



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, April 13, 2016, 11:00 AM

16-2612

Sponsored by: RICHARD R. BOYKIN, County Commissioner, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, LUIS ARROYO JR, 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

A RESOLUTION OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CELEBRATING PETER BENSINGER'S 80TH BIRTHDAY

WHEREAS, Peter Bensinger was born in Chicago on March 31, 1936; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Bensinger served with distinction as the Administrator of the United States Drug Enforcement Administration. He was appointed to this position in January of 1976 by President Gerald R. Ford and was confirmed by the Senate, serving over five and one-half years under Presidents Ford, Carter and Reagan; and,

WHEREAS, During Mr. Bensinger's tenure as Administrator, heroin overdose deaths decreased by over 50% and there was a significant decrease in the overall number of Americans using illegal drugs. Mr. Bensinger was also instrumental in the passage and implementation of the Asset Forfeiture Law, and the banning of Drug Paraphernalia Shops; and,

WHEREAS, Prior to Mr. Bensinger's appointment in Washington, he served as Director of the Illinois Department of Corrections with direct responsibility for penitentiaries, reformatories, training schools, and parole supervision; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Bensinger was awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the National Governor's Association for outstanding service to State Government and received the first Lifetime Achievement Award from the Association of Former Federal Narcotic Agents and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Educational Foundation; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Bensinger received the U.S. Distinguished Service Award from the U.S. Coast Guard; and,

WHEREAS, Bensinger represented the United States Attorney General on the six-member Board of Directors of Federal Prison Industries, Inc. (UNICOR), a \$300 million government corporation responsible for industry in the Federal Penitentiary System; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Bensinger also chaired the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority from June, 1991 to January, 2003; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Bensinger is a nationally recognized expert on the issues of drugs and alcohol in the workplace, and has authored a special report on this subject for the Harvard Business Review, and has been quoted in national and international publications on this subject;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners that Peter Bensinger is to be congratulated on the occasion of his 80th Birthday, and that the sincere appreciation of the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners is to be extended to Peter Bensinger for his service to his community, his state, and his country.

16-2666

Sponsored by: SEAN M. MORRISON, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING FRANKLIN PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

WHEREAS, On September 17, 2015, officers of the Franklin Park Fire Department responded to a vehicle accident whereby a vehicle struck a pole and rolled over; and

WHEREAS, prior to the arrival of the officers of the Franklin Park Fire Department, members of the police pulled the driver from the car who was in cardiac arrest, and an off duty nurse stopped to assist and started CPR; and

WHEREAS, once the officers of the Franklin Park Fire Department were on scene, they rapidly assessed the patient and found him to be in ventricular fibrillation; and

WHEREAS, the officers of the Franklin Park Fire Department immediately defibrillated the patient, immobilize, packaged and began transport to the hospital; and

WHEREAS, while en route to the hospital, the officers of the Franklin Park Fire Department continued resuscitation efforts and the patient had a spontaneous return of circulation and began to regain consciousness; and

WHEREAS, by the time they reached the Emergency Department, the patient was fully awake and alert, and in the aftermath, the patient was found to have no injuries, but required surgery for occluded blood vessels, and was actually released to go home several days later; and

WHEREAS, it was due to the quick thinking and actions by the officers of the Franklin Park Fire Department, following the initial assistance provided by the police and the good Samaritan nurse, that this person is alive today;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Commissioner Sean M. Morrison, President Toni Preckwinkle and the members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners express our appreciation and honor the lifesaving service provided by Battalion Chief Mark Stewart, Lieutenant Dan Fidonik, Firefighter Frank Obaya, Firefighter/Paramedic J. R. Garcia, and Firefighter/Paramedic Kevin Bartnicki of the Franklin Park Fire Department;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the text of this resolution be spread across the journal of

proceedings of this honorable body and that a suitable copy hereof be presented to the Franklin Park Fire Department and Battalion Chief Mark Stewart, Lieutenant Dan Fidonik, Firefighter Frank Obaya,

Firefighter/Paramedic J. R. Garcia, and Firefighter/Paramedic Kevin Bartnicki of the Franklin Park Fire Department...end

16-2673

Sponsored by: JESÚS G. GARCÍA, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING ANITA CABALLERO FOR HER CONTINUED DEDICATION TO THE COMMUNITIES OF COOK COUNTY IN HONOR OF WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, March was Women's History Month in which we not only highlight the contributions of women in history but also in contemporary society; and

