



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

Consent Agenda

Thursday, April 7, 2022, 10:00 AM

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Sponsored by: KEVIN B. MORRISON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

THE HONORABLE SUSANNE GROEBNER, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, The Honorable Susanne Groebner was a cherished wife, mother, sister, daughter, colleague, and friend; and

WHEREAS, Susanne was the beloved wife to Bob Groebner; and

WHEREAS, Susanne's proudest title was that of Mom to Isabella, Bobby, and Abigail; and

WHEREAS, Susanne was a loved daughter of Mary Ann and the late John Barloga and sister and sister-in-law to John and Janeen Barloga and Christine and Braidy Miller; and

WHEREAS, Susanne was the proud aunt to many nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Susanne was born Sept. 3, 1975, in Clio, Michigan, a small town north of Flint. At Clio Area High School, she played French horn in the marching band and also played piano; and

WHEREAS, she graduated from Central Michigan University and DePaul University's College of Law, then was hired by the Cook County state's attorney's office, where she met her future husband; and

WHEREAS, colleagues of Susanne described her as a dedicated public servant that was fair and worked hard in the pursuit of justice and who was well liked in and out of the courtroom; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Susanne Groebner was elected judge in 2020 continuing her public service; and

WHEREAS, Susanne was so beloved among family and friends that her legacy should be memorialized and remembered; and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners sends their sincerest thanks to Judge Groebner and her family for her dedication to the people of Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable

Body, and suitable copies be tendered to the family of The Honorable Judge Susanne Groebner that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

[22-2429](#)

Sponsored by: FRANK J. AGUILAR, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE OF YVONNE CISCO, EDUCATOR, COMMUNITY LEADER, AND FOUR TIME CANCER SURVIVOR

WHEREAS, Yvonne Cisco was born on February 25, 1947, in Louisville, Kentucky to the union of Catherine Cash and George Hipps; and

WHEREAS, Yvonne graduated from Hyde Park High School, earned her Associate Degree from Woodrow Wilson (Kennedy-King) College; her Bachelor of Science in Teacher Education from Illinois State University in 1972; and

WHEREAS, Yvonne spent the next 12 years teaching in the cities of Los Angeles and Chicago; and

WHEREAS, After years of teaching, Yvonne decided focused her educational career on social work, health advocacy and later earned her Master of Science in Human Services Administration from Spertus University and a Doctorate of Christian Education in Administration from Pepperdine University ; and

WHEREAS, Yvonne was a longtime resident of Cook County, residing in Oak Park, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Yvonne's creativity in educational institutions yielded bicultural instructional programs for day care centers, child development departments, elementary schools and human services organizations.

WHEREAS, In 1992, she received Mid-West Regional Winner of the Outstanding Child Welfare Worker Award, in 2014 she was listed a in 2000 Notable American Women, and in 2017 she was given the Humanitarian Award ceremony by the We Dream in Color Foundation, Inc.

WHEREAS, When Yvonne was diagnosed with breast cancer at the age of 35, she decided to dedicate her life to making a difference in every way she could; and

WHEREAS, Yvonne was longtime volunteer and advocate of the American Cancer Society and the Founder and President of Cisco and Cisco Productions, a nonprofit organization created to advocate for health education and awareness focused specifically on cancer care; and

WHEREAS, Yvonne was a four-time stage 4 cancer survivor over the last 30 years of her life. She consistently collaborated with hospitals throughout Cook County, including her own community of Oak Park, spearheading efforts to care for patients undergoing treatment and providing education and outreach

opportunities for families; and

WHEREAS, There are not enough souls like Yvonne that are driven to make a difference through education and dedication to community; and

WHEREAS, Yvonne passed away peacefully on October 5, 2021 after a long bout with cancer; and

WHEREAS, Yvonne is survived by husband Taylor A. Cisco, Jr, son Taylor A. Cisco III, daughter Catherine J. Cisco, daughter-in-law Kara Tiggs, and her two grandchildren August and Avery; and

WHEREAS, Yvonne knew she was making a difference because when she attended every cancer walk, there were more and more individuals were showing up for the cause; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family of Yvonne Cisco and honor the life and memory of this outstanding Cook County resident.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 19, 2022 VILLAGE OF WILMETTE DAY IN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, on September 19, 2022, the Village of Wilmette, Cook County, Illinois will celebrate its 150th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, multiple events throughout the year will celebrate the Sesquicentennial and reflect on its history, including: the annual House Walk in May, this year with a Sesquicentennial theme; a children's scavenger hunt in the summer; Auto Historica's vintage car show in September; and a photography exhibit in October featuring photographs submitted by Wilmette photographers supporting the theme, "Bringing Wilmette Together;" and

WHEREAS, a special Memorial Day ceremony at the conclusion of a Unity March will recognize the 110 Wilmette men and women who gave their lives in service to our country from the American Civil War through peacekeeping efforts during the Lebanese civil war, identifying them by name, and honoring them for their sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, February 12, 2022 featured a Sesquicentennial Winterfest with a DJ and live ice sculpting events throughout the Village, including a “Wilmette 150” sculpture memorializing the Sesquicentennial, a peacock from the Southeast Asian Community, and a tiger from the Chinese School of the North Shore. Elsa from “Frozen” also made an appearance during drop-in activities at the Wilmette Public Library that also featured sesquicentennial trivia games, an interactive story walk, and winter inspired crafts; and

WHEREAS, on Sunday, February 27, the Wilmette Historical Museum offered socially-distanced Wilmette Bingo assuring that players could have fun while learning a bit of Wilmette history. The special Bingo boards featured images of Wilmette landmarks as well as historic photos from the museum’s collection. Winners of each round received a free coupon to Homer’s Ice Cream; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmette Historical Museum opened two new exhibits on Sunday, March 6: "Memories and Milestones, 1872-2022" and "Fashion Forward: Wilmette's Clothing History." As part of the exhibit openings, the Actors Training Center (ATC) and the Museum partnered to create a special performance based on Wilmette memoirs. In addition, the Museum created a new lobby exhibit commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire that includes artifacts from WHM collections related to the historic disaster; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmette Historical Society also hosted a series of speakers throughout the year. The first was John Jacoby on January 30, discussing his book *Wilmette @ 150*. April 10th featured a lecture by Professor Michael H. Ebner, the James D. Vail III Professor of History Emeritus at Lake Forest College, discussing Wilmette's history from its early days to today; and

WHEREAS, the celebrations of the anniversary will peak with a big Wilmette Birthday party at the Village Center, featuring bands, entertainers, and other attractions on September 10, 2022; and

WHEREAS, other more permanent changes are planned for the Village in commemoration of the anniversary. A landscaping project on the north side of Glenview Road east of Skokie Boulevard will beautify that entrance to the Village and will enhance the Tree Memorial established in 1969 to honor Judge Burton Kolman, a blind man with a vision. An inviting walkway is planned connecting the Metra parking lot with the Central Avenue restaurants and shops in the Village Center. The space, which was originally an alley between the Baker Building and the Laundromat, has the potential to become "Ouilmette Way," a decorated and lighted pathway to attract patrons of the Village Center; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby declares September 19, 2022, Village of Wilmette Day in Cook County; 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 Village of Wilmette, Cook County, Illinois.

