

Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street
Chicago, IL



Tuesday, February 6, 2018

9:00 AM

Special Consent Calendar Journal of Proceedings

Cook County Building, Board Room, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois

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**DAVID ORR
COUNTY CLERK**

Board met pursuant to the following call.

PRESIDENTS LETTER

January 29, 2018

The Honorable David Orr Cook County Clerk
69 West Washington St. Fifth floor
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Re: SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE for Tuesday February 6, 2018 at 9:00 am in the Cook County Board Room, 118 North Clark street, Room 569, Chicago, Illinois

Dear Clerk Orr:

Pursuant to the authority vested in me, I hereby call a Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County to be convened on Tuesday, February 6, 2018, at the hour of 9 am in the County Board Room, Room 569, County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois.

At said meeting, the following item will be considered:

- Consent Calendar

Please issue the Notice of this Special Meeting as required by law.

Very truly yours,
Toni Preckwinkle President

LETTER TO COMMISSIONERS

January 30, 2018

President and Members
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Toni Preckwinkle, President of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, has directed me to call a Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at the hour of 9:00 A.M. in the County Board Room, Room 569, County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois. At said meeting, the following item will be considered:

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Very truly yours,

David Orr
County Clerk

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The following Legal Notice appeared in the Chicago Tribune Newspaper, Thursday, February 1, 2018 through Tuesday, February 6, 2018.

LEGAL NOTICE

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Very truly yours,

DAVID ORR, Cook County Clerk and
Clerk of the Board of the Commissioners of Cook County, Illinois

OFFICIAL RECORD

President Preckwinkle in the chair.

CALL TO ORDER

At 9:00 A.M., being the hour appointed for the meeting, the President called the Board to order.

QUORUM

County Clerk David Orr called the roll of members and there was found to be a quorum present.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silversti, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Commissioners Butler and Gainer (2)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Pursuant to Cook County Code of Ordinances, public testimony will be permitted at regular and special meetings of the Board. Duly authorized public speakers shall be called upon at this time to deliver testimony germane to a specific item(s) on the meeting agenda, and the testimony must not exceed three (3) minutes. The names of duly authorized speakers shall be published in the Post Board Action Agenda and Journal of Proceedings as prepared by the Clerk of the Board.

1. George Blakemore – Concerned Citizen
2. Mark Armstrong – Chicago Urban Fine Arts Commonwealth NFP

CONSENT CALENDAR

**18-2046
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT, LUIS ARROYO JR,
RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER,
JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN,
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TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS,
LARRY SUFFREDIN AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, Black History Month provides an opportunity for the residents of Cook County to recognize the culture, history and talents of African Americans; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month began as "Negro History Week," which was created in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson, a noted African American historian, scholar, educator, and publisher. It became a month-long celebration in 1976. The month of February was chosen to coincide with the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, President Gerald R. Ford officially recognized Black History Month, calling it a moment for the public to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history." Since then, the month of February has been recognized by every President of the United States as Black History Month; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 Black History Month theme is "African Americans in Times of War," we honor the African American men and women who have fought and laid down their lives for their country; and

WHEREAS, there have been many African American military units that have contributed to our nation's history included but not limited to the Civil War's Buffalo Soldiers and World War II's Tuskegee Airmen; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I and honors the roles that black Americans have played in warfare, from the American Revolution to today; and

WHEREAS, all residents of Cook County can draw strength and inspiration from the unwavering and steadfast spirit displayed by African Americans in their fight against slavery, segregation, economic oppression and injustice; and

WHEREAS, African Americans have made countless economic, social, cultural and political contributions throughout Cook County, the State of Illinois, and the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, we must always pay tribute to all the heroes of African-American history, and it is important that the people of Cook County observe Black History Month with the highest level of respect and regard.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County President and the Board of Commissioners honor the numerous trailblazers of Black History, and recognize the many extraordinary accomplishments African Americans have made to the United States of America, the State of Illinois, and to Cook County.

Approved and adopted this 6th of February 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**18-2069
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE LARRY SUFFREDIN, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

IN MEMORY OF THE HONORABLE JUDGE WILLIAM COUSINS JR.

