

13-2075

**13-R-447
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE PETER N. SILVESTRI, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

HONORING SALUTE, INC. AND GUERIN PREP HIGH SCHOOL

WHEREAS, Salute, Inc., was founded in 2003 by Will and Mary Beth Beiersdorf of Arlington Heights, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, shortly after 9/11, Will, a Naval Reservist, was called to active duty and deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba for thirteen months; and

WHEREAS, the severe financial impact was overwhelming to the Beiersdorfs' and their three sons; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the lack of finances, Mary Beth and her children coped with the fear of the unknown and the emotional strain caused by their separation from Will; and

WHEREAS, with the help, support, and outpouring of love from family, friends, their church and their community, they were able to survive; and

WHEREAS, upon Will's return, both he and Mary Beth felt the need to give back by helping others who were experiencing similar hardships; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, the Beiersdorfs decided to start an organization whose fundraising efforts would be based around a yearly Memorial Day Family Run/Walk; and

WHEREAS, after sharing their vision with family, friends, Salute was born and SALUTE, INC. is now a recognized 501c(3) non-profit organization that provides financial support for our military men and women through a variety of fundraising activities; and

WHEREAS, Guerin Prep High School of River Grove has paired with Salute and is doing advocacy and fundraising to honor military members and their families; and

WHEREAS, on November 13, 2013, Guerin Prep will hold a school-wide Pride Assembly to celebrate veterans' groups and to remember their service and sacrifice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby commend SALUTE, INC. and Guerin Prep for their fundraising efforts on behalf of military families; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to Guerin Prep High School.

Approved and adopted this 13th day of November 2013.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

13-2219

**13-R-448
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

RECOGNIZING IXTAPA-ZIHUATANEJO SISTER CITY DELEGATION

WHEREAS, as part of the Sister City International application process a delegation will typically visit their prospective sister city, and

WHEREAS, Ixtapa-Zihuatanejo will become Sister Cities with the Village of Bensenville, as part of their trip the delegation will be touring Cook County and the City of Chicago, and

WHEREAS, Sister Cities International was created at President Eisenhower's 1956 White House conference on citizen diplomacy; and

WHEREAS, Sister Cities International creates relationships based on cultural, educational, information and trade exchanges, creating lifelong friendships that provide prosperity and peace through person to person "citizen diplomacy".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Board of Commissioners of Cook County do hereby recognize the Ixtapa-Zihuatanejo delegation efforts to join Sister Cities International and wish them well on their travels in the Chicagoland area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to the Ixtapa-Zihuatanejo delegation.

Approved and adopted this 13th day of November 2013.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

13-2258

**13-R-449
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE JOHN P. DALEY, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

IN MEMORY OF JOHN J. STANIS

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called John J. Stanis from our midst at the age of 103; and

WHEREAS, John J. Stanis was the beloved husband of the late Agnes (nee Shurna); and

WHEREAS, John J. Stanis was Past Grand Knight of Cardinal Mundelein Knights of Columbus Lodge; and

WHEREAS, John J. Stanis was a longtime member of St. John Fisher Parish; and

WHEREAS, John J. Stanis bravely answered the call of his country to defend the cause of freedom in the Second World War while in the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, John J. Stanis was the fond uncle of many nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, all who knew him will attest that John J. Stanis was a kind and compassionate man, virtuous of character and gentle in spirit, admired and respected by his many friends and neighbors, and dearly loved by his family.

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 John J. Stanis , 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 same be tendered to the family of John J. Stanis, that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

Approved and adopted this 13th day of November 2013.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

13-2257

**13-R-450
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE JOHN P. DALEY, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

IN MEMORY OF GERTRUDE M. NORBY

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Gertrude M. Norby from our midst at the age of 100; and

WHEREAS, Gertrude M. Norby nee Marschitz was the beloved wife of the late Kenneth M. Norby and the late Gene M. Knight; and

WHEREAS, Gertrude M. Norby was the loving mother of Linda L. Norby; and

WHEREAS, Gertrude M. Norby was the cherished grandmother of Tara Lynn Tracy and Catherine L. (Robert A.) Green; and

WHEREAS, Gertrude M. Norby was the fond sister of the late Capt. John R. Marschitz, U.S. Army; and

WHEREAS, all who knew her will attest that Gertrude M. Norby 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 and many friends of Gertrude M. Norby, 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 same be tendered to the family of Gertrude M. Norby, that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