[22-2549](#)

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING SUSAN GARCIA TRIESCHMANN FOR HER SERVICE TO THE EVANSTON COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, after a decade of teaching restaurant and life skills to more than 500 young people, Susan Trieschmann, a founder and executive director of Curt's Café has announced that she will depart the enterprise later this year. Curt's Café founded in 2012 is a workforce training program whose motto is "Dine with a Purpose. Enjoy great food and help build community;" and

WHEREAS, Susan began working in food service at the age of 13. She became the Director of Catering at the legendary Pump Room before becoming an original owner and 25-year partner of Food for Thought Enterprise. Under her leadership the company grew from a small catering business into a food service industry specializing in upscale catering and café food service management; and

WHEREAS, Susan got the idea to start Curt's when she enrolled in a social justice course while working on a business degree. The course introduced her to the concept of restorative justice, which seeks to restore wholeness to victims and offenders. As her final exam, the instructor sent her to the prison to do youth circles. It was a life-changing event for her, watching young men from different gangs speak from hearts about fear, about family. Subjects that would never be broached in prison. She learned from her work with those and other young men about the need for jobs and a safe, accepting environment for 15- to 24-year old males coming out of prison; and

WHEREAS, building on that knowledge and her background in the culinary arts and industry, Susan developed a business plan to raise funding for a program that would provide life and work skills for those young men. Though the plan initially found little support, she and her partner Lori Dube forged ahead. Curt's, Cultivating Unique Restaurant Training, came into being for the express purpose of working with justice-involved youth. Of the more than 500 young people who have worked their way through the program, only 4% have been re-arrested. That compares to a national recidivism rate of above 80%; and

WHEREAS, at Curt's, the emphasis is on teaching marketable skills and then assisting participants in securing employment including providing instruction needed to fill in educational gaps, gain confidence, and become job-ready. Some teaching is done on café lines, some in a classroom setting, and some by individual mentors. Students are referred by probation officers, Youth Job Centers, social service agencies, police officers, city outreach personnel, and family and friends of graduates or current students. Several graduates have gone on to take leadership and management roles with the café and community members have had the privilege of meeting these talented, resilient young people with whom they may never have otherwise crossed paths; and

WHEREAS, Susan says that part of the success of Curt's Café is the involvement of trained

professionals who provide trauma-informed care to the participants. She recognizes that every single one of those young people have experienced significant trauma in their lives. Working with them has elevated her sense of empathy; but she has also experienced the trauma of losing young people to gun violence with whom she has worked and grown close. She is happy to have been able to give birth to this endeavor, proud of the accomplishments of the young people who have gone through the program, and frustrated and angry with the society that allows the kind of trauma to exist that these young people have overcome. At 64, Susan says she is not ready to retire and is already planning the next way in which she will continue to benefit our young people and build bridges in our community; and

WHEREAS, in addition to founding Curt's, Susan is also an original member of Restorative Justice Evanston (RJE). RJE is a non-profit organization in Evanston that works with youth and community on peaceful dialogue around harm caused, celebrations, and conflicts; and

WHEREAS, Susan and her husband Tom raised their two children, Trevor and Anna, in Evanston. Susan is passionate about giving youth a second chance and potential for a positive future for themselves and their families. The Evanston community will be forever grateful for the work she has done to help young people, including people who were harmed by them, and to make Evanston a better place; 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, honors the work and contributions of Susan Garcia Trieschmann, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions she 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 same be tendered to Susan Garcia Trieschmann.

[22-2550](#)

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ASSYRIAN NEW YEAR

WHEREAS, the day of April 1 annually is celebrated as the Assyrian New Year, also known as Kha b'Nissan or Akitu. The Assyrian New Year is not only the first day of the new year, but also marks the start of spring and serves as a symbol of revival; and

WHEREAS, according to the Assyrian Policy Institute, more than 600,000 Assyrian-Americans live in

the United States. Illinois is home to more than 80,000 Assyrian-Americans, the vast majority of whom live in Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Assyrians are a transnational ethnic group indigenous to parts of northern Iraq, northwestern Iran, southeastern Turkey, and northeast Syria. They form a distinctive community, united through ethnicity, language, and a culture that constitutes one of the oldest continuous traditions in the world. In their various countries of origin, the governing authorities historically infringed on the cultural and linguistic rights of Assyrians and prohibited public celebrations of the Assyrian New Year; and

WHEREAS, Assyrians began emigrating to Illinois in the late 1800s. The earliest immigrants settled in the River North area. Their population later moved north, first to Lincoln Park and Lake View and later to Uptown and Edgewater. Migration and resettlement of Assyrians from Iraq and Syria intensified in recent years due to the conflict and sectarian violence targeting Assyrians culminating with the rise of ISIS in 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Assyrian New Year is an appropriate time to acknowledge the role Assyrian-Americans have played in our communities. Many serve in local elected offices, including Hon. Tony Kalogerakos, Trustee of the Village of Golf; Hon. Atour Sargon, Trustee of the Village of Lincolnwood; Shamoan Ebrahimi, Alderman of the City of Des Plaines; Naema Abraham, President of the District 219 Board of Education; Sargon Guliana, Vice-President of the District 72 Board of Education; and Mary Oshana, Commissioner of the Skokie Parks Commission. John J. Nimrod was the first Assyrian-American elected to serve in the Illinois State Senate, representing the 4th Senatorial District from 1973 to 1983; and

WHEREAS, Assyrians have also made important contributions to the social and cultural fabric of our communities. The iconic London House in Chicago was designed by Assyrian-American architect Eva Toma. The Pentagon Memorial honoring 9/11 victims in Washington, D.C. was built by Abe Yousif, an Assyrian-American from Elk Grove Village. Chicago's famous Pizza Puff was invented by Elisha Shabaz, an Assyrian-American who immigrated to the U.S. from Iran in 1898; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board recognizes the cultural importance and history surrounding the observance of the Assyrian New Year for Assyrian-Americans and joins the Assyrian-American community across Illinois in celebrating year 6772 of the Assyrian New Year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County expresses its appreciation for the vibrancy, tenacity, and contributions of the Assyrian-American community and wishes all who observe this holiday a healthy and prosperous new year; 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 same be tendered to The Assyrian Policy Institute and The Assyrian National Council of Illinois.

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Sponsored by: DONNA MILLER, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS and LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH WEEK AND MINORITY HEALTH MONTH IN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, the month of April is National Minority Health Month, a month-long initiative to advance health equity across the country on behalf of all racial and ethnic minorities; and

WHEREAS, in solidarity with National Minority Health Month, the week of April 11-17 is Black Maternal Health Week in the United States, officially recognized by the White House on April 13th, 2021, it is a week of awareness, activism, and community building intended to deepen the national conversation about Black maternal health in the US; amplify community-driven policy, research, and care solutions; center the voices of Black Mamas, women, families, and stakeholders; provide a national platform for Black-led entities and efforts on maternal health, birth and reproductive justice; and enhance community organizing on Black maternal health; and

WHEREAS, Black women in the United States experience unacceptably poor maternal health outcomes, including disproportionately high rates of death related to pregnancy or childbirth, and are three to four times more likely to experience a pregnancy-related death than white women, and Illinois has maternal death statistics even higher than the national average with Black women in Illinois six times as likely to die of a pregnancy-related condition than white women; and

WHEREAS, Black women are more likely to experience preventable maternal death compared with white women, and Black women’s heightened risk of pregnancy-related death spans income and education levels; and

WHEREAS, both societal and health system factors contribute to the high rates of poor health outcomes and maternal mortality for Black women, who are more likely to experience barriers to obtaining quality care and often face racial discrimination throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, public policies and medical practice should incentivize providing patient-centered care that focuses on Black women’s individualized needs, including non-clinical, social needs. Moreover, policies should endeavor to eradicate cultural biases and discrimination in medical practice and medical education, increase provider diversity in maternity care and hold individual providers and hospital systems accountable if they fail to provide unbiased, high-quality, evidence-based care; and