WHEREAS, William Cousins Jr, former Justice of the Illinois Appellate Court, Cook County Prosecutor, trial attorney, Alderman of the 8th Ward, community leader and a man who spent his life deeply devoted to faith, family and public service died January 20th at the age of 90. He left behind countless friends, family and a community deeply enriched for having known him; and

WHEREAS, William Cousins was born a small Mississippi community within a stone’s throw of the place where Emmett Till was killed. At an early age he confronted issues of racism and violence and was an eye-witness to many of the social pathologies and lack of opportunity associated with poverty. Neither of his parents had much schooling but they were tireless in securing an education for their son. The family moved to Memphis and later to Chicago in 1938. His exceptional academic talent revealed itself early in life; he graduated from DuSable High School where he earned top grades, ran track, and served as president of his senior class; and

WHEREAS, William Cousins received a bachelor’s degree in political science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1948. While there, he excelled both academically and as a cadet in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps. He starred on the school's debate team, never losing a debate. For his bachelor's degree in political science, he wrote a thesis on stare decisis et non quieta movere--Latin for "to adhere to precedent and not disturb settled principles." He concluded that adhering to precedent was essential for a stable system of justice in a society, even though it meant that societal injustices would only be corrected "with provoking slowness." Precedent need not be abandoned to make society more fair, he wrote; instead, "the quality of our judges should be improved." Nearly three decades before he would become one himself, Cousins wrote, "While judges are men, they must of necessity be more than ordinary men;" and

WHEREAS, William Cousins received his law degree from Harvard Law School in 1951. After law school, he was commissioned as a lieutenant in the Army and served in the Pacific Theater during the Korean War. He was a second lieutenant in the infantry, where he was the leader of a predominately all-white unit. While in Japan, he met his future wife, Hiroko Ogawa. The couple married in Japan in 1953 and raised four children and remained together until she died in 2005; and

WHEREAS, William Cousins began his legal career as an examining attorney for Chicago Title & Trust Company. Later, he served as an assistant state's attorney and then formed his own law firm along with three other African-American attorneys and Harvard Law School graduates; and

WHEREAS, in 1967, William Cousins became alderman of the 8th Ward. He ran for alderman as an independent Democrat, using the slogan "Unbowed, Unbossed and Unbought" and was elected three times. While an alderman, his main contributions were the extension of rapid transit south. He opposed the creation of the Crosstown Expressway and sought to add new schools and parks to the ward. He also fought to keep open commuter rail stations on the Illinois Central at the 79th, 82nd and 87th Street stations. One highlight of his ten years, was the citywide ordinance he sponsored that was approved by the council establishing Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday as a city holiday; and

WHEREAS, William Cousins left the City Council for the bench when he was elected to the Cook County Circuit Court. While there, he was known for his exceptional work ethic, fairness and formality. From the bench, he always referred to himself as "the court." His rulings were long and detailed in order to forestall reversals in higher courts. He will long be remembered for this relentless attention to detail which often kept him late into the evening at the courthouse, a habit for which he became known as "The Prince of Darkness"; and

WHEREAS, Judge Cousins was a jurist who was decades ahead of his time. While a sitting judge in Circuit Court, he courageously challenged the constitutionality of Illinois' death penalty. In a case in which the state sought the death penalty, he ruled that Illinois' Death Sentence Act was, in his words "wantonly and freakishly imposed." Though his ruling was reversed by the Illinois Supreme Court it was often described by many as courageous and compassionate. He was proud of his ruling that found Illinois' death penalty unconstitutional in 1979, over two (2) decades before then Governor George Ryan declared a moratorium on capital punishment; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, William Cousins won the Democratic primary for a 10-year term as a justice on the Illinois Appellate Court. He went on to win the general election with no opposition. Decades ahead of others he publicly noted that the population of Illinois' prisons has almost doubled since he had joined the bench, from 12,000 to more than 20,000. He often lamented the growing dependency on incarceration as the cure for crime. He stated that "They are building new prisons, but not fast enough--they fill almost before they complete them. Obviously, we're fighting a losing battle; "and