Approved and adopted this 13th day of November 2013.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

13-2256

**13-R-451
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE JOHN P. DALEY, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

IN MEMORY OF GERTRUDE NOONAN

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Gertrude Noonan from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Gertrude Noonan (nee Horan) was the beloved wife of the late George Noonan; and

WHEREAS, Gertrude Noonan was the loving mother of Nancy (Donald) Pierce, Eileen (Richard) Bussler, and Trudy Noonan; and

WHEREAS, Gertrude Noonan was the dearest grandmother of Celine (Scott) Haines, Bridget (David) Grauwels, JoAnn (Barret) Kruse, Bill (Allison) Bussler; and

WHEREAS, Gertrude Noonan was the Dear great-grandmother of 11; and

WHEREAS, Gertrude Noonan was the fond aunt of many nieces and nephews in the in the Collins, Sehring, Gibson, Vais and Noonan families; and

WHEREAS, Gertrude Noonan was Past President and Gold Star Member of St. Gabriel's Woman's Club; and

WHEREAS, Gertrude Noonan was Past President St. Gabriel's Friendly Club; and

WHEREAS, all who knew her will attest that Gertrude Noonan 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 and many friends of Gertrude Noonan, 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 same be tendered to the family of Gertrude Noonan, that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

Approved and adopted this 13th day of November 2013.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

13-2255

**13-R-452
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE JOHN P. DALEY, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

IN MEMORY OF DUNSTAN FERNANDO

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Dunstan Fernando from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Dunstan Fernando was the beloved husband of Bridget Fernando; and

WHEREAS, Dunstan Fernando was the devoted father of Shiran (Bertha), Desmond (Leah), and Mark (Johanna); and

WHEREAS, Dunstan Fernando was the proud grandfather of Kaitlyn, Exhan, Emilie, Rhys, Isabella, and Xavi; and

WHEREAS, Dunstan Fernando was the fond brother of Hector, Boniface, Iraj, Monica, and Pearly; and

WHEREAS, Dunstan Fernando was a benefactor and highly respected leader within the Sri Lankan community of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, all who knew him will attest that Dunstan Fernando was a kind and compassionate man, virtuous of character and gentle in spirit, admired and respected by his many friends and neighbors, and dearly loved by his family.

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 Dunstan Fernando, 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 same be tendered to the family of Dunstan Fernando, that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

Approved and adopted this 13th day of November 2013.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

13-2246

**13-R-453
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
JERRY BUTLER, EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY,
BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN,
GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, EDWIN REYES,
PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN
AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE VILLAGE OF LYONS' 125TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, the Village of Lyons was Incorporated in 1888, and is steeped in deep historical roots; and

WHEREAS, in 1673 French Explorer Louis Joliet and Jesuit missionary Father Pierre Marquette left Green

Bay, Wisconsin by canoe in search of a western passage to the Pacific, and to save time the Pottawatomie Indians that were with them encouraged a change in the course to the Illinois River; and

WHEREAS, this shortcut led to the Des Plaines River and caused these travelers to discover "Le Portage;" a half mile wide area of land connecting the Chicago River and the Des Plaines River now known as the "Gateway to the West"; and

WHEREAS, this discovery led to the founding of Lyons as well as Chicago becoming a center for world trade; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Lyons boasts many treasures such as the Chicago Portage National Historic Site and Hofmann Tower, an eight story castle-like structure built in 1908 by George Hofmann, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of residents gathered in Veterans Park on Sunday October 13, 2013 for a picnic in honor of the Village's 125th year anniversary, and featured a wide range of family and children's entertainment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County hereby congratulates Mayor Christopher Getty, the Village Trustees, and the great citizens of Lyons for celebrating 125 years as a municipality; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to Mayor Getty and the Village Board of Trustees in recognition of this momentous event, and that it also be spread upon the proceedings of this honorable body.