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Robin Kelly has long championed maternal health by introducing the Momma's Act, and her Bi-Partisan Maternal Health Quality Improvement Act, which is a huge chunk of the Momma's Act, was included in the Fiscal Year 2022 Omnibus Appropriations bill; and

WHEREAS, African American & Latinx communities have endured historically bad treatment with our healthcare system, and National Minority Health Month is a time to re-double our efforts to improve this system by listening to their concerns and work to build the trust that was lost over generations of poor treatment; and

WHEREAS, due to the ongoing pandemic, this year's theme for National Minority Health Month is *#Give Your Community a Boost!* The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Minority Health, states that the COVID-19 vaccination, including a booster, is one of the strongest tools we have to end the COVID-19 pandemic that has disproportionately affected communities of color; and

WHEREAS, partners and stakeholders are invited to join the National Minority Health Month Partnership Program to encourage vaccination and booster shots among their family, friends, patients, and students, and help improve health literacy skills to combat dangerous misinformation; and

WHEREAS, Cook County has been a leader in ensuring that our vaccination plan is equity focused with 32 municipalities that are part of its equity distribution programs located mostly in the west and south suburbs of Cook County, predominantly in communities of color that have been most adversely impacted by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, getting the Covid-19 vaccine is vital so that minority communities don't get left behind as we begin to focus more and more on economic recovery and build towards a more equitable future; and

WHEREAS, this Honorable Body wishes to promote and raise awareness of National Minority Health Month and Black Maternal Health Week in Cook County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the more than 5.2 million residents of Cook County, do hereby take this opportunity to acknowledge National Minority Health Month and Black Maternal Health Week; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in conjunction with National Minority Health Month, that the month of April be hereby declared Minority Health Month in the County of Cook, and the week of April 11-17 be declared Black Maternal Health Week in the County of Cook; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body.

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Sponsored by: DONNA MILLER, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS and LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING APRIL 30, 2022, AS “NATIONAL THERAPY ANIMAL DAY” IN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, National Therapy Animal Day was created by Pet Partners to recognize and honor the exceptional therapy animals who partner with their human companions to bring comfort and healing to those in need; and

WHEREAS, Pet Partners is the national leader in demonstrating and promoting the benefits of animal assisted therapy, activities, and education; and

WHEREAS, there are thousands of Pet Partners therapy animal teams serving in communities across the United States, including in Cook County, and they play an essential role in improving human health and well-being through the human-animal bond; and

WHEREAS, connecting with animals is proven to confer a host of mental and physical benefits. Pets reduce our stress levels, offer us companionship, and even help us feel less pain; and

WHEREAS, Pet Partners therapy animal teams make millions of visits per year in settings such as hospitals, nursing homes, schools, and hospice care settings, and interact with a variety of people in our community including veterans, seniors, patients, students facing literacy challenges, and those approaching end of life; and

WHEREAS, in celebrating National Therapy Animal Day we also honor the dedicated handlers, the human members of therapy animal teams, who volunteer their time and compassion during visits, and the exceptional therapy animals who partner with their human companions bringing comfort and healing to those in need; and

WHEREAS, Pet Partners and therapy animals have learned to adapt during the COVID-19 pandemic to continue offering therapy as people have turned to animals more than ever;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby salute the service of therapy animal teams in our community and in communities across the nation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby proclaims April 30, 2022, as, “National Therapy Animal Day,” in Cook County, IL and encourages the citizens of Cook County to honor and celebrate our therapy animals and their human handlers.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE SOUTH SUBURBAN COLLEGE MEN’S BASKETBALL TEAM ON THEIR NJCAA DIVISION II NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2022, the South Suburban College Men’s Basketball Team won the National Junior Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division II National Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Bulldogs 2021-2022 roster included: Damarco Minor, Nmesomachi Nnebedum, Damontae Taylor, Camron Donatlan, Greg Cavette, Chris Smith, Jonathon Brundidge, Osiris Atisso, Nuri Knighten, Cameron Bartmann, Dominykas Romonas, Christian Heffner, and Jordan Wood led by Head Coach John Pigatti and Assistant Coach Fabian Chatman; and

WHEREAS, the Bulldogs completed a historic season, going undefeated with a 33-0 record, capped off with the national title and becoming the first unbeaten champion in NJCAA Division II history; and

WHEREAS, the top-seeded Bulldogs defeated Davidson-Davie Community College of North Carolina 79-63 in Danville, Illinois to secure their first national championship in the school’s history; and

WHEREAS, the Bulldogs overcame a scare in the Region 4 championship game March 5, escaping with a 74-73 victory that would propel them into the national tournament with a renewed determination and mindset to not let things get so close, winning four games at nationals by an average margin of 20.5 points; and

WHEREAS, South Suburban’s Freshman guard Damarco Minor, a Thornton graduate was named MVP of the national tournament leading the team in scoring with 20.8 points a game, but many other team members shined throughout the tournament including, Donatlan, Taylor and Nmesomachi Nnebedum who were named to the all-tournament team; and

WHEREAS, the Bulldogs opened the national tournament March 15 with an 87-52 victory against Florida Gateway with Freshman forward Damontae Taylor, a Zion-Benton graduate, leading the way with 30 points and 14 rebounds; and

WHEREAS, South Suburban College sophomore guard Camron Donatlan was also stellar in the run to the championship, scoring 28 points and Damarco Minor adding 22 points, nine rebounds and four assists in an 82-63 victory against Lakeland on March 16; and

WHEREAS, two days later Donatlan had 30 points and 10 rebounds in a 69-57 semifinal victory against defending champion Des Moines Area, and in the championship game, Minor had 29 points, eight rebounds and three steals, and Donatlan chipped in with 20 points; and

WHEREAS, Coach John Pigatti credits strong defense for the Bulldogs' ability to bring home their first national championship in their 12th trip to the tournament, and was honored to help guide such a gifted group, remarking, ""They were just special offensively and defensively"; and

WHEREAS, tournament MVP Damarco Minor reflected, "It feels good. It feels real good," adding, "I tried to go into the game as if it was just the same game as the 32, we had before, not treat it too big or treat any less of what it was. Just listen to Coach's X's and O's, execute the offensive game plan and the defensive game plan and we were going to come out victorious."

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate Cook County's own South Suburban College Men's Basketball Team on their historic season and championship win; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and a suitable copy be presented to the President of South Suburban College, Lynette D. Stokes, Head Coach of the Bulldogs, John Pigatti, Assistant Coach Fabian Chatman, Athletic Director, Steve Ruzich and the entire Bulldog team.