WHEREAS, Justice Cousins chose not to seek re-election to the appellate court in 2002. After he retired from the bench he was requested by Mayor Richard M. Daley to co-chair a panel to investigate code enforcement policies and possible communication breakdowns among city agencies in the wake of the E2 nightclub disaster that killed twenty-one people. He was later named to the panel, known as the Mikva commission by Cook County Board President John Stroger to conduct an independent investigation into the deadly fire at the Cook County Administration building; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his stellar legal career, William Cousins was also a well-respected volunteer leader in the community. He led the Chatham-Avalon Park Community Council, where he worked to oppose high-rise housing in the neighborhood and was an active member of Trinity United Church of Christ and Kappa Alpha Psi and Sigma Pi Phi, his college fraternity where he participated in student sit-ins; and

WHEREAS, throughout his long exceptional life, Cousins faced prejudice and lost opportunities because he was African-American; he fought back against racism as deliberately and methodically as he ruled in court and the community has lost a great friend; he will be missed. He will be missed by his many friends, neighbors and colleagues. His loss will be felt most acutely by his children Gail Yoshiko Cousins, Cheryl Akiko Cousins; two (2) sons, Yul Cousins and Noel Cousins; and four (4) grandchildren.

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 Justice William Cousins 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 Justice William Cousins Jr.

Approved and adopted this 6th of February 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk



A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Resolution be approved. Commissioner Suffredin called for a rising voted. The motion carried.

**18-2072
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE JESÚS G. GARCÍA, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN A. FRITCHEY,
BRIDGET GAINER, DEBORAH SIMS AND LARRY SUFFREDIN,
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING THE LIFE OF PASTOR RON TAYLOR, COMMUNITY ADVOCATE AND
FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE UNITED CONGRESS OF COMMUNITY AND
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS**

WHEREAS, a proud South Sider, Ronnie Taylor, affectionately known as “Pastor Ron,” was born in Chicago on July 31, 1957 and dedicated his life to ministry and earnest public service; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Ron was the youngest of seven (7) children and graduated from Farragut Career Academy in Chicago in 1975; and

WHEREAS, drawn to religious life as a teenager, Pastor Ron was ordained a minister at Hope Deliverance Tabernacle, the same place where he met his future wife; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Ron married Johnnie May Jewett in 1974 and together they have a daughter, Rebecca, and granddaughter, Harmony; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Ron began his career at companies including Sears Roebuck and Co., Wells Manufacturing Co. and RR Donnelly's and Sons Printing Co., where he worked for 25 years until he retired to take on ministry full time; and

WHEREAS, throughout the years, Pastor Ron embodied his commitment to faith and advocacy by serving on the Board of Trustees of Truth Triumphant Ministry, founding the Disciples for Christ Outreach Ministries, and serving on the Board of Directors, among other positions, for Target Area Development Corporation; and

WHEREAS, one of Pastor Ron's most notable accomplishments was the 2005 co-founding of the United Congress of Community and Religious Organizations (UCCRO), a coalition of revered Chicago based cross-racial and faith-based social justice advocates, ultimately becoming its Executive Director in 2013; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Pastor Ron, UCCRO has tirelessly advocated for policies that prioritize justice and opportunity for communities of color and coordinates a Racial Equity Training that addresses structural racism; and

WHEREAS, UCCRO advocates for addressing systemic issues and racial inequities that lead to the mass criminalization of poverty stricken communities, in addition to supporting the Illinois TRUST Act and efforts to repeal the prohibition on rent control; and

WHEREAS, as a result of his leadership and commitment to empowering communities of color, Pastor Ron gained local and national recognition for his work in the area of social justice; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Ron had recently been recognized as 2017 Champion of Social Justice by Chicago African Americans in Philanthropy; and

WHEREAS, known for his humility and compassion, Pastor Ron's legacy will live on through his family, colleagues and the communities he served.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby honor the life and work of cherished community leader Pastor Ron Taylor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to Pastor Ron Taylor's family and to the United Congress of Community and Religious Organizations as a symbol of condolence and recognition of his dedication.

