for living, has the ability to bring joy and laughter into the lives of those around her and has dedicated her life to helping family, friends, and her community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby wish Connie O'Malley a very happy 95th birthday; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to Concetta J. O'Malley in commemoration of this most auspicious occasion and that it also be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body.

15-5356

Sponsored by: JOHN A. FRITCHEY, County Commissioner, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

COOK COUNTY RECOGNIZES SEPTEMBER 27, 2015 AS "PUPPY MILL AWARENESS DAY"

WHEREAS, September 27, 2015 is National Puppy Mill Awareness Day, where the National Puppy Mill Project and animal advocates around the country will join together to end puppy mills and their cruelty to animals; and

WHEREAS, pet stores selling live animals, both within the United States and abroad, have traditionally been a sales outlet for young dogs bred commercially in puppy mills; and

WHEREAS, according to the Humane Society of the United States, it is estimated that 10,000 puppy mills produce more than 2,400,000 puppies a year in the United States and that nearly all pet store puppies come from puppy mills; and

WHEREAS, puppy mills are mass-breeding facilities that churn out puppies with an emphasis on profit over welfare. These mills usually house dogs in overcrowded and unsanitary conditions without adequate veterinary care, food, water and socialization. Puppy mill dogs do not get to experience treats, toys, exercise or basic grooming; and

WHEREAS, the inhumane conditions in puppy mill facilities lead to health and behavioral issues as well as congenital and hereditary illness and disease. Puppy mill puppies often arrive in pet stores and their new homes with various diseases including giardia, parvovirus kennel cough, heartworm and distemper. These diseases can lead to excessive veterinary costs both upfront and down the line; and

WHEREAS, the lack of enforcement resources at local, state and federal levels allow many inhumane

puppy mills to operate with impunity. According to a spokesman from the United States Department of Agriculture, due to budget constraints, the Illinois Department of Agriculture employs only seven inspectors that are charged with overseeing more than 1,300 dog dealers, kennel operators and pet shop operators; and

WHEREAS, every year millions of cats and dogs are euthanized in our nation's animal shelters because there are more pets than there are responsible homes for them. Puppy mills contribute to pet overpopulation and cause countless animals lifetimes of suffering in squalid wire cages; and

WHEREAS, according to information obtained from the Illinois Department of Agriculture regarding publicly run animal care and control facilities located within Cook County, in 2011 these facilities impounded 19,442 dogs and cats that were not reclaimed by the owner, and euthanized 6,618 of these animals (roughly 34% of total). In 2012 these facilities impounded 22,679 dogs and cats that were not reclaimed by the owner, and euthanized 8,035 of these animals (roughly 39% of total); and

WHEREAS, on April 9, 2014 the Cook County Board of Commissioners unanimously passed a law that limits the retail sale of puppies and kittens in Cook County pet stores to animals sourced from shelters, humane adoption centers and small-scale breeders; and

WHEREAS, across the country, thousands of independent pet stores as well as large chains operate profitably with a business model focused on the sale of pet services and supplies and not on the sale of dogs and cats; many of these stores collaborate with local animal shelters and rescue organizations to offer space and support for showcasing adoptable homeless pets on their premises; and

WHEREAS, Cook County residents are encouraged to 'adopt and not shop', because adopting homeless dogs from shelters and rescues helps put us closer to our goal of making Cook County a no-kill community and helps put bad breeders out of business.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners that September 27, 2015 be recognized as "Puppy Mill Awareness Day" in Cook County.

15-5358

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, County Commissioner, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

THERESA ROPKE, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Theresa Ropke (nee Bertucci) from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Theresa Ropke was the beloved wife of Ronald; and

WHEREAS, Theresa Ropke was the loving mother of Kathleen, Janet, Judith, and the late Ronald Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Theresa Ropke was the cherished grandmother of Michelle, Mary Kay, Michael, Ronald III, and Antoinette; and

WHEREAS, Theresa Ropke was the adoring great-grandmother of ten; and

WHEREAS, Theresa Ropke was the dear sister of Mary (the late Anthony) Tadin, the late Frank (the late Mary) Bertucci, Rose (Anthony) Sinople, Charles Bertucci, Anthony (the late Katie) Bertucci, Catherine (the late Bill) Mitchell, Ann (the late Ronald) Freeman, Dominic (Nijole) Bertucci, James Bertucci, Helen (James) Pelnarsh, and Antoinette Galati; and

WHEREAS, Theresa Ropke was the fond aunt of many nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Theresa Ropke touched the lives of many and will be remembered by all who knew her; and

WHEREAS, all who knew her will attest that Theresa Ropke was a kind and compassionate woman, virtuous of character and gentle in spirit, admired and respected by her many friends and neighbors, and dearly loved by her family; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and many friends of Theresa Ropke, and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to the family of Theresa Ropke so that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

15-5365

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, County Commissioner, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

SHIRLEY CONNORS, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Shirley Connors (nee Shinnick) from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Connors was the beloved wife of the late James; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Connors was the loving mother of Noreen (James) Ryan, Maureen Connors (Michael Barton), Colleen (Ansel) Mullins and the late Francis (Jane) Connors; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Connors was the cherished grandmother of Erin (Mark) Mogensen, Nora (Alex) Taylor, Sean Ryan, Michael (Megan) Connors, James Connors, Stephen (Courtney) Connors; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Connors was the adoring great-grandmother of Aidan, Rory, and Kevin Taylor, Grace and Bridget Mogensen, and Maren Connors; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Connors was the cherished step-grandmother of the Barton and Mullins Families, and

WHEREAS, Shirley Connors was the loving daughter of the late Mary and George Shinnick; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Connors was the dear sister of Donald (Anthony Colella) Shinnick, Robert (Anna) Shinnick, and the late George (the late Celine) Shinnick Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Connors was the fond aunt of many nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Connors touched the lives of many and will be remembered by all who knew her; and

WHEREAS, all who knew her will attest that Shirley Connors was a kind and compassionate woman, virtuous of character and gentle in spirit, admired and respected by her many friends and neighbors, and dearly loved by her family; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and many

friends of Shirley Connors, and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to the family of Shirley Connors so that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.