[22-2682](#)

Sponsored by: STANLEY MOORE, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS and LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. YVONNE LEE - WILSON

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me." Isaiah 61:1

WHEREAS, Dr. Yvonne Lee-Wilson is a story of an honorable Pioneer who lived her life with dignity and compassion; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Yvonne Lee-Wilson was born on March 7, 1955, in Chicago, Illinois, as the second child

to the Union of Carl and Louise Lee; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Yvonne Lee-Wilson understood the importance of education, she received notoriety for graduating high school early and went on to receive her Bachelors, Masters, and Doctoral degrees; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Yvonne Lee-Wilson married her true love Adelbert “OJ” Simpson on March 1, 1984, at Berean Baptist Church, in Chicago, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Yvonne Lee-Wilson had a strong passion for community outreach and was active with the Luck Center for HIV/AIDS, FSCC, WECE, 5th District Police, and Phalanx Family Services, just to name a few; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Yvonne Lee-Wilson was called to ministry in her hospital bed on April 12, 1982, where she served in ministry under the tutelage of the late Pastor Rose Jones, Apostle James Brown, Pastor Brenda Brown, and Bishop Arthur M. Cofield; and

WHEREAS, Under the direction of the Holy Spirit, Dr. Yvonne Lee-Wilson established the Real Women of God Fellowship in 1986 to support all women who needed help both naturally and spiritually; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, on Christmas Day, Dr. Yvonne Lee-Wilson opened the doors of the Body of Christ Deliverance Ministries where she was installed into the office of Senior Pastor, elevated to the office of Apostle, and shortly thereafter, to the office of Chief Apostle; and

WHEREAS, Apostle Dr. Yvonne Lee-Wilson operated under the Five-Fold Ministry and gave her Apostolic support to congregations throughout the city of Chicago, surrounding suburbs, Indiana, Wisconsin, Ohio, Texas, Florida, Georgia, and other ministries abroad; and

WHEREAS, above all the titles, accolades, and accomplishments, Apostle Dr. Yvonne Lee-Wilson was committed to saving souls and used God to advance His Kingdom; and

WHEREAS, Apostle Dr. Yvonne Lee-Wilson is preceded in death by her Father Carl, her Brother Reginald, her Daughter Tarina, and Grand-Daughter Jene’. She will be truly missed by a host of family, friends, and neighbors; 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, does hereby honor and celebrate the life of Apostle Dr. Yvonne Lee-Wilson and her dedication and faithfulness of bettering the lives of all residents in 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 Apostle Dr. Yvonne Lee-Wilson.

[22-2724](#)

Sponsored by: KEVIN B. MORRISON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION HONORING VILLAGE MANAGER RAY RUMMEL OF ELK GROVE VILLAGE

WHEREAS, Village Manager Ray Rummel of Elk Grove Village retires after a successful 32 year career in public service; and

WHEREAS, Rummel graduated with a Masters Degree in Public Administration before starting with Elk Grove Village in 1989; and

WHEREAS, prior to his service in Elk Grove Village, he served for a short tenure at the Village of Lake Zurich; and

WHEREAS, Rummel served as Assistant Village Manager in 1993 before being appointed as Village Manager in 2007; and

WHEREAS, Village Manager Rummel was part of many important initiatives during his time at Elk Grove Village; and

WHEREAS, he led the Village in being on the forefront of technology from leading the creation of the Village's first website in 1994, long before other municipalities, to helping to support the development of the Elk Grove Technology Park and helping recruit high tech businesses; and

WHEREAS, Rummel has led Elk Grove Village through difficult periods including the Great Recession and the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, he contributed greatly by overseeing new fire stations and municipal buildings and helping to establish the Elk Grove Cares program to address opioid addiction; and

WHEREAS, Cook County and the Cook County Board of Commissioners have had the honor of working with Village Manager Ray Rummel and Elk Grove Village and he has proved to be a wonderful partner; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor Village Manager Ray Rummel for his commitment to public service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this resolution are presented to Ray Rummel.

[22-2734](#)

Sponsored by: BRANDON JOHNSON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF HELEN MARIE RAMIREZ-ODELL

WHEREAS, Helen Marie Ramirez-Odell, loving wife, mother, sister, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, and fierce activist, passed away on March 22, 2022 at 79 years of age; and

WHEREAS, Helen was born in Chicago on July 22, 1942 to Irving J. and Jessamine Hershinow, and grew up in the Lincoln Square neighborhood; she attended Loyola University Chicago, where she received her B.S.N and R.N. degrees in nursing in 1964; and

WHEREAS, After receiving her degree, she began working as a nurse at Chicago Public Schools where she stayed for over 40 years before retiring in 2001; and

WHEREAS, Helen's activism began in the 1960s when she discovered she could not secure credit to make a purchase from Goldblatt's because she was a woman, and she joined Chicago NOW, where she became an activist for the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment; and

WHEREAS, In the 1970s, Helen joined the Chicago Teachers Union and became a member of its Women's Rights Committee, which she chaired from 1984 to 2009, and worked to end sexual harassment, supported women's advancement at the Washburne trade School, sought to improve conditions and employment for women in sports, promoted women's labor history, supported women political candidates, and fought for women's health, birth control, and reproductive choice; Helen was also active in the Chicago Coalition of Labor Union Women and Cassandra, a Radical Feminist Nurses Network; and

WHEREAS, In 1995, Helen helped found the Women in Labor History Project, later called the Working Women's History Project, which is a nonprofit organization focused on preserving and promoting the stories of historical and living Chicago women who contribute to achieving justice and equality in areas of labor, as well as women's human and civil rights; one of the first acts of the Working Women's History Project was to publish Helen's book, *Working Without Uniforms: School Nursing in Chicago 1951-2001*, which is a collection of oral histories of the Chicago Public School nurses; and

WHEREAS, Helen worked with a coalition across the City of Chicago on the Mother Jones Heritage project, the Mother Jones statue campaign, to honor the contributions of Mother Jones to the Labor Movement and to women; and

WHEREAS, Helen is preceded in death by her parents, Irving and Jessamine; she leaves to cherish her memories, her husband, Paul A. Odell; daughter, Moira (Ramirez) Melendez; step-children, Cyndi (Odell)

Christel and Stephen (Merri) Odell; grandchildren, Michael Melendez, Carson (Sarah), Steve, Ryan (Emily), and David; great-grandchildren, Makailyn, Isabelle, and Ryan Junior; brothers, Bob (the late Pat) Hershinow and Paul Hershinow; nephew, Kevin McLinden; cousins, Ellen Nyberg, Larry (Marianne) Nyberg; and a host of other friends and family; and

WHEREAS, Helen will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby extend our most heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Helen Marie Ramirez-Odell; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Helen Marie Ramirez-Odell as a sign of our honor and respect.

[22-2770](#)

Presented by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE OF PERVIS SPANN

WHEREAS, Pervis Spann was born on August 16, 1932, in Bena Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, In 1949 he moved with his mother and sister to Battle Creek, Michigan and it wasn't long before he left to find work in Gary, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, After serving in the Armed Forces, Pervis moved to Chicago where he became interested in broadcasting and was granted a four-hour overnight time slot on WOPA. In 1963, Phil and Leonard Chess bought the radio station, which later became WVON a 24-hour blues station. It was because of his love for blues music that led him to become known as "The Bluesman" in the broadcast industry; and

WHEREAS, Pervis Spann decided to expand his sphere of influence during the 1960's and began managing talented performers such as B.B. King and was known as the person who named Aretha Franklin the "Queen of Soul."; and

WHEREAS, Pervis' name and voice became iconic among his late-night listeners, spinning the sounds of legendary artist like Howling Wolf, B.B. King, Muddy Waters and Johnny Taylor; and

WHEREAS, Pervis Spann was the voice for Black Chicago during a time when many were fighting to be heard; and

WHEREAS, Pervis Spann passed away on March 14, 2022; and

WHEREAS, **Pervis Spann** is survived by his wife, Lovie Spann of 67 years, and four children daughters,

Melody Spann-Cooper, Latrice Levitt, Shante Spann, and son Darrell Spann; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family of Pervis Spann and honor the life and memory of this outstanding Cook County resident.