Approved and adopted this 6th of February 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this

Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**18-2075
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE LUIS ARROYO JR, TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT,
RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER,
JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN,
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TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS,
LARRY SUFFREDIN AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING THE LIFE OF PAUL BOOTH, AUTHOR, VISIONARY LABOR LEADER,
STRATEGIST AND SOCIAL JUSTICE ACTIVIST. IN MEMORIAM.**

WHEREAS, Paul Booth, an influential Illinois labor leader and primary architect of the first big march against the war in Vietnam, died Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 74; and

WHEREAS, in the early 1970s, as assistant director of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Council 31, Mr. Booth helped negotiate the first contracts for Illinois state workers, guaranteeing government workers a right to union representation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Booth joined the labor movement in 1966 as research director for the United Packinghouse Workers of America. He became organizing director and was affiliated for more than four (4) decades with AFSCME, one of the country's biggest labor unions, where he devised the nation's very first living-wage campaign; and

WHEREAS, before joining the union, Mr. Booth was a national leader of Students for a Democratic Society and in 1965 helped SDS organize the first major march on Washington, D.C., to oppose the Vietnam War, drawing about 15,000 students. He popularized the slogan "Build, Not Burn" to promote civilian public service work as an alternative to the military draft; and

WHEREAS, a published author, Mr. Booth was a strategist who often wrote about the democratic process as he did in his last writing, in the *Prospect*, where he argued for the strategic importance of independent voters; and

WHEREAS, Paul Robert Booth was born on June 7, 1943, in Washington. His father, Philip Booth, worked for the Labor Department and drafted Social Security legislation and programs for migrant workers. His mother was the former Mary Markowitz; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Booth leaves a profound mark on the world of organizing and activism in which he spent his working life.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, does hereby offer its deepest condolences and

most heartfelt sympathy to the family of Paul Booth, to the government workers of Illinois and to his friends and colleagues; and honor the life and memory of this outstanding leader by adopting this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to Mr. Booth’s immediate family; his wife Heather Booth, sons Eugene Victor Booth and Daniel Garrison Booth, his brother Michael, and his five (5) grandchildren.

Approved and adopted this 6th of February 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**18-2076
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE LUIS ARROYO JR, GREGG GOSLIN,
PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER,
JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER,
JESÚS G. GARCÍA, EDWARD M. MOODY, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON,
TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS,
LARRY SUFFREDIN AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**RECOGNIZING THE DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT OF
CHICAGO POLICE OFFICERS DAVID R. RAMOS AND JEROME TURBYVILLE
AND WHEELING DETECTIVE IGNACIO OROPEZA**

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2017 at 3:20p.m., a family drove to the Wheeling Walgreens store to purchase diapers. The father went inside the store leaving his wife, three-year old son, and one-week old son inside their idling vehicle. As the father was shopping, an unknown male offender entered the vehicle and drove away with the mother and children; and

WHEREAS, after Wheeling Police Department Officers and Detectives responded to the scene, an emergency ISPERN broadcast and an AMBER alert were issued to help locate the family in danger. A short time later the mother and two children were located safe more than 20 miles away in the Belmont area in Chicago, after the suspect abandoned the family in their vehicle, taking with him their cell phone and credit cards; and

WHEREAS, Wheeling Police Detective Ignacio Oropeza worked on securing and viewing the surveillance videos recovered from Walgreens and a Mobil gas station where the offender fraudulently used a credit card belonging to the victims. Detective Oropeza identified the offender based on prior police contacts. An Aggravated Kidnapping arrest warrant was issued for the offender; and

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2017, while off-duty, Chicago Police Officer David R. Ramos was driving east on Chicago Avenue approaching Franklin Street towards a local Starbucks coffee shop, when he observed the wanted offender, who was just featured on the local television news station, exiting a Dunkin Donuts shop; and

WHEREAS, after confirming the identity of the dangerous felon, Officer David R. Ramos flagged down fellow Chicago Police Officer Jerome Turbyville, who was patrolling the Chicago River North Community. Officers Ramos and Turbyville, effectively using their police training skills to ensure that citizens in the public area were not in harm’s way of being injured, arrested and transported the wanted offender to the 18th Chicago Police district for processing and ultimate transfer to Wheeling Police custody; and

WHEREAS, thanks to the dedication and commitment demonstrated by Officers David Ramos and Jerome Turbyville and the stellar work by Detective Ignacio Oropeza, a dangerous criminal wanted for carjacking and aggravated kidnapping was safely arrested.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, do hereby commend and offer their heartfelt gratitude to Chicago Police Officers David Ramos and Jerome Turbyville and Wheeling Police Detective Ignacio Oropeza for their unwavering dedication and commitment to the communities they serve; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to Chicago Police Officers David Ramos and Jerome Turbyville and Wheeling Police Detective Ignacio Oropeza.

