



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, June 8, 2016, 11:00 AM

16-3727

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY and BRIDGET GAINER, County Commissioners, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, 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 THE APPOINTMENT OF BILLY LAWLESS TO THE IRISH SEANAD

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Billy Lawless has been appointed to the Irish Seanad as the representative of the Irish diaspora; and

WHEREAS, Billy Lawless was born in Galway and moved to Chicago in 1997; and

WHEREAS, Billy Lawless opened a bar-restaurant, The Irish Oak, in Wrigleyville in 1998 and has since opened many other bar-restaurants that employ over 250 workers in the city of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Billy Lawless has been a tireless supporter of undocumented residents in Chicago and has served as Vice President of the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights; and

WHEREAS, Billy Lawless has been a powerful advocate for marginalized immigrants on the local and national level and has assisted in bringing various immigrant groups together to work on social and legal issues that have benefited the local immigrant community; and

WHEREAS, Billy Lawless serves as Vice President in the Irish Fellowship Club of Chicago which has supported Chicago's civic, cultural and educational community for over 115 years.; and

WHEREAS, Billy Lawless became a United States citizen in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Billy Lawless will now be the formal voice of the Irish diaspora in the Irish Seanad; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby extend its warmest wishes and congratulations to Billy Lawless on the occasion of his appointment to the Irish Seanad, and join all who have had the pleasure of knowing him in wishing him success in his new position, 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 Billy Lawless to commemorate this joyous occasion.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

JACK SCHALLER, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Jack Schaller from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Jack Schaller was the beloved husband and best friend of the late Betty (nee McCormick) Schaller for many wonderful years; and

WHEREAS, Jack Schaller was the loving father of the late Jack (Melissa), Jill (Mike) Nolan, Sue (Leo) Weber, James (Michelle), Colleen (Jack) Sheehan, Betty Jo (Bob) Bailey, Kim (George) Shinnick and Jay; and

WHEREAS, Jack Schaller was the cherished grandfather “Pops” of 18 wonderful grandchildren and the loving great grandfather of 6 adoring great grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Jack Schaller was the cherished brother of the late George (Delores) Schaller and the late Mary Jane (late Keith) Miller; and

WHEREAS, Jack Schaller was the dear brother-in-law of Joe (Marge) McCormick; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Jack Schaller was a member of the Canaryville Veterans Association; and

WHEREAS, Jack Schaller touched the lives of many and will be remembered by all who knew him; and

WHEREAS, all who knew him will attest that Jack Schaller 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; 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 of Jack Schaller 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 Jack Schaller so that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

16-3729

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

GENE GAZZI, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Gene Gazzi from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Gene Gazzi was the beloved husband of Anna Marie (nee Byrnes); and

WHEREAS, Gene Gazzi was the loving father of Gene (Lynn) and the late Maria A. Gazzi; and

WHEREAS, Gene Gazzi was the beloved son of the late Gene and Ruth Gazzi; and

WHEREAS, Gene Gazzi was the proud grandfather “Papa” of Joey, Maria and Angelina; and

WHEREAS, Gene Gazzi was the fond brother in law of Marlene (Ricky) Pulciani, and

WHEREAS, Gene Gazzi was the fond uncle of Ricky and Nicolette, and

WHEREAS, Gene Gazzi was a member of the Old Neighborhood Italian American Club, and

WHEREAS, Gene Gazzi, touched the lives of many and will be remembered by all who knew him; and

WHEREAS, all who knew him will attest that , Gene Gazzi, 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; 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 of Gene Gazzi 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 Gene Gazzi, so that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

16-3753

Sponsored by: JESÚS G. GARCÍA and LUIS ARROYO JR, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF HELEN FABELA CHÁVEZ AS A DEVOTED WIFE, MOTHER AND CIVIL RIGHTS PIONEER

WHEREAS, Helen Fabela Chávez was born on January 21, 1928, in Brawley, California, her mother having immigrated from Sombrete, Mexico, and her father from San Jacinto, Mexico; and;

WHEREAS, Helen helped her husband Cesar Chávez launch and sustain what became the first enduring farm workers union in the United States using her fierce determination to help change the lives of thousands of farm workers and millions of others who were inspired by La Causa; and

WHEREAS, Helen passed on June 6, 2016 and is survived by seven children, 31 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren;

WHEREAS, Helen began working in the fields when she was 14 and her family worked as migrant laborers, first in the Imperial Valley and later in the San Joaquín Valley and thus exposed her to the hardships of farm labor; and

WHEREAS, Helen met her husband, Cesar Chávez, in Delano while they were both laboring as farm workers in the mid-1940s. Helen and Cesar corresponded while he served in the Navy and married upon his discharge in 1948; and

WHEREAS, Helen and Cesar Chávez moved to Delano giving up their middle-class lifestyle for a life of self-imposed poverty to begin building what became the United Farm Workers; and

WHEREAS, Helen returned to field work while Cesar Chávez organized up and down California's vast Central Valley and often had to raise their eight children by herself while Cesar was on the road; and

WHEREAS, when the Delano Grape Strike started in 1965, Helen took over management of the Farm Workers Credit Union, and worked full time at the union office while maintaining a home life. She continued serving the Farm Worker Movement for decades; and

WHEREAS, in 1978 she was arrested and convicted with her husband for picketing a cantaloupe field where workers were represented by the Teamsters Union; and

WHEREAS, Helen continued serving the Farm Worker Movement for decades; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, a year after her husband's death, Chávez accepted the Presidential Medal of Freedom awarded to him by President Clinton; and

WHEREAS, in 2008 Chávez was awarded Latina of the Year by the National Latino Peace Officers Association of Los Angeles Chapter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners commemorates the life and legacy of Helen Fabela Chávez; 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 family of Helen Fabela Chávez.