[22-2785](#)

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), JOHN P. DALEY, LARRY SUFFREDIN, FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI and DEBORAH SIMS, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF JIM REILLY

WHEREAS, Jim Reilly, a downstate Illinois lawmaker who became chief of staff to two governors and headed agencies that oversaw mass transit in the Chicago area, state construction projects, and the operations of McCormick Place and Navy Pier, has died at 77; and

WHEREAS, Reilly grew up in Springfield where he attended Springfield High School. His father James was an attorney and his mother Alta a secretary for the American Red Cross. After graduating from Illinois College in Jacksonville, he received his Juris Doctor from the University of Chicago Law School in 1971. He worked for the city of Jacksonville, Illinois, before becoming a state representative in 1977; and

WHEREAS, Reilly entered the Illinois House in the same class as former Governor Jim Edgar. Those years of service propelled Edgar to higher office and brought Reilly, a self-described Rockefeller Republican, to the attention of then Governor Jim Thompson. Thompson, recognizing Reilly's talent, made him his counsel and subsequently chief of staff; and

WHEREAS, when Thompson left office, Reilly took over as head of the agency in charge of the project to rebuild Navy Pier, the Metropolitan Pier & Exposition Authority (McPier), a signature project of the Thompson administration. During much of the 1990s, he served as chief executive officer of McPier. He helped oversee renovations and expansion including development at the McCormick Place South Building and Hyatt Regency McCormick Place. During his tenure, the pier became the most popular tourist attraction in the state; and

WHEREAS, when Jim Edgar became governor, he brought Reilly back for a second stint as gubernatorial chief of staff. During Edgar's recovery from emergency surgery, Reilly became "a familiar and respected stand-in for the governor," the Tribune reported in 1994. The Tribune described Reilly as "an administrator with a well-known contempt for inertia; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, Reilly went from running the convention hall to helping fill it as chair of the Chicago Convention & Tourism Bureau where he served for five years. He returned to the McPier as trustee in 2010, when state legislation named him to lead a revamp of operations including moving the convention center and Navy Pier to private management. During that time, he backed controversial labor rule changes that he later said allowed the city to retain and bring new trade shows to the city; and

WHEREAS, he became chairman of the RTA board in 2005 as the region's transportation agencies sought to avoid financial doomsday. There, he worked to calm feuds between the RTA's operating units-the Chicago Transit Authority, Metra, and Pace-over who would get limited subsidies and capital funds. He helped avoid the worst-case scenario, and worked to plug a huge CTA pension shortfall; and

WHEREAS, throughout his years of service, Reilly was the go-between, a savvy and trusted insider who could segue from Republican governors to Democratic mayors and, with a minimum of partisan fuss, work out deals to expand McCormick Place, restructure the Regional Transportation Authority and revitalize Chicago's tourism agency; and

WHEREAS, Reilly served one other GOP governor: Bruce Rauner, chairing the Illinois Capital Development Board, the state's construction arm. He remained until his death on the boards of Choose Chicago (the successor of the tourism bureau), Navy Pier, Mercy Hospital, and the Illinois Institute of Technology; and

WHEREAS, Reilly had a deep appreciation for music and a commitment to the Chicago Shakespeare Theater, and rooted for the Bears, Bulls and St. Louis Cardinals. He traveled extensively. He also had a passion for real and model trains, and enjoyed showing his train network to his nieces and nephews during holiday gatherings; and

WHEREAS, in his oral history, Reilly said one of the biggest changes he'd seen in government was a shift over time to a reflexive anti-tax stance among politicians and the public. "In the '70s and even into the early '80s, tax increases were not evil," he said. "Politically, nobody ever campaigned on, 'Got to have a tax increase.' But I think generally people maybe had more faith in government and had more of a sense that taxes are sort of a necessary evil, something you pay for the price of having the kind of things you want;" and

WHEREAS, Reilly is survived by his beloved wife, Veronica Lynch, and extended family. "Jim lived life large, was kind and led a life filled with incredible accomplishments. He dedicated his life to public service. He gave his time, attention, and philanthropic support to multiple charitable and artistic endeavors. He did not take for granted the goodwill and friendship of others," his wife said in a written statement. "I don't believe he fully realized the impact he had on Illinois, most visibly Chicago. He departed with a million more plans in mind."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County, honors the life and contributions of Jim Reilly and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions he 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 same be tendered to the family of Jim Reilly.

[22-2787](#)

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF ELISE MALARY

WHEREAS, Elise Malary, a 31-year-old Black trans woman activist and community leader died in March 2022; and

WHEREAS, Elise was born on March 29, 1990 and lived in Chicago's Andersonville and Rogers Park neighborhoods before moving to Evanston. Elise was a beloved sister, friend, advocate, and community leader. She was known for her fierceness, kindness, and compassion; and

WHEREAS, Elise moved to Chicago in 2016. She interned at the AIDS Foundation of Chicago before working at Equality Illinois, and the Chicago Reader. She joined the Illinois Attorney General's office where she became a valued member of the Civil Rights Bureau. She was a tireless advocate for the LGBTQ+ community and was passionate about her work. She regularly joined other advocates from across the state to lobby state legislators in support of LGBTQ+ affirming legislation during annual LGBTQ+ Advocacy Days. She was an outspoken advocate for the transgender community, especially LGBTQ+ youth, and had been working to raise awareness about transgender violence and discrimination. She served for three years as a member of the Equality Illinois Community Advisory Group; and

WHEREAS, Elise traveled around the state to lift LGBTQ+ Illinoisans, including several trips to Carbondale where she met with LGBTQ+ youth at the Rainbow Café LGBTQ+ Center. On October 8, 2017, she was the keynote speaker at the Center's gala, and her remarks continue to inspire and offer hope to those who attended the event; and

WHEREAS, Elise was a founding member of the Chicago Therapy Collective, the mission of which is to promote city-wide accountability and action to alleviate LGBTQ+ health disparities and advance collective LGBTQ+ health and well-being through education, therapy, advocacy, and the arts. She helped coordinate the Collective's annual Transgender Day of Resilience and Transgender Day of Visibility events and was a leader on the #HireTransNOW# initiative to reduce anti-Trans hiring stigma and create pipelines to Trans-affirming jobs; and

WHEREAS, Elise was known to many through her activism. In 2019, when anti-Trans stickers were placed at the Women and Children First Bookstore in Andersonville, she helped organize a community

rally and chalking of the sidewalk outside the bookstore with messages of hope and affirmation for Trans people; and

WHEREAS, Iggy V. Ladden, founder of the Chicago Therapy Collective, said “Elise Malary faced hardness and chose kindness. Elise faced cruelty and chose softness, love, and joy. She chose giving people the benefit of the doubt. She looked for the good in them. She chose compassion, and, she chose time and time again to lift others up;” and

WHEREAS, Elise was a shining light, not just for the transgender community, but for all of Chicago. She will be sorely missed by her friends, family, and loved ones, as well as others who knew and worked with her to improve the lives and well-being of the LGBTQ+ community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County, honors the work and life of Elise Malary, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions she 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 same be tendered to the Chicago Therapy Collective and to the family of Elise Malary.

[22-2793](#)

Sponsored by: FRANK J. AGUILAR, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE OF YVONNE CISCO, EDUCATOR, COMMUNITY LEADER, AND FOUR TIME CANCER SURVIVOR,

WHEREAS, Yvonne Cisco was born on February 25, 1947, in Louisville, Kentucky to the union of Catherine Cash and George Hipps; and

WHEREAS, Yvonne graduated from Hyde Park High School, earned her Associate Degree from Woodrow Wilson (Kennedy-King) College; her Bachelor of Science in Teacher Education from Illinois State University in 1972; and

WHEREAS, Yvonne spent the next 12 years teaching in the cities of Los Angeles and Chicago; and

WHEREAS, After years of teaching, Yvonne decided focused her educational career on social work, health advocacy and later earned her Master of Science in Human Services Administration from Spertus University and a Doctorate of Christian Education in Administration from the International Apostolic University of Grace & Truth. Yvonne also received the Miller-Urne Reading Specialist Certificate from Pepperdine University; and

WHEREAS, Yvonne was a longtime resident of Cook County, residing in Oak Park, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Yvonne's creativity in educational institutions yielded bicultural instructional programs for day care centers, child development departments, elementary schools and human services organizations.