Approved and adopted this 6th of February 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**18-2079
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF BILL TIKNIS

WHEREAS, Almighty God in his infinite wisdom called William Tiknis from our midst on November 20, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Bill Tiknis, born in Chicago on November 11, 1928 to William and Sophie, beloved husband to the late Charlotte Lange, loving father of Clay (Kathe), Mark (Pat) and the late Cory, cherished grandfather of Laurel Tiknis, Zac (Julie) Tiknis, Noah Tiknis, Thoreau Tiknis and Sophie Tiknis, proud great grandfather of Oscar and Henry, and dear brother of Julie Costello, Jeannie Rasmussen, was very active in his community for the majority of his life; and

WHEREAS, “Tik” was a long-time resident and public official to the citizens of Bartlett who was fundamental in facilitating and creating many of the amenities available in Bartlett today; and

WHEREAS, in 1956 Bill and his family moved to Bartlett by accident, as Bill described it; and

WHEREAS, Bill served in multiple public service roles after moving to town such as a Bartlett Volunteer fireman for 14 years, and Village Trustee for 10 years before being elected Village President; and

WHEREAS, during his time in those various offices he changed the Village of Bartlett for the better, helping to create the Bartlett Park District, obtain the Apple Orchard Park property and plan the original wastewater treatment plant, and was involved in the creation of the Northwest Suburban Mass Transit District; and

WHEREAS, in 1981 Tik was elected Hanover Township supervisor and served for 16 years; and

WHEREAS, in 1991 Bill co-chaired the Bartlett Centennial Commission, and in that same year was named a Bartlett Living Legend; and

WHEREAS, one of Bill’s most important accomplishments was the acquisition of Bartlett Hills by the village; and

WHEREAS, Bill Tiknis truly influenced and changed Bartlett for the better, and helped shape a community that the residents of Bartlett can enjoy and be proud of.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Bill Tiknis 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 that a suitable copy of the same be tendered to the family of Bill Tiknis so that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

Approved and adopted this 6th of February 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE BRIDGET GAINER, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

**HONORING HOWARD BROWN HEALTH, ONE OF THE NATION’S LARGEST
LGBTQ ORGANIZATIONS**

WHEREAS, February 7, 2018 marks the 18th year of National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NBHAAD), a national HIV testing and treatment community mobilization initiative targeted at Black populations in the United States as a national response to the growing HIV and AIDS epidemic in African-American communities; and

WHEREAS, Howard Brown Health, with multiple health clinics spanning the far north sides and south sides of the City, exists to eliminate the disparities in healthcare experienced by lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people through research, education and the provision of services that promote health and wellness; and

WHEREAS, Howard Brown Health was founded in 1974 and is now one of the nation’s largest lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBTQ) organizations; and

WHEREAS, the agency serves more than 30,000 adults and youth each year in its diverse health and social service delivery system focused around seven (7) major programmatic divisions: primary medical care, behavioral health, research, HIV/STI prevention, youth services, elder services, and community initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Howard Brown serves men, women, transgender and gender non-conforming individuals, infants, youth, and children through a multi-site operation based in Chicago that includes a main health and research center in the Uptown neighborhood, Howard Brown Health Sheridan, and eight other clinics across the city including sites in Englewood, Back of the Yards, Rogers Park, Hyde Park, Edgewater, and Lakeview; and

WHEREAS, when early warning signs of the impending AIDS epidemic became widespread in the early 80s, Howard Brown Health was quick to react, taking an active role in helping to coordinate medical investigation and treatment of the first symptoms, which included a fatal form of cancer; and

WHEREAS, by 1987, AIDS had taken hold of the gay community’s emotional and intellectual collective thinking, and Howard Brown Health did more than respond in kind; it pioneered the strategy against the war on AIDS by fighting with facts, providing more medical and psychosocial services, and continuing to reach out to all that needed assistance; and