Approved and adopted this 13th day of November 2013.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

13-2244

**13-R-454
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
JERRY BUTLER, EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY,
BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN,
GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, EDWIN REYES,
PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN
AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE VILLAGE OF STICKNEY'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, until about 1900 most of the village of Stickney was covered by Mud Lake, a large marshy area stretching from Chicago to Lyons; and

WHEREAS, by 1900 the Sanitary and Ship Canal had left it relatively dry, leaving developers to build on the reclaimed land of what is now Stickney; and

WHEREAS, in 1913 the village of Stickney was established from Stickney Township land and named after Alpheus B. Stickney, a railroad executive who played a central role in establishing the Clearing Industrial District; and

WHEREAS, the early years of the village were marked by makeshift venues for official meetings which included the Hawthorne racetrack and Mount Auburn Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, Stickney's population increased after World War II reaching 6,239 by 1960; and with much vacant land remaining, the village allowed bondholders to take over land with unpaid taxes, and home construction boomed; and

WHEREAS, Stickney residents enjoy the safe, quiet streets and close-knit ties with neighbors of various different ethnicities; and

WHEREAS, 2013 marks the Centennial anniversary of the founding of Stickney; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County hereby congratulates Mayor Deborah Morelli, the Village Board, and the great citizens of Stickney for celebrating 100 years as a municipality; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to Mayor Morelli and the Village Board in recognition of this momentous event, and that it also be spread upon the proceedings of this honorable body.

Approved and adopted this 13th day of November 2013.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

13-2254

**13-R-455
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE DEBORAH SIMS, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
JERRY BUTLER, EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY,
BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN,
GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, EDWIN REYES,
TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN
AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

IN MEMORY OF DELORES BROWN

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His Infinite wisdom, has called Ms. Delores Brown from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Delores leaves to cherish her memories, two wonderful children, Linda and Edward Watkins, Jr. and one brother; Alfred Brown of Gary, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, Delores was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois. She graduated from George Washington Carver High School. After High School, she met and married the late Edward Watkins in 1950; and

WHEREAS, Delores was fondly known as LoLo. She loved her children and loved raising and nourishing her family; and

WHEREAS, Delores worked for the Chicago Board of Education for many years as a Teacher's Aide; and

WHEREAS, Delores loved cooking, traveling and fishing, and spent lots of hours on her puzzle books.

WHEREAS, Delores had a love for animals; her first dog was Lady and later came Tasha, both of whom she loved like her (grand-dogs); and

WHEREAS, Delores' children, Linda and Eddie Jr., knew that their mother would pray first thing in the morning when she opened her eyes, she prayed every afternoon, often on the phone with her prayer partner and before she closed her eyes at night, she prayed to her Heavenly Father. They also learned not to make any noise, to move around quietly and not to ask questions or give her the phone while she was praying and thanking God.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, and the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, do hereby offer our deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family of Ms. Delores Brown; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to the family of Ms. Delores Brown and a copy be spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body.

Approved and adopted this 13th day of November 2013.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

13-2249

**13-R-456
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE JOHN A. FRITCHEY, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
JERRY BUTLER, EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET GAINER,
JESÚS G. GARCÍA, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, GREGG GOSLIN,
STANLEY MOORE, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, EDWIN REYES, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER,
PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN
AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCATES
AND PROMOTING MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS IN COOK COUNTY**

WHEREAS, mental health affects every aspect of our lives, influencing the way we think, feel, handle stress, relate to one another and make decisions; and

WHEREAS, nearly 60 million Americans experience a mental health condition every year, an issue impacting the lives of at least one in four adults and one in ten children across the country; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that approximately 60 percent of the people currently suffering from a mental health condition are not getting appropriate treatment; and

WHEREAS, according to the Cook County Sheriff, more than 2,000 people with mental illness are being held at the Cook County Jail, many of them having medical issues as well; and

WHEREAS, negative attitudes, stereotypes and misunderstandings about mental illness create tremendous barriers for people with mental illness and their families; and

WHEREAS, a number of groups are working to provide hope and improve the quality of life for those in Cook County whose lives are affected by serious mental illness; and

WHEREAS, two such groups are the National Alliance on Mental Illness Chicago (NAMI Chicago) and The Brandon Marshall Foundation; and

WHEREAS, inspired by his own journey to come to terms with a diagnosis of Borderline Personality Disorder, Chicago Bears wide receiver Brandon Marshall vowed that he would devote himself to making a difference in the lives of others struggling to cope with mental illness; and

WHEREAS, Brandon Marshall courageously went public with his diagnosis and created a foundation to realize his goal of giving others the same chance at recovery that he had; and

WHEREAS, The Brandon Marshall Foundation is devoted to raising awareness for mental illness and helping others gain access to the resources that they need to recover, with a mission to partner with leading mental health charities and service providers across the country; and