WHEREAS, In 1992, she received Mid-West Regional Winner of the Outstanding Child Welfare Worker Award, in 2014 she was listed a in 2000 Notable American Women, and in 2017 she was given the Humanitarian Award ceremony by the We Dream in Color Foundation, Inc.

WHEREAS, When Yvonne was diagnosed with breast cancer at the age of 35, she decided to dedicate her life to making a difference in every way she could; and

WHEREAS, Yvonne was longtime volunteer and advocate of the American Cancer Society and the Founder and President of Cisco and Cisco Productions, a nonprofit organization created to advocate for health education and awareness focused specifically on cancer care; and

WHEREAS, Yvonne was a seven-time stage 4 cancer survivor over the last 30 years of her life. She consistently collaborated with hospitals throughout Cook County, including her own community of Oak Park, spearheading efforts to care for patients undergoing treatment and providing education and outreach opportunities for families; and

WHEREAS, There are not enough souls like Yvonne that are driven to make a difference through education and dedication to community; and

WHEREAS, Yvonne passed away peacefully on October 5, 2021 after a long bout with cancer; and

WHEREAS, Yvonne is survived by husband Taylor A. Cisco, Jr, son Taylor A. Cisco III, daughter Catherine J. Cisco, daughter-in-law Kara Tiggs, and her two grandchildren August and Avery; and

WHEREAS, Yvonne knew she was making a difference because when she attended every cancer walk, there were more and more individuals were showing up for the cause; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family of Yvonne Cisco and honor the life and memory of this outstanding Cook County resident.

[22-2794](#)

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), LARRY SUFFREDIN, FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI and DEBORAH SIMS, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE OF TEMA BAUER

WHEREAS, Tema Bauer, one of Illinois' oldest Holocaust survivors, has died at the age of 105. She lost all 38 family members and her right arm to the Nazis but found a new life in Chicago with fellow survivor Morris Bauer, who "told her that she need not worry about the future because he would always take care of her;" and

WHEREAS, Tema grew up in a Jewish family in Lodz. She was the youngest of Hendel and Chil Posalska's nine children. Her father Chil was a cattle dealer. When the Nazis invaded Poland in 1939, her siblings moved their parents to a smaller town, thinking it might be safer. Tema stayed behind to close up the family home. She was supposed to follow them to the country but was arrested and ordered into the Jewish ghetto in Lodz. Her relatives were all sent to Chelmno, described by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum as "the first stationary facility where poison gas was used for the mass murder of Jews." None survived; and

WHEREAS, for a time, she worked in the ghetto, first in a kitchen, then at a shoe factory. In 1943, she was sent to the slave labor camp Skarzysko-Kamienna. During the three-day train journey to get there, the packed cars had no room to sit, no water, no food, and no bathroom facilities. From there, she was sent to work in the munition's factory in Leipzig, where she was injured during an explosion. Tema, who was right-handed, lost her right arm. A Jewish doctor helped her survive by amputating it above her elbow without any anesthesia or antibiotics. Two months after she lost her arm, she and other women laborers were ordered on a six-day death march toward the Elbe River. The Allied forces were in the area and as they drew near, the Nazi captors fled; and

WHEREAS, after the war, she returned to Lodz in search of her family. There she saw her future husband Morris, then called by his Yiddish name Moishe. He had survived at least seven camps. German soldiers needed boots, and his skill as a cobbler kept him alive. They were married in 1945 and found their way to a displaced-persons camp in Germany. They hoped to immigrate to Israel but could not because of the injury to her arm. Israel wouldn't or couldn't take anyone who was not capable of working or fighting in the Army. Their first son, Jerry, was born in that camp. In 1949, they arrived at Ellis Island and travelled to Chicago where they eventually settled in East Rogers Park; and

WHEREAS, to help get their life started in Chicago, Morris borrowed \$1,758.38 from the Jewish Family and Community Service organization to open a shoe-repair shop on Devon Avenue. In time, he would start

doing custom work for orthopedic surgeons, modifying children's shoes, and helping others with special orthopedic needs. The Bauers were proud that, by 1956, they had paid back every penny of the loan; and

WHEREAS, Tema and Morris built a life in Chicago. Their friends were other Holocaust survivors with whom they shared memories and experiences. They raised their two sons, Jerry and Michael, in Rogers Park. Jerry studied medicine at the University of Illinois Abraham Lincoln School of Medicine. He is board certified in neurosurgery and practiced in Park Ridge, Illinois. Their second son, Michael, who was born in Chicago, became a lawyer and political fundraiser who helped elect LGBTQ candidates before his death in 2019 from melanoma; and

WHEREAS, Tema is survived by her beloved son Jerry, three grandchildren, and seven great 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, honors the life of Tema Bauer, salutes her courage and tenacity during the Holocaust, and thanks her for educating the people of Cook County about the reality of the Holocaust. May her memory be a blessing and a reminder that we must all remain vigilant against the devastating harm and cruelty that can grow from blind hatred of others; 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 same be tendered to the Illinois Holocaust Museum and to the family of Tema Bauer.

[22-2809](#)

Sponsored by: ALMA E. ANAYA, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF SERGEANT DANIEL M. MARTÍNEZ

WHEREAS, Sergeant Daniel M. Martínez, proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps, was born on October 19, 1998, and entered eternity on March 19, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Daniel M. Martínez is the loving son of Manuel and Apolonia Martínez (née Rodríguez); and

WHEREAS, he is the dear brother of Micaela, Luke, Matthew, and David Martínez; and

WHEREAS, he is the loving grandson of Amalia and the late Jesús Martínez and Noemi and Jesus Rodriguez; and

WHEREAS, he is a dear nephew and cousin to many in the Martínez and Rodríguez families; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Daniel M. Martínez made countless friends from his hometown and in the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Daniel M. Martínez served 4 years in the United States Marine Corps in the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit in the 3rd Assault Amphibious Battalion, 1st Marine Division, at Camp Pendleton, California; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Daniel M. Martínez was an adventurer and got to travel to places such as Hawaii, Guam, Japan, Jordan and Oman; and

WHEREAS, next on Sergeant Daniel M. Martínez’s travel list was to visit Thailand and study the martial art of “Muay Thai;” and

WHEREAS, he was a recent member of Chicago Thai Boxing Academy; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Daniel M. Martínez was a free spirit who actively pursued sports such as martial arts, skiing, surfing, and skateboarding; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Daniel M. Martínez had a creative mind and had a budding interest in photography, filmography, and video editing; and

WHEREAS, he paired his love for travel with his passion for film and documented his adventures with photos and videos; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Daniel M. Martínez was a light-hearted individual who had a great sense of humor; and

WHEREAS, he knew how to laugh at himself and brighten someone’s day with his jokes or stories; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Daniel M. Martínez had a caring and compassionate soul. He found joy in bringing people together whether it was for a family vacation or a Thanksgiving dinner for his fellow Marines; and

WHEREAS, he would give the shirt off his back to help a family member or friend in need. He took the initiative to be a provider to those who needed assistance and a leader to those who needed guidance; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Daniel M. Martínez was a born again Christian and let the light of Christ shine through his spirit during his time on this earth; and

WHEREAS, he now resides in Heaven with his loved ones who have passed before him. He will be missed immensely until we meet again.