WHEREAS, Anita Caballero has been an involved resident of the Brighton Park neighborhood for over 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Anita Caballero was motivated by violence in her community to take matters into her own hands and began attending community meetings; and

WHEREAS, Anita Caballero helped increase participation in these meetings by helping distribute leaflets and talking to residents of the Brighton Park area and encouraging their involvement; and

WHEREAS, Anita Caballero’s contributions and dedication in the community has transcended into all areas of community organizing; and

WHEREAS, Anita Caballero became the Board President of Brighton Park Neighborhood Council and has served in this role for the past 10 years; and

WHEREAS, Anita Caballero has worked with Brighton Park Neighborhood Council to develop many important programs and initiatives including afterschool programs, training classes for parents, housing and financial counseling and more; and

WHEREAS, Anita Caballero has been part of the Local School Council at Davis Elementary and has helped bring a health center to that school; and

WHEREAS, Anita Caballero has been at the forefront advocating and organizing on some of the most important issues affecting her community and has helped make Brighton Park and the surrounding areas a better place; and

WHEREAS, Anita Caballero’s drive comes from wanting a fruitful future for her children, grandchildren, but most importantly, for her whole community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby honor Anita Caballero for her continued dedication to the people of Cook County and recognizes her in honor of Women's History Month.

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 Anita Caballero.

16-2680

Sponsored by: ROBERT STEELE, 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, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING WHITNEY M. YOUNG HIGH SCHOOL LADY DOLPHINS 2016 SOPHOMORE CITY CHAMPS

WHEREAS, the Whitney M. Young Lady Dolphins Sophomore team had a remarkable undefeated season of 21-0 very similar to the Women's Conn Huskies who also went undefeated this season; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners are very proud to recognize excellence in high school academics, sports and team loyalty; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes the importance of team sports in developing the qualities of respect, collaboration, hard work and dedication in our young citizens; and

WHEREAS, the road to the championship game included 1st round a win over Prosser High School 38-14, 2nd Round playoff win versus Lane Tech 41-22, and a Semifinal win over Taft 50-41; and

WHEREAS, the girls Sophomore team of Whitney M. Young High School, defeated Morgan Park High School 47-25 in the *Public League title game*; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Valerie Spann led the winning team to success and Administrative Leader is Dr. Joyce Kenner; and

WHEREAS, the Dolphins are also the Montini Christmas Tournament the Kaneland Tournament Champions; and

WHEREAS, Teammates, Teya Boyd, Kapri Currie, Quiara Dubose, Mia Englemann, Chandler Gay, Kennedy Higginbottom, Audrey Howaniec, Kyla Jones, Daniella Kittrell, Arya Love, Makayla Minett, Shannon Wilbourne, and Kayla Williams are to be congratulated on leading Whitney M. Young High School Girls Sophomore Basketball team to a great season and impressive championship we are all proud of.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IR RESOLVED that members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners join the Whitney M. Young School family, friends and community in congratulating the coaching staff and team members of the Whitney M. Young team on their great achievement and their sense of teamwork, respect, hard work and dedication.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, 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 administration, coaching staff and team members in honor of this occasion.

16-2682

Sponsored by: ROBERT STEELE, 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, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING CURIE METROPOLITAN HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM 2016 STATE CHAMPIONS

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2016 the boys basketball team of Marie Curie Metropolitan High School, *won their first state 4A Basketball Championship in Curie history* defeating Benet High School 66-59 in the final of the IHSA 4-Boys Basketball Championship game in Peoria, IL; and

WHEREAS, following the likes great Chicago High School Champions of recent years like Simeon with Jabari Parker and Whitney Young with Jahilil Okafor and Stevenson H.S. led by Jalen Brunson with two of three in Professional Basketball today. The Currie “Condors” was led by the team more so than one single player; and

WHEREAS, members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners are proud to recognize excellence in high school sports, academics and team sacrifices; and

WHEREAS, Curie Condors regular season record was 28-5 and during their post season they went 7-0;

WHEREAS, this championship was the first for Coach Michael Oliver who also is an alumni of Curie High School and their basketball program was and is elated to bring the State Championship to the Southwest Side of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Coach Oliver shares the victory with Assistant Coaches, Mohammed Farraji, Jerry Oliver, Mekiel Posey, Darryl Rice, Larry Wallace and Alethic Director Patrick Cox and Principal Allison Tingwall; and

WHEREAS, The Curie Condors were led this year by their Senior’s: Capitan Devin Gage (DePaul University), Theo Owen (Undecided) and Kalon Grover (Undecided) along with several Juniors and Sophomores returning and

WHEREAS, Teammates, Devin Gage, Demarco Graham, Kalon Grover, Dennis Handy, Travon Hamilton, Darius Johnson, Elijah Joiner, Traevon Martin, Tyree Martin Theo Owens, Allante Pickens, Terry Smith Jr., as well as managers, Darrian Toney, Tony Wang, and Henry Zhong are to be congratulated on leading Marie Curie Metropolitan High School Boys Basketball team to a great season and impressive championship we are all proud of.