WHEREAS, NAMI Chicago is one of the largest, most active NAMI affiliates in the country, offering referrals, education and support through their helpline, in addition to free education courses and support groups for people dealing with mental illness and their families; and

WHEREAS, each year NAMI Chicago hosts “NAMIWalks Chicago”, one of 85 NAMIWalks that take place annually across the United States, each with the goal of raising awareness, eliminating the stigma of mental illness and raising funds for NAMI Chicago and partner NAMI affiliates.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Cook County Board of Commissioners that the National Alliance on Mental Illness Chicago and The Brandon Marshall Foundation be commended for showing an unwavering dedication to mental health and to making a difference in the lives of those with mental illness who reside in Cook County and elsewhere; 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 National Alliance on Mental Illness Chicago and The Brandon Marshall Foundation.

Approved and adopted this 13th day of November 2013.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

13-2260

**13-R-457
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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

IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM KEITH NICHOLS

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called William Keith Nichols from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Keith was born in Chicago, Illinois and grew up on the south side and lived a life full of love and generosity, his laugh and smile brightening even the darkest day; and

WHEREAS, Keith graduated from Oakenwald Elementary, and he attended Dunbar Vocational. He later transferred to Forestville High School where he graduated; and

WHEREAS, Keith worked for the United States Post Office for nine years and Roadway Express (YRC. Inc.) for the past 26 years; and

WHEREAS, Keith loved music especially the oldies but goodies as well as the wobble song; He could sit and watch sports for hours; baseball, boxing, and NASCAR racing to name a few; and

WHEREAS, William Keith Nichols would clothe you, feed you, and give you a few dollars if you needed it; His love for people was shown through his actions. He genuinely cared and gave with an open heart; and

WHEREAS, Keith was born to his loving parents Williams L. and Ruth Nichols; both preceded him in death; and

WHEREAS William Keith Nichols leaves to cherish his memory one daughter Melisa L. Nichols, three siblings Gerald Nichols (Diane), Lorene D. Nichols and Cassandra Nichols; five nieces Cecila, Jennifer, Keana, Keyla, and Jeannie; two nephews Courtney, and Nissan who preceded him in death. He will be greatly missed by a host of family and friends.

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 William Keith Nichols 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 same be tendered to the family of William Keith Nichols, that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

Approved and adopted this 13th day of November 2013.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

13-2261

**13-R-458
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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

IN HONOR OF MAMIE E. FREEMAN

WHEREAS, Mamie E. Freeman, currently a resident of Homewood, Illinois, will be celebrating her 85th birthday on Wednesday, November 13, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Freeman is, undoubtedly, a phenomenally wise woman for witnessing and living eighty-five years of history, both her personal history and the history of our community, society and world; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Freeman raised seven children: Ronald, Barbara, Patricia, Delores, Kathy, La Donna and Karen, on the South Side of Chicago in the Englewood neighborhood from the time of the civil rights movement through the late 1970's. All of her children attended and graduated from the Chicago Public Schools systems; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Freeman has fourteen grandchildren and twenty great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, although family has always come first to this lovely, spirited lady, Ms. Freeman found time to serve as President and Secretary of the 70th & Lowe Block Club for many years. That is where she met Barack Obama, during his grassroots efforts to organize the residents of Englewood; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Freeman inherited her spirit for service from her late father, Reverend Johnnie L. McBride, who served as Pastor of Greater Faith Missionary Church, located in Englewood, for more than twenty years. Hewing to his example, two of Ms. Freeman's children chose public service careers; one became a Chicago Public School teacher and another became a Chicago Police officer; and

WHEREAS, today you may find Ms. Freeman relaxing in her favorite lounge chair watching "Dancing with the Stars" or yelling "BINGO" while playing and *winning* her favorite card game.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Toni Preckwinkle, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, do hereby congratulate Mamie E. Freeman on the joyous occasion of her 85th birthday, do thank her for all she continues to contribute to the betterment of Cook County residents, and do wish her many more years of excellent health, prosperity and best of luck in all her future endeavors; and may a copy of this Resolution be tendered herewith.