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 many friends of

Sergeant Daniel M. Martínez, and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to the family of Sergeant Daniel M. Martínez so that his memory may be honored and ever cherished.

[22-2810](#)

Sponsored by: ALMA E. ANAYA, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF PAULINO VILLARREAL SR.

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Paulino Villarreal Sr. from our midst on February 20, 2022, at the age of 68; and

WHEREAS, Paulino Villarreal Sr., was born on December 17, 1953, in Laredo, Texas. He moved to Chicago as a young teenager in search of a better life and shortly after, he met Judy Ann the woman who would become his wife; and

WHEREAS, several years after marrying, the Villarreal family moved into their Pilsen home near West 18th Place and South Laflin Street. They had three children, Paulino Jr. (Olimpia), Jose Franco Sr. (Gabriela), and Lucia Marie (Oscar) Villarreal, seven grandchildren, and one great grandchild; and

WHEREAS, Paulino Villarreal Sr. worked for the City of Chicago's Department of Streets and Sanitation in the neighborhood for more than 33 years; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his day job, he constantly volunteered his time, whether it be supporting the men's shelter down the street, giving out turkeys on Thanksgiving, or engaging in various civic duties such as collecting petitions; and

WHEREAS, Paulino Villarreal Sr. worked tirelessly to make his block a safe space for all; and

WHEREAS, his dedication to the community was formally acknowledged a decade ago when the City of Chicago named an entire block (Laflin Street from 18th to 19th Street) "*Honorary Paulino Villarreal Way*" and posted a sign at the intersection; and

WHEREAS, Paulino Villarreal Sr. was a strict and stern parent, and known to be the family protector; and

WHEREAS, even as Paulino Villarreal Sr. health deteriorated, he would follow his grandkids and neighborhood kids around with his walker looking out for them; and

WHEREAS, Paulino Villarreal Sr.'s family said his favorite pastime was to sit on the bench outside his home to chat and greet neighbors walking by while hearing *Tejano* music; and

WHEREAS, Paulino Villarreal Sr. unfortunately lost his battle with cancer in February 2022. His family have committed to keeping his memory alive, and has filled his corner rocking chair with his photo, his hats, and his favorite Dallas Cowboys blanket; and

WHEREAS, Paulino Villarreal Sr.'s family said he was a true Texas man - a big Cowboys fan and lover of country music. Whenever the family listens to the song "The Cowboy Rides Away" by George Strait, they'll think of him.

WHEREAS, Paulino Villarreal Sr. will forever be remembered as a staple in the Pilsen neighborhood and as a caring person who always helped neighbors when they needed him.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board President and the Board of Commissioners hereby offer their deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and many friends of Paulino Villarreal Sr., and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to the family of Paulino Villarreal Sr. so that his memory may be honored and ever cherished.

[22-2811](#)

Sponsored by: ALMA E. ANAYA, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING UNITED STATES HISPANIC LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (USHLI) ON ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, United States Hispanic Leadership Institute (USHLI) is celebrating its 40th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, USHLI was incorporated as the Midwest Voter Registration Education Project in April 1982, then the Midwest-Northeast Voter Registration Education Project in December 1987 and finally in December 1996, became the United States Hispanic Leadership Institute (USHLI); and

WHEREAS, USHLI is a Chicago-based national nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that promotes

education, civic participation, research, and leadership development for Latinos; and

WHEREAS, USHLI's vision is to empower the Latino community by cultivating the next generation of Latino leaders and promoting education, leadership development, and providing financial support; and

WHEREAS, USHLI has registered over 2.3 million citizens to vote, trained over 1,025,000 present and future leaders, awarded over \$1.4 million in scholarships and internships, published over 425 studies on Latino demographics, including the Almanac of Latino Politics, and organized 40 national conferences attended annually by leaders representing 40 states; and

WHEREAS, USHLI serves on the Board of the Hispanic Association for Corporate Responsibility (HACR), which works with corporate America on matters pertaining to governance, supplier diversity, employment, and philanthropy, and the National Hispanic Leadership Agenda (NHLA) which advises presidential administrations on matters of personnel and public policy; and

WHEREAS, USHLI has been widely recognized and has received many awards including the *Corazón* Award by Univision for outstanding commitment to community service and the empowerment of Hispanic community; and

WHEREAS, USHLI will continue to be recognized and celebrated for upholding their mission to fulfill the promises and principles of democracy by promoting education and leadership development; empowering Latinos and similarly disenfranchised groups through civic engagement and research; and by maximizing participation in the electoral process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Cook County Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate the United States Hispanic Leadership Institute (USHLI) on its 40th Anniversary; 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 United States Hispanic Leadership Institute (USHLI) in honor of its outstanding empowerment of the Latino community.

[22-2812](#)

Sponsored by: ALMA E. ANAYA, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE HISPANIC ALLIANCE FOR CAREER ENHANCEMENT (HACE) ON THEIR 40th ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, the Hispanic Alliance for Career Enhancement (HACE) is celebrating its 40 years of service and contribution to the Chicago Latino community; and

WHEREAS, HACE was founded and established its headquarters in Chicago in 1982; and

WHEREAS, HACE is a national nonprofit dedicated to the employment, development, and advancement of current and aspiring Latino professionals; has served as a resource for Latinos in the workplace; and is a subject-matter expert for corporations seeking diverse talent through access to professional development, resources, and networks; and

WHEREAS, HACE helps Latinos succeed in every phase of their career. With a network of over 100,000 members across the country, HACE works with employers to remain competitive in an increasingly dynamic economy by helping them attract, develop, and retain Latino and diverse professionals; and

WHEREAS, HACE has a mission to positively impact the American workplace by cultivating the pipeline of Latino talent and providing Latino professionals the insight, access, and support to be successful in their careers; and

WHEREAS, HACE has a tremendous reach and has awarded hundreds of thousands of scholarships to Latino/a students; and

WHEREAS, HACE has set out to create a world in which Latinas are paid fairly and all Latinos realize their full potential so that they can pave a path for future generations; and

WHEREAS, HACE will continue to achieve its goals through inclusion, accessibility, continuous innovation, relevant programming, excellence, and global leadership.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate the staff, volunteers, and supporters of HACE on their 40th Anniversary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to HACE as a token of our respect and best wishes for a successful and prosperous future.

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Sponsored by: ALMA E. ANAYA, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING APRIL 30, 2022, AS *DIA DE LOS NIÑOS* (CHILDREN'S DAY) IN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, children are our future with inalienable rights, and it is the responsibility of society to ensure their rights are met; and

WHEREAS, children are citizens of the world who need emotional and physical stability, and should not be separated from their parents and family; and

WHEREAS, children have the right to an education, to enjoy a social life, and build their own futures; and

WHEREAS, children have the right to food so that they will not suffer from malnutrition and suffer from hunger; and

WHEREAS, children have the right to health, to be protected from illness, and to grow and become healthy adults; and

WHEREAS, children have the right to safe drinking water and proper sanitary conditions; and

WHEREAS, children have the right to identity by having a surname, first name, and a nationality; and

WHEREAS, children have the right to freedom by being able to express themselves, to have opinions, to have access to information, and to participate in decisions that affect their lives; and

WHEREAS, children have the right to protection and to live in a secure and caring environment which preserves the child's well-being; and

WHEREAS, all of the above rights are also rights given to children who have obtained Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status; and

WHEREAS, the United States should have an established national date to give voice to children with a day of their own; and

WHEREAS, every year, April 30th is recognized in other countries as *Día de los Niños* (Children's Day) and acknowledges and celebrates the achievements and contributions of children; and

WHEREAS, more than 2,000 children and families will attend the Chicago *Día de los Niños* /Celebrating Young Americans Parade & Celebration. The parade strives to raise awareness about the importance of education for children; this year's theme are children's rights including DACA students; the guiding principle is education: Every Child, Every DREAM; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago *Día de los Niños*, the Chicago Public Schools (CPS), and local businesses will come together to award scholarships to outstanding students as part of the celebration.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes Saturday, April 30, 2022, as *Día de los Niños*/ Children's Day, and applauds the work of the Chicago *Día de los Niños*' Committee.

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Sponsored by: ALMA E. ANAYA, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING APRIL AS NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH AND APRIL 27th, 2022, AS “DENIM DAY”

WHEREAS, April is National Sexual Assault Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, according to National statistics from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men in the United States of America (U.S.) have experienced sexual violence involving physical contact; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that nearly 1 in 5 women and 1 in 38 men have experienced completed or attempted rape during their lifetimes; and

WHEREAS, according to the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN) on average, there are 433,648 victims of rape and sexual assault each year in the United States of America (U.S.); and

WHEREAS, the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN) data assures that every 73 seconds, an American is sexually assaulted; and

WHEREAS, according to the Department of Justice’s Bureau of Justice Statistics National Crime Victimization Survey: only 230 of every 1,000 rapes are reported, only 46 of every 1,000 rapes lead to arrest, and only 5 of every 1,000 rapes lead to conviction in the United States of America (U.S.); and

WHEREAS, the Harvard Medical School Center for Primary Care has reported a significant worldwide increase in sexual violence cases since the surge of the Covid-19 Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, for the past 23 years, Peace Over Violence, a sexual and domestic violence prevention center headquartered in Los Angeles, California, has hosted the Denim Day campaign on a Wednesday in April in honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, the Denim Day story begins in Italy in 1992, when an 18-year-old girl was raped by the 45-year-old driving instructor who was taking her on her very first driving lesson. He took her to an isolated road, pulled her out of the car, removed her jeans and raped her; and

WHEREAS, after she reported the rape, the perpetrator was arrested, prosecuted, and convicted of rape and sentenced to jail; and

WHEREAS, years later, that conviction was overturned by the Italian Supreme Court using the “jeans

alibi” - according to the justices, the woman was wearing tight jeans, therefore she must have helped the person who raped her remove her jeans, thereby implying consent; and

WHEREAS, the following day, the women in the Italian Parliament came to work wearing jeans in solidarity with the survivor; and

WHEREAS, the Denim Day campaign became official in the United States of America (U.S.) in 1999 where people wore denim in solidarity with women in the Italian Parliament; and

WHEREAS, since then, wearing jeans or other denim apparel on Denim Day has become a symbol of protest against erroneous and destructive manners about sexual harassment, abuse, assault and rape; and

WHEREAS, in this sexual violence prevention and education campaign, community members, elected officials, businesses and students are asked to make a social statement by wearing denim on this day as a visible protest against the misconceptions that surround sexual violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes Wednesday, April 27, 2022, as the 23rd Annual Denim Day and uses this opportunity to bring awareness to this issue and advocacy for survivors.

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Sponsored by: DENNIS DEER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING COURTNEY Q. JONES FOR HIS LEADERSHIP, DEDICATION, AND COMMITMENT TO UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES, AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AND THE REAL ESTATE INDUSTRY IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

WHEREAS, Courtney Q. Jones is co-principal and business development officer of Chicago Homes Realty Group (ReCHARGE) where they specialize in residential and commercial real estate sales, as well as leasing and property management. Courtney’s focus is business acquisition opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Courtney’s true love for people led him to begin a career in real estate. He has a passion to serve and create opportunities for underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, Courtney has 19 years of experience in personal and commercial banking, mortgages, investments, and sales training. His exceptional ability to lead and influence others, along with his congenial personality, has thrust him into his position of Vice President at JP Morgan Chase; and

WHEREAS, Courtney began his career in 1999 in New York, NY where he was a part of a wealth

management program designed to increase clients' assets. Courtney managed over \$400 million in assets and consistently exceeded sales revenue goals; and

WHEREAS, Courtney, a servant leader, has served in various capacities in the Real Estate Industry. He currently serves as the president of the Dearborn Realist Board, an African American trade association, and the local chapter of the National Association of Real Estate Brokers. Courtney piloted the City's most successful Community Receivership program where approximately 300 graduates received a designation as Receivership Specialists; and

WHEREAS, Courtney was recently appointed by the City of Chicago's Mayor Lori Lightfoot to serve on the Housing Transition Committee. Courtney was appointed by Chicago's Immediate Past Mayor Rahm Emmanuel to the steering committee for the City's Department of Planning and Development's Five-year Housing Plan and the Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, Courtney currently serves as a court-appointed receiver for the Historical Pittsfield Building in Chicago, Illinois, as well as the Executive Director and Founder of the Black Coalition for Housing (BCFH), which advocates, educates, rehabilitates, and teaches on behalf of underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his many affiliations, certifications, awards, and recognitions, and when he is not working or serving the community, Courtney Q. Jones is an avid golfer, self-proclaimed chef, and sports enthusiast who enjoys spending quality time with his wife, four children, family, and friends.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Dennis Deer Cook County Commissioner 2nd District along with President Toni Preckwinkle and the entire Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize and congratulate Courtney Q. Jones for his Leadership, Dedication and Commitment to Underserved Communities, Affordable Housing, and the Real Estate Industry in Cook County, Illinois; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an official copy of this resolution be tendered to Mr. Courtney Q. Jones and a suitable copy be spread upon the official proceedings of this honorable body

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Sponsored by: DENNIS DEER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING EDDIE JOHNSON III FOR HIS LEADERSHIP, COMMITMENT, DEDICATION, THROUGH COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT I IN THE ENGELWOOD COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, Eddie Johnson III is a proud graduate from Englewood High School and studied at Northeastern Illinois University and Northern Seminary where he pursued Urban Leadership; and

WHEREAS, Eddie Johnson III is a dedicated educator in the public sector possessing 20 years of

experience with the Chicago Park District and Chicago Public School system where he coaches our next future leaders of tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, Eddie is a life-long member of Antioch M.B. Church where he also serves as Executive Director of Antioch Community Social Service Agency where he continues to work with community organizations and community residents to improve the quality of Life in Englewood and West Englewood for residents and provide vital community and social service resources; and

WHEREAS, Most recently Antioch Community Social Service Agency(ACCSA) under the leadership of Eddie Johnson III collaborated with Partners in Health, Michael Resse Trust Fund, and Protect Chicago Plus program to assist more than 500 residents to receive COVID -19 Vaccinations in the Englewood community; and

WHEREAS, Eddie has been committed to keeping young people safe after school and during the summer months through ACCSA by providing Play N Peace Summer Day Camp, Englewood Clean Block initiatives ; and

WHEREAS, Eddie Johnson III civic community engagement includes but not limited to: member of the NAACP Chicago Southside Branch, member of the Neighborhood Housing Services, Englewood Advisory Council, member of the 6400 South Aberdeen United Block club including serving on the advisory board for the 7th District C.A.P.S., Faith Based Sub-Committee.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Dennis Deer Cook County Commissioner 2nd District along with President Toni Preckwinkle and the entire Board of Commissioners does hereby recognizing and congratulate Eddie Johnson III for his leadership, commitment, dedication, through Community Engagement in the Englewood Community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to Mr. Eddie Johnson III and a suitable copy be spread upon the official proceedings of this honorable body recognizing this au pious occasion.