WHEREAS, the Chicago Public Schools has won the 4A State Boys Basketball Championship each year since 2006, Curie Metropolitan High School is the latest to carry the Championship torch.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IR RESOLVED that members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners join the Marie Cure High School family, friends and community in congratulating the coaching staff and team members of the Curie Condors Boys Basketball team on their great achievement and their sense of teamwork, respect, hard work and dedication.

BE IT FURTHERE RESOLVED, 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 administration, coaching staff and team members in honor of this occasion.

16-2683

Sponsored by: ROBERT STEELE, 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, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING WHITNEY M. YOUNG HIGH SCHOOL LADY DOLPHINS 2016 VARSITY CITY CHAMPIONS AND 4TH PLACE RUNNER- UPS FOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

WHEREAS, members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners are proud to recognize excellence in high school sports; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes the importance of team sports in developing the qualities of respect, collaboration, hard work and dedication in young adults; and

WHEREAS, the Whitney M. Young Dolphins began the season playing in San Juan Puerto Rico where they went 3-0; and

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2016 2016 the girls varsity team of Whitney M. Young High School, won their 8th consecutive city championship defeating Morgan Park High School 69-50 in the Public League title game at the University of Chicago's Ratner Center; and

WHEREAS, The Dolphins regular season of 22-5 have captured eighth consecutive city titles and 11 of the last 12 under coach Corry Irvin; and

WHEREAS, Coach Irvin shares the victory with Assistant Coach, Daryl Cater, Hank Hicks; Sophomore Coach Valerie Spann, Freshman Coach Gary Lewis and Principal Dr. Joyce Kenner; and

WHEREAS, The Whitney Young Dolphins were led this year by their Seniors: Kiara Lewis (Committed to The Ohio State University (Basketball Scholarship), Isabelle Spingola- Committed to Marquette University (Basketball Scholarship), and Jala Wilson (undecided); and

WHEREAS, Kiara Lewis averaged 25.5 points per game, scored over 30 points eight times this season which included a season high of 47 points in a win against Marshall High School during the City semifinals match. In addition Kiara Lewis was named Illinois Gatorade player of the Year, 1st team All State, Jordan Brand All American, and 2nd Team All USA Today All American; and

WHEREAS, Isabelle Spingola, was named to the all-conference team; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Dolphins went on to compete in the regionals, sectionals, and supersectionals games beating Jones College Prep, Morton, Lyons Township, Proviso East and Homewood Flossmoor high schools before finishing fourth place for the State Championship game; and

WHEREAS, Teammates, Savannah Altman, Breanna Beck, Tyra Beck, Brooklyn Fort Davis, Kiara Lewis, Ashanti Andrews Lumpkin, Isabelle Spingola, Adrienne Truitt, Jala Wilson, Danyelle Williams, are to be congratulated on leading Whitney M. Young High School Girls Varsity Basketball team to a great season and impressive championship we are all proud of.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners join the Whitney M. Young School family, friends and community in congratulating the coaching staff and team members of the Whitney M. Young team on their great achievement and their sense of teamwork, respect, hard work and dedication.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, 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 administration, coaching staff and team members in honor of this occasion.

16-2691

Sponsored by: JESÚS G. GARCÍA, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AMARA BETTY MARTIN FOR HER CONTINUED DEDICATION TO THE COMMUNITIES OF COOK COUNTY IN HONOR OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, March was Women's History Month in which we not only highlight the contributions of women in history but also in contemporary society; and

WHEREAS, Amara Betty Martin is a Puerto Rican multidisciplinary artist and independent arts organizer born, raised and working in the *barrios* of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Amara Betty Martin has independently organized and participated in more than 50 visual art exhibitions, cultural events and projects in the past 5 years; and

WHEREAS, her visual work consists of original photographs, collage, captured sound, poetry, text and pattern based works and music, documenting the urban struggle of a second generation Afro-Latina in the face of immense social struggle, gentrification, cultural homogenization, state violence and migration; and