Approved and adopted this 13th day of November 2013.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

13-2161 (Substitute)

**13-R-459
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE LARRY SUFFREDIN, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

**EXAMINING THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A REVOLVING
BAIL BOND FUND FOR COOK COUNTY JAIL DETAINEES**

WHEREAS, the Cook County Jail has been at or near capacity for most of 2013; and

WHEREAS, the average cost of keeping a detainee in custody at the Jail has been estimated to cost \$143 a day; and

WHEREAS, the average length of stay for detainees who post bond was 13 days in 2013; and

WHEREAS, it often costs more to keep a detainee in custody than their assessed bail bond is worth; and

WHEREAS, any bail made sooner will save Cook County \$143.00 per detainee released, per day; and

WHEREAS, many detainees are non-violent offenders and not flight risks for whom judges have low bond amounts that the offender cannot post, and thus would pose little risk to the general public should they be released from custody on bail; and

WHEREAS, a possible solution to the problem would be to create the "Cook County Revolving Bail Bond Fund;" and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the fund shall be to provide no-interest loans to detainees at the Cook County Jail for payment of their court-ordered bail bond and provide an ongoing source of funding through achieved savings; and

WHEREAS, in order to be eligible for a loan in the fund, detainees must meet requirements, including but not limited to, the following: 1) be charged with a non-violent misdemeanor or felony; 2) not use the loan proceeds for payment of private legal services; 3) be eligible for a "c" or "d" bond which entails the posting of a total bond amount of \$2,000.00 or less (i.e., if the "c" bond is for \$2,000.00 or less, or the "d" bond is for \$20,000.00 or less); 4) the posting of such bond will cause the detainees release from custody; and 5) possess health insurance at the time of release or apply for CountyCare at the Cook County Health and Hospitals System.

NOW THERE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Budget Director and the Executive Director of the Justice Advisory Council (JAC) shall review the legal and financial feasibility of a program to establish a revolving bond fund to provide prompt posting of bail for non-violent detainees and make a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners by March 1, 2014. The purpose of the fund shall be to provide no-interest loans to detainees at the Cook County Jail for payment of their court-ordered bail bond and provide an ongoing source of funding through achieved savings. The recommendation to be provided to the board shall include: a legal review of authority to pay such bonds; a method for loaning such funds to non-violent detainees; a financial model to identify savings; a recommended amount for the fund; and, if recommended for implementation, an implementation plan. In order to be eligible for a loan, detainees must meet requirements, including but not limited to the following: 1) be charged with a non-violent

misdemeanor or felony; 2) not use the loan proceeds for payment of private legal services; 3) be eligible for a “c” or “d” bond which entails the posting of a total bond amount of \$2,000.00 or less (i.e., if the “c” bond is for \$2,000.00 or less, or the “d” bond is for \$20,000.00 or less); 4) the posting of such bond will cause the detainees release from custody; and 5) possess health insurance at the time of release or apply for CountyCare at the Cook County Health and Hospitals System.

Approved and adopted this 13th day of November 2013.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

13-2213 WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AT THE NOVEMBER 13, 2013 BOARD MEETING.

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

**CREATING “ACCOUNTABILITY CHARGES” FOR VIOLATIONS
OF THE SHAKMAN CONSENT DECREE**

WHEREAS, violations of the Shakman Consent Decree cost Cook County over \$600,000.00 in Fiscal Year 2013 and millions of dollars in previous fiscal years; and

WHEREAS, payments for violations of the Shakman Consent Decree are deducted from the Cook County Self-Insurance Fund; and

WHEREAS, there is no financial penalty to individual departments that violate the Shakman Consent Decree; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Budget Director and the Chief Financial Officer of Cook County shall develop a plan to assess an “Accountability Charge” against any Department that is found to be in violation of the Shakman Consent Decree in Fiscal Year 2013 and future years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the “Accountability Charge” shall be a deduction in the operating funds of the Department in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total amount assessed for the violation of the Shakman Consent Decree and the deducted funds shall be transferred to the Cook County Self Insurance Fund;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Budget Director and the Chief Financial Officer of Cook County shall report to the Cook County Board of Commissioners about the establishment and implementation of “Accountability Charges” by March 1, 2014.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

13-2234

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Name: Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Committee Date: November 13, 2013

13-1938

**13-R-460
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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

**FOR THE APPROVAL OF AN EXTENSION OF THE MATURITY DATE OF A
PREVIOUSLY APPROVED LINE-OF-CREDIT AGREEMENT AND RELATED DOCUMENTS**