WHEREAS, in 2016 Howard Brown served 3,175 patients living with HIV, utilized cutting-edge biomedical interventions offering patients protection against HIV infection such as 1,615 patients engaged in Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP), 379 patients accessed Post-exposure Prophylaxis (PEP), and 82% of patients with HIV achieve maximum viral suppression, compared to 55% nationally; and

WHEREAS, in 2017 Howard Brown introduced Same Day Start, allowing patients to start treatment the same day they are diagnosed, helping to achieve a suppressed viral load faster, leading to better long term health outcomes and reduced risk of HIV transmission.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes Howard Brown Health as a beacon for the County’s LGBTQ community, and wishes it continued success with its work keeping our residents healthy.

Approved and adopted this 6th of February 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**18-2083
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE BRIDGET GAINER, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

COMMEMORATING THE BLACK ENSEMBLE THEATER COMPANY

WHEREAS, each year, February marks the celebration of Black History month; and

WHEREAS, Black Ensemble Theater, located in Cook County’s 10th District, is dedicated to providing programming that helps to heal the damaging effects of racism through its productions and educational outreach programming serving youth and challenged communities; and

WHEREAS, the Black Ensemble Theater was founded in 1976 by the renowned actress, producer, and playwright Jackie Taylor; and

WHEREAS, the Black Ensemble Theater has grown from a small community arts organization to a vibrant nationally and internationally legendary arts institution; and

WHEREAS, the Black Ensemble Theater is a leader and innovator in the African-American and mainstream arts communities and is recognized as one of the most diverse theaters in the country, producing excellent musical theater; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Black Ensemble Theater is to eradicate racism and its damaging effects upon our society through the utilization of theater arts; and

WHEREAS, the Black Ensemble Theater utilizes theater and educational outreach programs to bring races together in a community which embraces similarities and fosters dialogue, understanding and acceptance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED, that the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners commemorates Black Ensemble Theater on its community efforts to eradicate racism and its damaging effects upon our society.

Approved and adopted this 6th of February 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**18-2084
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE RICHARD R. BOYKIN, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
LUIS ARROYO JR, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, JOHN A. FRITCHEY,
BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, EDWARD M. MOODY,
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JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

CONGRATULATING DOUG WYMAN ON HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY

WHEREAS, Doug Wyman was born on January 9, 1928 and recently celebrated his 90th birthday; and

WHEREAS, Doug Wyman has served as t the past president of VMA and served in 12 election campaigns; and

WHEREAS, Doug Wyman also volunteered with Housing Forward and the CROP walk and has been an incredible staple in his community; and

WHEREAS, Doug Wyman is a longtime Oak Parker with a wonderful personality and vigor for life; and

WHEREAS, Doug Wyman continues to serve his community through his civic engagement and by serving as the co-host of the popular Doris Davenport Radio Show.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IS RESOLVED, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners that we congratulate Doug Wyman and that the sincere appreciation of the President at the Cook County Board of Commissioners is extended to Doug Wyman to celebrate his 90th birthday.

Approved and adopted this 6th of February 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**18-2085
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE RICHARD R. BOYKIN, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
LUIS ARROYO JR, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, JOHN A. FRITCHEY,
BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, EDWARD M. MOODY,
STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER,
PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN AND
JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING A GREATER GOOD FOUNDATION FOR BEING OF SERVICE
TO THE AT RISK YOUTH**

WHEREAS, A Greater Good Foundation was founded by Anthony Garland, Chuck Carter and Cody Cotton in June 2016; and

WHEREAS, A Greater Good Foundation was founded to impact the lives of youth by developing their mind, body, and spirit; and

WHEREAS, A Greater Good Foundation has designed a residential extended learning community that focuses on social-emotional learning, financial literacy, community service and post-secondary college/career navigation; and

WHEREAS, A Greater Good Foundation’s unique residential extended learning approach enables them to create a subculture of excellence while providing wrap around services to youth living in Cook County; and

WHEREAS, A Greater Good Foundation is working towards their goal to build Chicago’s first private boarding school to serve high-risk youth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners that we honor A Greater Good Foundation and that the sincere appreciation of the President at the Cook County Board of Commissioners is extended to A Greater Good Foundation for their service to at risk youth and the wider community.