WHEREAS, through examining elements of culture, local and global social justice movements, liberation, community and state repression, Amara Betty Martin looks to have the audience see these issues from an often overlooked perspective; and

WHEREAS, Amara Betty Martin's art organizing work highlights emerging artists of color, providing a platform for: creative expression; communal; philosophical; political engagement; economic exchange as well as an avenue for creating awareness for grassroots causes and organizations; and

WHEREAS, Amara Betty Martin has collaborated with Quennect 4 Gallery, Q4 Radio, Multikulti, Las Artelitas, Que Horas Son, Cumbiasazo, Villapalooza, La Catrina Café, Pachanka Music Culture, Enlace Chicago, Mole de Mayo, Carlos & Dominguez Fine Art Gallery, Mujeres Latinas en Acción, Chicago Womens Health Center, Girl Talk, Villarte, Radio One Chicago, Chicago Bike Winter Art Show, Humboldt Park Arts Fair, Chicago Young Progressives and more; and

WHEREAS, most recently, Amara Betty Martin worked in Chicago's Little Village community with the nonprofit Enlace Chicago in Education and Community Development and as an art instructor to Chicago Youth and is currently finishing up an arts residency in México; and

WHEREAS, Amara Betty Martin continues to inspire many through her dedication to community empowerment, the arts and culture expression.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby honor Amara Betty Martin for her continued dedication to the people of Cook County and recognizes her in honor of Women's History Month.

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 Amara Betty Martin.

16-2701

Sponsored by: JERRY BUTLER and ROBERT STEELE, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE, ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND LEGACY OF MRS. BARBARA H.C. LAWRENCE.

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Barbara H.C. Lawrence from our midst; and

WHEREAS, As the result of an automobile accident on November 14, 2015, Mrs. Barbara Lawrence passed away on February 20, 2016, at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, and the news of her passing was received by this Honorable Body with deep regret; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Lawrence was the daughter of physician Dr. Henry N. Cress and Ida Mae Griffin Cress, a teacher with the Chicago Board of Education. She attended Hyde Park High School and completed her college studies at Roosevelt University, and

WHEREAS, Barbara Lawrence met her husband Robert Lawrence in 1952 and they were married in 1958 in Furstenfeldbruck, Germany where Major Lawrence was stationed as a member of the United States Air Force. Major Lawrence was selected for the Manned Orbiting Laboratory in June of 1967, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lawrence returned home to Chicago in December of 1967, after the untimely death of her husband who was touted as the Nation's First Black Astronaut. She began a decades long battle, to have her husband included in the John F. Kennedy Space Center, Astronaut Space Mirror Memorial in Merritt Island, Florida. In December of 1997 she succeeded in her efforts and her husband was inducted as a member of the U.S. Astronaut core at the Kennedy Space Center and;

WHEREAS, Barbara Lawrence was a woman of multiple talents, extraordinary courage and grace with immense devotion to her near south side community. She was employed with the City of Chicago Model Cities program and the Mayor's Office of Employment and Training, until her retirement in 1993; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Lawrence is survived by her son Tracey Lawrence and her sister Lorne Cress Love.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County mourn the passing of Barbara H.C. Lawrence, and extend our sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Barbara H. C. Lawrence as an expression of our deepest sympathy.

16-2709

Sponsored by: JERRY BUTLER, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE, AND LEGACY OF MR. ODELL COPPERIDGE, JR.

WHEREAS, on Wednesday, February 3, 2016, God in his infinite wisdom called home Mr. Odell Copperidge, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Odell Copperidge, Jr., a native of Memphis, TN moved to Chicago, IL and accepted Christ at New Covenant Missionary Baptist Church. He graduated from Wendell Phillips Academy High School, where he met Vanessa McClear in 1976 and later married in 1979; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Odell Copperidge, Jr., affectionately called Odell or “Odie,” was a family man. He loved spending time with his family and friends and was well known for shooting pool; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Odell Copperidge, Jr., is survived by his loving wife, Vanessa Copperidge, Sons: Arnell McClear, and Odell Ruben Brown (who preceded him in death), Daughters: Tiffany and Ivory Copperidge, and a host of grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Odell Copperidge, Jr., was a dedicated and loyal worker. He began his career with the Forest Preserve District of Cook County where he retired after providing 37 wonderful years of service as a Pump/Well Repairman in the Maintenance Department; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Board of Commissioners of Cook County do hereby offer their deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and many friends of Odell Copperidge, Jr., join them in sorrow at this time of profound loss; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Odell Copperidge, Jr. as an expression of our deepest sympathy.