



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, February 10, 2016, 11:00 AM

16-1587

Sponsored by: ROBERT STEELE, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING MS. ROBIN AIKENS BEING INDUCTED INTO THE AFRICAN AMERICAN GOLF HALL OF FAME

WHEREAS, On May 25, 2016, Ms. Robin Aikens will be inducted to the African American Golf Hall of Fame in Palms Beach Florida; and

WHEREAS, Robin Aikens began playing golf at the tender age of 6 in Chicago, IL being introduced to the sport by her mother Rose Ross who registered her for golf lessons with the Bob-O-Links Junior Golf Club which is a division of The Chicago Women’s Golf Club; and

WHEREAS, by the time Robin was 9 years old, she excelled in the sport of golf and was competing in the Championship division where she aspired to beat the “big kids; and

WHEREAS, at age 12 when Robin’s family moved to Gary Indiana, she began to play the violin. She was accepted to Emerson School of Visual and Performing Arts High School. Since her high school did not have a sports team, she walked on to the Gary Roosevelt High School Girls Golf Team and was awarded the Most Valuable Player for two years; and

WHEREAS, in 1988 after completing High School, Robin blazed a trail by being the first African American woman to play in the Purdue Symphony Orchestra 1st Violin Section, played golf for the Purdue University Women’s Golf Team and carried a full course load of up to 18 hours some semesters and maintaining a 3.6 GPA; and

WHEREAS, Robin received her Bachelor of Arts Degrees in Sociology from Purdue University Calumet in 1992; she also has obtained (2) Master of Arts degrees from Roosevelt University in Elementary Education and Educational Administration and Supervision with credits earned towards her Doctorate Degree at Nova Southeastern University in North Miami Beach, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Robin Aikens joined the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) Teaching and Club (T&CP) Division in 2004. She has taught over 2,000 underprivileged youth the game of golf abroad in Trinidad, Jamaica, Hawaii, and Bahamas. In addition she has participated and or conducted numerous golf clinics such as The Magic Johnson Foundation in Los Angeles, California and the Dewayne Wade Foundation in Chicago just to name a few. She also heads The Robin Aikens Golf Academy which a highlight of her illustrious career was playing golf with Michael Jordan and winning; and

WHEREAS, Robin Aikens is the Executive Director of Synergy youth and Family Services and Founder/ President and CEO of Synergy Development Limited, a construction company who won a bid with the Chicago Transit Authority to renovate the CTA Blue Line; and

WHEREAS, Robin Aikens is currently a 4th grade teacher at East Chicago Lighthouse Academy and proud dedicated parent of (3) children Taylor, Jordan and Jalen.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The President of the Cook County Board along with the Cook County Board of Commissioners, and on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County, do hereby commend and congratulate Ms. Robin Aikens on her upcoming induction into The African American Golf Hall of Fame in Palms Beach Florida and wishes her much success in all of her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to Ms. Robin Aikens and a copy is spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body in honor of this auspicious occasion.

16-1588

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE OF THERESA “TEESE” FAMBRO HOOKS AWARD WINNING COLUMNIST AND PHOTOGRAPHER

Philippians 4: 6&7 “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, through prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.”

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, has called our Award Winning Columnist, Socialite, and Photographer Ms. Therese “Teese” Fambro Hooks from our midst January 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hooks was a graduate of Parker (now Robeson) High School in 1953 and later attended University of Illinois, Roosevelt University and the School of Art Insitiuite in Chicago in their Fashion Design Department; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hooks’ accomplishments as an editor and society columnist aided over thousands of readers by informing them of the latest social, community and fashion forums and events in Chicago’s Black Community; and

WHEREAS, in 1961, Ms. Hooks started her career at the Chicago Defender as woman’s editor and society columnist. She wrote an advice column under the pen name “Arletta Claire.” Her column “Social Whirl” later became “TeeSee’s Town.” Who’s Who in Chicago’s Black Community was honored to be mentioned in “TeeSee’s Town”; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hooks was awarded The Honorary Woman of Excellence in 2015 for her exemplary coverage of high profile events on the social elite and their philanthropic work throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, her professional accomplishments encompass successfully managing the community/public affairs for the Chicago Residential Manpower Center at Philco-Ford, Special Assistant to the President of Olive-Harvey College for Public Information; and President and CEO of Theresa Fambro Hooks and Associates. Her ability to innovate was shifted as she became the President of Theresa Fambro Hooks and Associates, her self-initiated company; and

WHEREAS, Therese Hooks was the past president of the National Association of Media Women and has received numerous and distinguished awards such as: Black Expo's Phenomenal Woman Award, the Black Public Relations Society's Life Time Achievement Award, the Russ Ewing Legacy Award of Excellence, Outstanding Journalist Award from the Chicago Association of Black Journalism and the Fashion Connection Award; and

WHEREAS, Therese "Teese" Fambro Hooks, was an active and faithful member of the Trinity United Church of Christ under the leadership of Pastor Otis Moss; and

WHEREAS, Therese "TeeSee" Fambro Hooks had an accomplished and distinguished journalist career' and

WHEREAS, Therese "Teese" Fambro Hooks physical presence maybe gone but she should forever live on in our hearts as a woman who loved and served the Lord, who was kind, compassionate, admired and respected by her colleagues, friends, neighbors and dearly loved by her family.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The President of the Cook County Board along with the Cook County Board of Commissioners, and on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County, do offer our deepest condolences to the family and friends of award winning columnist and photographer Therese "TeeSee" Fambro Hooks .and join 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 Boday, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to the family of Therese "TeeSee" Fambro Hooks so that Therese "TeeSee" Fambro Hooks memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

16-1589

Sponsored by: ROBERT STEELE, JERRY BUTLER, STANLEY MOORE and DEBORAH SIMS, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE OF OTIS CLAY, MUSIC LEGEND OF GOSPEL AND BLUES

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, has called Otis Clay from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Otis Clay was born February 11, 1942 in Waxhaw, Mississippi; and;

WHEREAS, As a child he began to imitate what he heard and saw, church was an essential part of Otis Clay life and that is where the singing began; and

WHEREAS, in the 1950's Otis Clay relocated to Chicago, IL in which Gospel would remain his primary focus. He joined several groups which included: Golden Jubilees, Charles Bridges Famous Blue Jay Singers in 1960, the Holy Wonders, Pilgrim Harmonizers, the Gospel Songbirds, and the Sensational Nightingales; and

WHEREAS, Even as Otis Clay sang spirituals, he cut an unissued R & B session for Columbia Records with producer Carl Davis .His first hit came in 1967 with "That's How It is (When You're in Love)", which

reached # 34 on the US Billboard R & B chart, followed by “A Lasting Love” # 48 on the R & B chart.; and

WHEREAS, in 1968 Otis Clay contract was bought by Atlantic Records who’s subsidiary label Cotillion Records released, “She’s About A Mover”, which was produced at the FAME Studios in Muscle Shoals; and

WHEREAS, Otis Clay moved to Mitchell’s Hi Records in 1971 and made many of his best known soul blues records for the label including “Trying to Live My Life without You, “If I Could Reach Out”. He moved on to Kayvette Records where he had his national hit single in 1977 “All Because of Your Love” He also recorded for Elka and Rounder labels as well as his own record company Echo Records for whom he recorded the gospel album “Walk A Mile in My Shoes” and

WHEREAS, Otis Clay was inducted into the Blues Hall of Fame in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Otis Clay was an active intractable person in the community, having served as Chairman of the Board of the non-profit Tobacco Road, Inc. He was extensively involved in the development, planning and fundraising of the The Harold Washington Cultural Center at 47th and Kind Drive for the revitalization and redevelopment of the historic Bronzeville neighborhood. In addition as long time resident of the Chicago’s West-side he also was a businessman/ enterpretuer of K-Town Cleaners a boutique store and Echo recording studio in the North Lawndale Community; and

WHEREAS, Otis Clay was a member of North Star Lodge No.1, Talma Chapter No. 2 Order of the Eastern Star, Prince Hall, F and AM, State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS the community has lost s great friend in Otis Clay. He will be sorely missed by his family, friends, neighbors, and fellow musicians.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President of the Cook County Board along with the Cook County Board of Commissioners, and on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County, commemorates the extraordinary life of Mr. Otis Clay and herewith express its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions he has made to the Citizens of Cook County, Illinois.

NOW, THEREFORE, 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 Mr. Otis Clay.

16-1630

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING THE 70TH BIRTHDAY OF THOMAS S. MOORE

WHEREAS, on February 13, 201, Thomas S. Moore will celebrate his 70th birthday; and

WHEREAS, Thomas S. Moore was an Eagle Scout and swimming champion at Fenwick High School; and

WHEREAS, Thomas S. Moore after graduation from Notre Dame University returned to Fenwick High School as a beloved teacher of hundreds of students; and

WHEREAS, Thomas S. Moore attended Loyola University Chicago School of Law at night while teaching during the day; and

WHEREAS, Thomas S. Moore, after law school graduation became the law clerk to Judge Frank McGarr of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Thomas S. Moore became a Cook County public defender and was involved in creating the Public Defender's Office Murder Task Force; and

WHEREAS, Thomas S. Moore has taught trial practice to hundreds of lawyers in his thirty-six years teaching at Loyola University Chicago School of Law; and

WHEREAS, Thomas S. Moore served on the City of Chicago Zoning Board of Appeals for ten years and he helped rewrite the City of Chicago Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Thomas S. Moore has served as a member of the Illinois Supreme Court Character and Fitness Committee; and

WHEREAS, Thomas S. Moore has been a mentor, teacher and friend to many in Cook County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County takes great pleasure in honoring and celebrating the 70th birthday of Thomas S. Moore 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 Thomas S. Moore in honor of his 70th Birthday.

16-1631

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING THE EXCEPTIONAL LIFE, COURAGEOUS SPIRIT AND GENEROSITY OF WALTER REED

WHEREAS, Walter Reed died at the age of 91 having lived a remarkable life that was touched by the deepest sadness and the greatest joy. He was a successful businessman, an inspiring author and speaker, and a tireless advocate for those who struggled with special needs. While he never forgot the anti-Semitism he faced in Germany that killed his family, or the prejudice that led him to change his name and hide his past for 50 years he had a strong desire to never be a prisoner of the past; and

WHEREAS, Walter Reed was born Werner Rindsberg in Germany in 1924 and spent his early childhood in Bavaria. In June 1939, his family put him on a train for Brussels as part of a children's refugee rescue program. Eventually he made his way to La Hille, France, where he and 100 other Jewish children were hidden from the Germans, barely surviving at an abandoned French estate called Chateau de La Hille. He was able to leave France in 1941 for New York, where his mother had relatives, however, his parents and siblings perished during the Holocaust; and

WHEREAS, when Walter Reed arrived in New York he became an apprentice to a tool-and-die maker and enrolled in high school. In 1943, when he was 19, he was drafted into the army. The army offered U.S. citizenship and Walter changed his name as part of that process. He shed his German name of Werner Rindsberg along with his German accent. He worked at Allied headquarters in Paris as a German translator who assisted with prisoner interrogation. One of his assignments was the denazification of the university at Marburg. Despite having only a high school education, he played a major role in deciding which of the eminent faculty could teach. After the German surrender he served in the Counter Intelligence Corps which had the task of denazifying the Germans; and

WHEREAS, after the war, Walter Reed attended the University of Missouri where he received a degree in journalism and worked successfully for many years in the public relations field. He settled in Chicago and worked for decades as the public relations director of the National Automatic Merchandising Association, the national organization of vending-machine businesses. Walter and his wife Jeanne moved to Wilmette where they raised three sons Brian, Andrew and McRae; and

WHEREAS, following the birth of their first son, Brian, who was born with cerebral palsy, Walter Reed became a special needs advocate. He spoke publicly about his son's condition and about how people

treat the disabled, and in 1977 he became one of 16 Illinois delegates to the White House Conference on Persons With Disabilities. In the mid-80s he began a nine-year term on the board of directors of the Anixter Center, a service agency helping people with disabilities in the Chicago region, and he cofounded and served as the first president of the Parents Alliance of the Northern Suburban Special Education District; working closely with the local school district. In recognition for his tireless work the District 39 Educational Foundation presented him with the 2010 Distinguished Citizen Award; and

WHEREAS, Walter Reed retired in 1989 and started a consulting business. After he read a Chicago Tribune article about Steven Spielberg's foundation collecting oral histories from Holocaust survivors he shared his story with Spielberg's *Shoah* project. Afterwards, Walter Reed traveled with his family back to France. He learned that the owner of the barn where he had lived for ten months was still alive and that 90 out of the 100 now-grown Children of La Hille had been holding regular reunions. He organized a reunion in Wilmette in 1998 and later wrote a well-reviewed 2015 book, "The Children of La Hille: Eluding Nazi Capture During World War II," describing how he and the other Jewish boys and girls from 4 to 18 years old survived part of the war in France; and

WHEREAS for many years Walter Reed never revealed the truth about his past to his friends or coworkers. But the struggles of his formative years quietly inspired the activism of his later years. He spent his life opposing discrimination. "The activism on behalf of the disabled grows out of the sense that if good citizens don't take part in the life of their country, bad things will flourish. To me, it's not just the Nazis. It's Cambodia. It's Ethiopia. It's burning books or forbidding books to be read, because I remember when the Nazis burned books and kicked out artists they didn't like."; and

WHEREAS, Walter Reed was a treasured member of the Wilmette Harbor Rotary Club. He was the weekly newsletter editor for many years. He was involved with the Vocational Service Committee and was instrumental in initiating involvement with local adults with serious mental/physical challenges. He and his wife, Jeanne, were also active in the Club's Youth Exchange program as host parents. One of the organization's traditions was to have members to share their stories. He had been active with the organization working alongside people for years who thought they knew him but they were surprised to hear of his fleeing the Nazis; and

WHEREAS, Walter Reed spent nearly his entire life in service to others in one way or another. He served on the Boards of the Chicago Metropolitan Planning Council and the Anixter Center. He was a nineteen-year Rotarian and was active with the Illinois Holocaust Museum. In 2015 he was appointed to the village of Wilmette's Housing Our Own Wilmette board of directors; and

WHEREAS, Walter Reed was a tireless advocate up until his last moment despite having had a serious heart attack in the 1980's. He regularly gave speeches about his life; he called it "The Triumph of the Human Spirit." He chose that title because "even in the darkest times and the most horrible situations, humans can rise and do rise above the circumstances; and

WHEREAS, 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 Walter Reed, 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 Walter Reed.