



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

Third Consent Agenda

for the

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, June 8, 2016, 11:00 AM

16-3698

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE OF MUHAMMAD ALI

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2016, the world lost one of its greatest athletes and champions, Muhammad Ali; and

WHEREAS, born Cassius Marcellus Clay Jr. in Louisville, Kentucky, on January 17, 1942, Muhammad Ali began training at twelve (12) years old. At age eighteen (18) he won a light-heavyweight Olympic gold medal, and at age twenty-two (22) he defeated Sonny Liston to claim the first of three world heavyweight championships; and

WHEREAS, shortly after winning his first title Cassius Clay converted to Islam and changed his name to Muhammad Ali; and

WHEREAS, after being drafted into the military in April 1967, Ali refused to serve on the grounds that his religious beliefs prevented him from fighting. He was found guilty of draft evasion and sentenced to serve five years in prison. His conviction was overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1971; and

WHEREAS, during his legal troubles Ali was exiled from boxing, Ali resided on the South Side of Chicago on and off for nearly a decade. First, in the South Shore neighborhood and later in the Kenwood neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, after not fighting for nearly four years due to his legal situation, Ali returned to regain the heavyweight champion two more times: First, by defeating George Foreman in the 1974 “Rumble in the Jungle” and again in 1978 by defeating Leon Spinks; and

WHEREAS, after his 1981 retirement, Ali announced that he had Parkinson’s disease in 1984. Ali raised funds for the Muhammad Ali Parkinson Center, the Special Olympics, the Make-A-Wish Foundation, and many others; and

WHEREAS, Muhammad Ali was married four times and was the father of nine children, some of whom continue to reside in Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Muhammad Ali is known and revered throughout the world as a champion of human and civil rights;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, do extend their deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family, friends and fans of Muhammad Ali; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to the loved ones of Muhammad Ali as a means of communicating our deep respect and reverence for his athletic achievements and commitment to humankind.

16-3762

Sponsored by: STANLEY MOORE, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE OF LEN HOLLAND

WHEREAS, Len Holland was born on August 18, 1923, in Belzoni, Mississippi, to Oscar and Lottie Holland; and

WHEREAS, after completing grammar school he moved to Chicago in 1950, where he was able to complete his education and receive his certification in heating and air conditioning repair from Coyne Institute; and

WHEREAS, after spending several years working throughout the Chicagoland area, he was able to open Holland Heating & Air Conditioning/Welding in 1961; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Holland was able to receive a contract from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to convert 50 buildings on the West Side of Chicago from oil to gas in the 1970s and 1980s; and

WHEREAS, he decided to open a second business in 1984 when he owned and operated Holland's Corner Grocery Store at the corner of 83rd and Carpenter in Chicago; and Whereas, he sold his grocery store after 25 years of working in his community; and

WHEREAS, he trained five of his sons to continue operating his heating and air conditioning business until his passing; and

WHEREAS, Len Holland was the proud and loving father of 19 living children; and

WHEREAS, after a lengthy illness, he departed this life on May 14, 2016; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Cook County shall recognize and honor Mr. Len Holland; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Len Holland.

16-3763

Sponsored by: STANLEY MOORE, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE OF OFFICER DAVID SMITH

WHEREAS, David Alexander Smith, the third oldest child of David McCullough, Jr., and Japaquelena B. Smith, was born August 23, 1959; and

WHEREAS, he was lovingly known to his family and friends as “Disgo”, a name he received in college upon joining the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Eta Tau Chapter, A.G.S. UNTOUCHABLES in 1980; and

WHEREAS, his love of art led him to Illinois State University and then later to Southern Illinois University in Carbondale where he earned his Bachelor of Science in Art & Design; and

WHEREAS, he was a devoted and active member of his fraternity and the PanHellenic family; and

WHEREAS, he was a steadfast and recognizable figure in the Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity and a member of the Alpha Giants softball team for over 30 years; and

WHEREAS, David was a dedicated resident of the City of Chicago and of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, he devoted a portion of his life to the students of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. College Preparatory High School by becoming one of their coaches, he worked tirelessly on the PTA, and continued to remain an active member of his community; and

WHEREAS, in 2000 he completed his Illinois Law Enforcement Training and became Officer David A. Smith; and

WHEREAS, he joined the Cook County Health and Hospital System family, where he became a police officer at Stroger Hospital; and

WHEREAS, he continued his Cook County career when he joined the police force at the Forest Preserve, where he remained until his passing; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Cook County shall recognize and honor Officer David “Disgo” Smith in celebration of his life, accomplishments, and commitment to Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the family of Officer Smith.

16-3764

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, ROBERT STEELE and RICHARD R. BOYKIN, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF BISHOP CLAUDE PORTER

WHEREAS, Bishop Dr. Claude Porter, the seventh child of the late James and Corean Porter, was born on January 21, 1937, in Memphis Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Dr. Porter answered the call to ministry in 1960 under the late A.R. Williams of Greater White Stone Missionary Baptist Church in Memphis, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, after moving to Chicago in 1960, Bishop Dr. Porter was ordained and became Assistant Pastor of Greater Progressive Missionary Baptist Church in 1965; and

WHEREAS, in 1972, Bishop Dr. Porter founded and became pastor of Proviso Missionary Baptist Church in Maywood, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, on August 25, 2005, Dr. Porter was consecrated and installed as Bishop of Proviso Missionary Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, in 1968 Bishop Dr. Porter became a community organizer through Uplift Community Service Center by helping to organize the West Suburban Organization for Welfare Rights; and

WHEREAS, he also founded the Proviso-Leyden Council for Community Action, Inc. (PLCCA, Inc.) and became President and CEO of the organization in 1975; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Dr. Porter has received an innumerable amount of awards for his work in the community; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Dr. Porter is married to Earnestine Porter and together they have raised three children: the late Debra Ann Strickland; Beverly Smith; and Claudette Harrell. They are also the proud grandparents of eight grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2016, Dr. Bishop Porter retired after 44 years of pastoring, and now serves as Founder and Overseer of Proviso Missionary Baptist Church.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, do extend their most heartfelt congratulations to Bishop Dr. Claude Porter on the occasion of his retirement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to Dr. Bishop Claude Porter as a means of communicating our thanks for all of the work he has done to improve life for the citizens of Cook County.