Approved and adopted this 6th of February 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**18-2101
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE DEBORAH SIMS, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE, JERRY BUTLER,
RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER,
JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER,
DENNIS DEER, LARRY SUFFREDIN AND SEAN M. MORRISON,
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

HONORING THE LIFE OF JAMES WILLIAM MEEKS

WHEREAS, on December 24, 2017, Almighty God in His Infinite wisdom called James William Meeks from our midst; and

WHEREAS, on January 1, 1927, James William Meeks was born in Carrolton, Mississippi to the union of Annie and Charlie Meeks, to this union he was the oldest of three (3) boys; and

WHEREAS, James William Meeks had little formal education he was the jack-of-all trades, could fix almost anything and always had an extremely rigorous work ethic; and

WHEREAS, James William Meeks married Esther Mae Smith on May 16, 1947 at the courthouse in Grenada, Mississippi on their lunch breaks where he was a short order cook and Esther was a maid at a hotel; and

WHEREAS, their 70-year union four (4) children were born; Annie Lou, William Charles, Delores and James Trent; and

WHEREAS, in 1952 James and Esther moved to Chicago, Illinois to provide a better life for their growing family; and

WHEREAS, James worked briefly for his uncle before getting a job at Kentile Flooring where he was dedicated employee for 40-years from 1952 to 1992; and

WHEREAS, James William Meeks and Esther was always dedicated to serving in the church, they joined Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in 1953 where he became a deacon on 1957; and

WHEREAS, James William Meeks remained at Shiloh until January 20, 1985 when he joined Salem Baptist Church under the Pastorate of his youngest son Pastor James Trent Meeks; and

WHEREAS, at Salem, Deacon Meeks was involved as anyone could be serving on the deacon board, being in the men's choir, and attending Sunday school regularly. Deacon Meeks or "Daddy Meeks" as he was affectionately called by most, was loved by everyone and will mostly be remembered for his heartfelt prayers and spontaneously leading worship from his seat.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family of James William Meeks and joins them in sorrow at their time of loss; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of the Resolution be tendered to the family of James William Meeks and a copy of the same be tendered to the auspicious body.

Approved and adopted this 6th of February 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**18-2103
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE JOHN P. DALEY, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, DENNIS DEER,
JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN,
EDWARD M. MOODY, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON,
TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS,
LARRY SUFFREDIN AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

PATRICIA DONOVAN, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Patricia Donovan (nee Carney) from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Donovan was the devoted mother of Kevin (Debby), Laura (Brendan) Foley, Amy (Michael) Degnan, and the late Brian (Kim); and

WHEREAS, Patricia Donovan was the loving grandmother of Kelsey, Patrick, Peter, MaryKate, T-Bone, Alexis, Makayla, Maura, Meghan, Dan (Amanda), Riley and Conor; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Donovan was the dearest great grandmother of Brian and Avery; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Donovan was the dear sister of Laverne Dybicz and the late Barbara Stroden; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Donovan was the fond aunt of many nieces and nephews; and

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

WHEREAS, all who knew her will attest that Patricia Donovan 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.

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 Patricia Donovan 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 Patricia Donovan so that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

Approved and adopted this 6th of February 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**18-2110
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE,
PRESIDENT OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

HONORING THE ABOLITION INSTITUTE

WHEREAS, The Abolition Institute is a group formed in 2013 to end slavery in Mauritania, West Africa - a nation where race and descent based slavery is still widespread and where enslaved people face abuses similar to those experienced by slaves in our own country prior to the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, The Abolition Institute, based in Chicago's Uptown neighborhood, draws inspiration from abolitionists from Illinois who risked their lives to fight slavery and made our state known throughout the world as a beacon of freedom; and

WHEREAS, The Abolition Institute has worked in partnership with U.S. Senator Richard J. Durbin and members of Congress from both parties to direct more than 5 million dollars towards efforts to address slavery and its legacy in Mauritania and its region; and

WHEREAS, The Abolition Institute has been profiled by media outlets throughout the world, including CNN, for its dedication to keeping the spirit of abolition alive in the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, this work is more important than ever given that an estimated 40 million people are still enslaved in the world today; and

WHEREAS, on February 9, 2018 at the DuSable Museum of African-American History, The Abolition Institute will commemorate its fifth anniversary fighting modern day slavery.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, recognizes The Abolition Institute for its work and essential contribution to the health and viability of Cook County; 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 The Abolition Institute.

Approved and adopted this 6th of February 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**18-2115
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE,
PRESIDENT OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

HONORING UNDER CARREY’S CARE EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTERS

WHEREAS, Under Carrey’s Care is a community-based early childhood center serving children from six (6) weeks through 13 years of age; and

WHEREAS, Under Carrey’s Care is part of the National Association for the Education of Young Children Accredited Center (NAEYC) and has acquired the *Illinois Gold Circle of Quality* on an ongoing basis at all facilities which serve over 200 children; and

WHEREAS, “Shaping Young Minds” serves as the motto and mission of Under Carrey’s Care believes all children deserve care from adults in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Under Carrey’s Care is committed to working with children’s families and reaching out to community agencies, local businesses, parks and schools in addition to the children who enter its doors on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, the center has partnered with South Suburban College, the Village of Riverdale and several other childcare centers to implement the first *Early Learning Cohort* for students wanting to earn an Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education in 18 months or less.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, recognizes the importance of Under Carrey’s Care and its essential contribution to the education and viability of Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to Under Carrey’s Care.

Approved and adopted this 6th of February 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk



A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**18-2121
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE,
PRESIDENT OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

RESOLUTION HONORING HOPE FOR THE DAY

WHEREAS, Hope For The Day, founded in 2011, is one of the nation’s most innovative youth suicide prevention and mental health organizations that helps young people use music, the arts and creative expression to overcome depression and other challenges; and

WHEREAS, Hope For The Day is addressing one of the greatest problems in our country with more than 45,000 Americans taking their own lives annually and the rate of suicides by young people between the ages of 15 and 24 climbing each year; and

WHEREAS, Hope For The Day has built a diverse coalition of musicians, artists, writers and other creative leaders to share their personal experiences with depression to raise awareness of the importance of seeking help; and

WHEREAS, Hope For The Day is, in partnership with Dark Matter Coffee, opening this spring a first-of-its kind coffee shop and resource center called Sip of Hope at 3039 West Fullerton which will raise funds for youth suicide prevention and provide frontline resources for anyone struggling with depression.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, honor and congratulate Hope For The Day,

Founder Jonny Boucher, Executive Director Dave Kunicki and its Board, staff and volunteers for their work to improve the lives of young people throughout Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to Hope For The Day.

Approved and adopted this 6th of February 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**18-2125
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE,
PRESIDENT OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF DR. IRENE H. BRODIE

WHEREAS, Dr. Irene H. Brodie lived in Robbins, Illinois and was a Cook County resident who was a long-time public servant dedicated to improving the community; and

WHEREAS, she served as a sixth grade teacher at Kellar Junior High School in Robbins, taught English at Richards High School and later became assistant principal at Turner Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, she also served as Professor of Communication at Moraine Valley Community College and then Dean of Basic Education/Academic Skills; and

WHEREAS, she served as Village Clerk for Robbins, Illinois for twelve years and went on to serve as Mayor of the Village of Robbins for 24 years before retiring in 2013; and

WHEREAS, she served as Secretary of the National Conference of Black Mayors and was a member of the South Suburban Mayors Association and President Clinton’s Environmental Think-Tank Group; and

WHEREAS, she led the School for Special Children as president and The Ada S. McKinley as a member of its board of directors and served as a mentor for the Blue Island Rotary Club and the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, she served as a member of the Moraine Valley Community College Foundation and was honored and recognized as one of the college’s most notable benefactors; and

WHEREAS, she was a devout member of Great Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Robbins, Illinois and was a loyal follower and supporter of the church under the leadership of the late Rev. Dr. Walter L. Cook; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Irene H. Brodie passed away on January 18, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, honor the life and memory of Dr. Irene H. Brodie and praise her for her essential contribution to the education, health and viability of Cook County.

Approved and adopted this 6th of February 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that the meeting do now adjourn to meet again at the same time and same place on March 12, 2018, in accordance with County Board Resolution 18-0624.

The motion prevailed and the meeting stood adjourned.

David Orr