WHEREAS, Section 6(a) of Article VII of the 1970 Constitution of the State of Illinois provides that “a County which has a Chief Executive Officer elected by the electors of the County ... (is) a Home Rule Unit” and The County of Cook, Illinois (the “County”), has a Chief Executive Officer elected by the electors of the County and is therefore a Home Rule Unit and may, under the power granted by said Section 6(a) of Article VII of the Constitution of 1970, as supplemented by the Local Government Debt Reform Act, as amended, the (“Act”), exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs, including, but not limited to, the power to tax and to incur debt; and

WHEREAS, the County has the power to incur debt payable from any lawful source and maturing within 40 years from the time it is incurred without prior referendum approval; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County (the “Board”) has not adopted any ordinance, resolution, order or motion or provided any County Code provisions which restrict or limit the exercise of the home rule powers of the County in the issuance of general obligation full faith and credit notes without referendum for corporate purposes or which provides any special rules or procedures for the exercise of such power; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance 11-0-29, adopted on the 16th day of February, 2011 (*the “Prior Authorizing Ordinance”*) and pursuant to Resolution 11-R-239, adopted 12th day of July, 2011 (*the “Prior Authorizing Resolution”*), the Board heretofore determined it to be advisable, necessary and in the best interests of the County that the County authorize the execution and delivery of an agreement for a line of credit with a maturity date of November 30, 2014 and a draw cap of \$200,000,000; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Prior Authorizing Ordinance and Resolution, the Board likewise authorized the execution and delivery of one or more promissory notes to evidence the obligation to repay the principal of and interest on amounts drawn down by the County under such Line of Credit Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Prior Authorizing Ordinance and Resolution provided for the execution of one or more Note Orders, setting forth certain details of any such agreement and note, all within certain limitations and as set forth in the Prior Authorizing Ordinance and Resolution; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Prior Authorizing Resolution, the Board expressly approved the Line of Credit Agreement and Note which were attached thereto, authorized the President to execute said Line of Credit Agreement and Note, and further authorized the Chief Financial Officer to execute a related Note Order; and

WHEREAS, on the 22th day of July, 2011, the President executed said Line of Credit Agreement and Note, and the Chief Financial Officer, on that same date, executed said Note Order; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Prior Authorizing Resolution and the express terms of the Line of Credit Agreement and Note attached thereto, the Line of Credit Agreement, Note, and Note Order (collectively, "Line of Credit Documents") contained a maturity date of November 30, 2014 and a draw cap of \$200,000,000; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Prior Authorizing Resolution and the express terms of the Line of Credit Agreement and Note attached thereto, said Line of Credit Agreement may be amended through an amendment that is consented to in writing by the County and the Registered Owner of the Note; and

WHEREAS, due to the attractive interest rate available under said Line of Credit, the continued access to readily available funds for the purposes set forth in the Prior Authorizing Ordinance is advisable and prudent, the Board determines that it is in the best interest of the County that the aforementioned Line of Credit Documents be extended for an additional twelve (12) months, from November 30, 2014 to November 30, 2105; and

WHEREAS, due to structural reforms associated with the County's long-term debt, budgets, and financial practices, the County is in a position to reduce the draw cap on the line of credit from \$200,000,000 to \$100,000,000; and

WHEREAS, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., the Registered Owner of the Note, consents in writing to an extension of the Line of Credit Documents to November 30, 2015 with a reduction of the draw cap from \$200,000,000 to \$100,000,000; and

WHEREAS, it is not contemplated or intended that any other term, condition, or provision of the Line of Credit Documents be otherwise amended, except by including a County covenant to maintain a minimum general obligation bond rating, and revising the form of Line of Credit Documents as submitted and attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, action by the Board is necessary or advisable to effect the extension of the Line of Credit Documents to November 30, 2015, the reduction of the draw cap in said Line of Credit Documents to \$100,000,000, and the revisions as to the form of the Line of Credit Documents, as submitted and attached hereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approves the amendment to the Line of Credit Agreement, the re-execution of the Note, and the amendment to and restatement of the Note Order, all as authorized by the Board through the Prior Authorizing Resolution, with the maturity date extended to November 30, 2015, the draw cap reduced to \$100,000,000, the inclusion of a County covenant to maintain a minimum general obligation bond rating as set forth in said amendment to the Line of Credit agreement, and such revisions as to form as are submitted and attached hereto.

Approved and adopted this 13th day of November 2013.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk