



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

Consent Agenda

for the

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, June 8, 2016, 11:00 AM

16-3194

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

IN HONOR OF PATRICK CAREY, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

WHEREAS, Patrick L. Carey, Special Assistant to Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle for Governmental and Legislative Affairs, completed his service to the residents of Cook County on June 1st, 2016; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from the University of Chicago, Patrick began his career in the Office of Mayor Richard M. Daley, where he would work his way from Intern to Special Projects Coordinator to Assistant to the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, Patrick joined Cook County Government in March 2011 as the Assistant to the Chief of the Bureau of Economic Development. In that position, he coordinated legislative affairs for the Bureau of Economic Development and served as a liaison to the 134 municipalities located in Cook County; and

WHEREAS, in April 2013, Patrick was promoted to Special Assistant for Governmental and Legislative Affairs. In that role, his responsibility was to direct President Preckwinkle's legislative agenda before the Cook County Board of Commissioners. He also worked diligently to foster relationships with elected officials from the Northeastern Illinois region; and

WHEREAS, Pat has established effective and consistent lines of communication between the Office of the President and all commissioners offices, always making himself available to answer questions and provide information to President Preckwinkle and the Board to facilitate informed, collaborative, and educated decisions about the issues facing Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Pat has also provided his expertise and advocacy to all departments and bureaus under the Office of the President, helping to shape policy and effectively message the accomplishments of those agencies; and

WHEREAS, Pat will now take his talents to the private sector but will remain a friend of the members of this Board and the President.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Board of Commissioners of Cook County do hereby extend their thanks to Patrick Carey for his contributions and leadership to the Office of the President; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President and the Board of Commissioners of Cook County wish Patrick Carey well in all his future endeavors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to Patrick Carey as a small token of appreciation for his service to Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Patrick Carey's watch has ended.

16-3454

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, County Commissioner, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, 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

LAWRENCE J. KIRWAN, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Lawrence J. "Larry" Kirwan from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence J. "Larry" Kirwan was the beloved husband of the late Grace (nee Marback) Kirwan for many wonderful years; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence J. "Larry" Kirwan was the loving father of Sandra (Dave) Barber, Cindy (John) McBride, Christine (Rob) Kirwan -O'Brien, Pam (Mark) Gilmartin; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence J. "Larry" Kirwan was the cherished grandfather of Ron Roach, Kelly (Franklin) Mina, Erin (Gary) Huizar, Mark (Melissa) Gilmartin and John Gilmartin; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence J. "Larry" Kirwan was the adoring great-grandfather of Gael Kirwan Mina; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence J. "Larry" Kirwan was the dear brother of the late Peggy (late Jim) Murphy and the late Catherine (late Ron) Schaffrath, and Florie (Frank) Smith; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence J. "Larry" Kirwan was a lifelong Canaryville resident and 45 year member of the Flags Club; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence J. "Larry" Kirwan was a retired employee of the Cook County Sheriff's Department; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence J. "Larry" Kirwan was a 4th Degree member of the Knights of Columbus, Madonna Council #1135; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence J. "Larry" Kirwan was an active and dedicated member of his community; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence J. “Larry” Kirwan touched the lives of many and will be remembered by all who knew him; and

WHEREAS, all who knew him will attest that Lawrence J. “Larry” Kirwan 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; 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 of Lawrence J. “Larry” Kirwan and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to the family of Lawrence J. “Larry” Kirwan so that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

16-3550

Sponsored by: PETER N. SILVESTRI, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING FATHER RONALD NAVOY ON HIS RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Father Ronald Navoy of St. Emily Catholic Church in Mount Prospect will retire on June 30, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Father Navoy has served as pastor of St. Emily’s since August of 2005; and

WHEREAS, Father Navoy grew up on the Northwest Side near Chicago and Pulaski and attended St. Cyril & Methodius parish; and

WHEREAS, two priests at St. Cyril & Methodius, Father Romancik and Father Spitkovsky, fostered Father Ron’s vocation when he was a student there; and

WHEREAS, Father Ron attended Quigley and St. Mary of the Lake Seminary and was ordained on May 12, 1971; and

WHEREAS, Father Ron served as associate pastor at four parishes: St. Pascal, St. Cajetan, St. Bernardine, and St. Marceline, and he served as pastor at St. Cyprian parish before going to St. Emily; and

WHEREAS, Father Ron is known as a gentle giant who provides great spirituality; and

WHEREAS, Father Ron’s prayer life includes an annual retreat at Cardinal Stritch Retreat House in Mundelein; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his duties as pastor, Father Ron enjoys a challenging round of bridge; and

WHEREAS, Father Ronald Navoy will be honored at a farewell mass and reception at St. Emily's at 11:30 on June 12, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby thank Father Ron for his years of service to so many parishes and congratulate him on his well-deserved retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to Father Ronald Navoy on the occasion of his retirement.

16-3614

Sponsored by: RICHARD R. BOYKIN, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF PASTOR STEVE NELSON

WHEREAS, Pastor Steve Nelson was born on March 12, 1949, in Chicago, Illinois to parents Columbus Nelson, Sr. and Luella Nelson alongside his eleven brothers and sisters as the second eldest son, and;

WHEREAS, Pastor Nelson attended Loop College and Moody Bible Institute and became licensed to preach in 1978. As he went on to preach, he continued along his path of academic success. In 1996 he received an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity from the Gospel Theological Outreach Ministry in Houston, Texas. He also received an Honorary Doctorate of Theology in Religious Education, and an Honorary Doctorate of Ministry in Preaching and Pastoral Administration from the Agape Ministry Theological Institute in Chicago, IL, and;

WHEREAS, In March 1989 Pastor Nelson became the pastor of Garden of Prayer M.B. Church in Maywood, Illinois until he was officially elected pastor of Christian Love M. B Church in Chicago, in December of 1991, and;

WHEREAS, An avid singer, Pastor Nelson recorded a record in 1994 called "I Need Your Spirit" which earned an AARC Award for "Traditional Male Vocalist of the Year" and "Traditional Choir of the Year" in 1999, and;

WHEREAS, Pastor Nelson was committed to his community and enjoyed taking the message to the masses. He established and supported numerous charitable affairs in Christian Love's neighboring areas and greatly contributed to the growth of the congregation, and;

WHEREAS, Much as he sacrificed his time for ministry, he never wavered when it came to his sacrificial love for his children. He traded his life to be in paradise as he desired. However, he left a lifetime of memories and moral standards to live by for his children, who will carry on his legacy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners, that the life of Pastor Steve Nelson is to be celebrated by all, and that the sincere gratitude of the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners is to be extended to the family and friends of Pastor Steve Nelson for his service to his congregation and the wider community.

16-3617

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, County Commissioner, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, 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 and LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING COMMISSIONER TOBOLSKI'S 25TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, Cook County Commissioner Jeffrey R. Tobolski and his wife Cathleen Tobolski will be celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary on June 8, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the lovely couple first met while out in Berwyn, Illinois over a friendly game of Wheel of Fortune; Their second date was, coincidentally, Jeff's parent's 25th Wedding Anniversary where, despite Cathleen's wishes, he sat her near the priest at the head table; and

WHEREAS, Jeff and Cathleen first exchanged their vows of marriage at St. Hugh's Church in Lyons, Illinois on June 8, 1991 and moved to McCook, Illinois to begin their life long journey; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2001 Jeff and Cathleen became the loving parents of Emily Erin Tobolski, and during the course of their lives together as a family, they provided a nurturing and caring home for their daughter, and

WHEREAS, June 8, 2016 marks the 25th wedding anniversary of Jeff and Cathleen Tobolski, truly exemplifying the love, devotion, and spirit of the Sacrament of Matrimony; and

WHEREAS, after 25 five years of marriage, both Jeff and Cathleen say that the key to marriage is mutual respect; or to paraphrase Jimmy Buffet, "some of its magic some of its tragic, but we've had a good run all the way."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board extends its warmest congratulations to Jeffrey and Cathleen Tobolski on the joyous occasion of their 25th Wedding Anniversary, and wishes them many more years of happiness together, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a ceremonial copy of same be presented to Jeffrey and Cathleen Tobolski to commemorate this happy event.

16-3648

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF ROBERT AND BARBARA JANES

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2016 Robert and Barbara Janes will celebrate 50 years of marriage; and

WHEREAS, Robert and Barbara have made their home in Evanston during their 50 years of marriage; and

WHEREAS, Robert and Barbara both served their country before their marriage with Robert serving in the US Army during the Korean War and Barbara as a US Peace Corps Volunteer in Pakistan from 1961 to 1963, one of the first ever Peace Corps volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Robert spent his career as a public accountant and Barbara as a math and science teacher. Both shared their professional talents in volunteer capacities with local and global organizations; and

WHEREAS, Robert and Barbara have been active volunteers in their local community. Robert served as treasurer of the Kiwanis Club of Evanston, Northminster Presbyterian Church, and Project LEAP (Legal Elections in All Precincts). He is an elected Commissioner of the Lighthouse Park District. Barbara served as Orrington School PTA president, Girl Scout troop leader and board member of The Citizens Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Robert and Barbara are graduates of Cook County institutions of higher education. Robert received his undergraduate degree from Northwestern University and Barbara received her master's degree from the University of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Robert played in both of Northwestern University's Rose Bowl appearances. He was a clarinet player in the NU Marching Band during their first Rose Bowl appearance in 1949 and played in the NU Alumni Marching Band during the 1996 Rose Bowl game as Barbara cheered from the sidelines, and

WHEREAS, Robert and Barbara have been committed local ambassadors who showcase the Chicagoland area to foreign citizens. They have hosted more than 20 international students and global visitors in their home through academic and professional exchange programs offered by Northwestern University, US State Department and World Chicago, and

WHEREAS, Robert and Barbara have shown a deep concern and commitment to their community. Robert has been a longtime volunteer with local political candidates and Barbara has helped organize local residents to preserve the community's precious parkland and open space; and

WHEREAS, Robert and Barbara share an affection for their children, Trina and Greg. They are proud grandparents of Jackson, Mackenzie, Zachary, the late Henry, Nate and Theo; 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 takes great pleasure in honoring and celebrating the 50th wedding anniversary of Robert and Barbara Janes and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the contributions the two have made to the citizens of Cook County, Illinois; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered Robert and Barbara Janes.

16-3653

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION HONORING REVERAND DOCTOR GESSEL BERRY JUNIOR, PASTOR OF THE SHERMAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN EVANSTON ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Berry has faithfully served at Sherman United Methodist Church in Evanston for the past 12 years. He has been an Elder in the United Methodist Church for over 46 years. He has pastored seven congregations in Illinois and Michigan and was recipient of the “Margaret Ann Williams Joy of Serving Award” from the Black Methodists for Church Renewal (BMCR) in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Berry has ministered to more than 120 churches in 10 denominations in Africa and the United States; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Berry graduated from Chicago's Tilden Technical High School and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics and Physical Education from DePaul University. He holds a Master of Divinity degree from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, IL and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Chicago Theological Seminary. While at Garrett he was the founding President of the Garrett Black Seminarians and represented the organization on Garrett's Board of Trustees. He has been on the adjunct faculty for both seminaries and has served as Vice President and faculty member of the North Shore Theological Seminary since 1997; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Berry has been a General Church Officer serving the General Board of Pensions and Health Benefits as Assistant General Secretary of Administration, reporting to the General Secretary. In the Northern Illinois Conference he served as Chairman of both the Board of Ordained Ministry and the Board of Trustees and was Vice President of the Northern Illinois Conference. Rev. Berry has also served on the boards of the United Methodist Federation, ChildServ, Bethany Methodist Corporation and has held numerous positions of leadership in the Chicago and Evanston communities; and

WHEREAS, on March 25th, Reverend Dr. Gessel Berry, Jr. celebrated his 72nd birthday. He will retire on July 1st. A celebration by the entire congregation of Sherman UMC will be June 11th at Evanston's Hilton Garden Inn from 1pm to 4pm; and

WHEREAS, in addition tirelessly serving his congregation Reverend Dr. Berry is much appreciated for his leadership in the community. He is currently a Peer Learning Group Facilitator for Garrett's Styberg Peaching Institute, a member of the Board of the of the Shorefront Legacy Center, the Chessmen Club of the North Shore, the Chicago Assembly and the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity; and

WHEREAS, after his retirement Reverend Dr. Berry will spend his additional time with his wife of over 43 years, Sandra Doyle Berry, his two sons Gessel and Adam and four grandchildren; 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 takes great pleasure in honoring and celebrating the hard work, accomplishments and career of J Reverend Dr. Berry and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions he has made to the citizens of Cook County, Illinois; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to Reverend Dr. Berry.

16-3690

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN MEMORY OF THE HONORABLE JUDGE LOUIS GARIPPO

WHEREAS, Cook County Circuit Judge Louis Garippo, widely respected member of the bar and bench died on May 31, 2016 at the age at age 84; and

WHEREAS, Judge Garippo attended Fenwick High School, the University of Notre Dame and DePaul University law school. His father was a 36th Ward Democratic committeeman who held a court administrator's post; and

WHEREAS, Judge Louis Garippo will long be remembered for his stellar reputation for wisdom and fairness. As a judge, he presided over one of the most notorious murder cases in Chicago history; the 1980 trial of John Wayne Gacy, who was convicted of killing 33 men and boys. As a supervisor in the Cook County state's attorney's office, he helped prosecute Richard Speck for the murder of eight student nurses in a townhome in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Judge Louis Garippo enjoyed a lengthy and distinguished legal career. He was genuinely admired and respected by all of the lawyers in the courtroom, defense attorneys as well as prosecutors. He was similarly respected and admired by the clerks and staff as well as his fellow members of the bench; and

WHEREAS, During the Gacy trial, Judge Garippo's equanimity and wisdom guided the crowded courtroom and the multitudes following the trial through the lengthy and oftentimes disturbing testimony. He not only maintained the decorum of the courtroom, his conduct and statements upheld the highest ideals in the legal profession. Many were profoundly moved by Judge Garippo's speech to the Gacy jurors as he thanked them for their service. "What we do for the John Wayne Gacys, we do for everyone."

WHEREAS, Louis Garippo was a judge widely respected for his legal acumen. The trial of John Wayne Gacy case was closely examined by the media and the legal community. Through all of the years of intense legal examination and scrutiny Judge Garippo's decision withstood appeal; despite fourteen years of appeals, a retrial was never ordered; and

WHEREAS, while a leader at the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, Louis Garippo set the highest standards for morality and integrity as he helped train the next generation of prosecutors. He was uniformly regarded as one who respected and took seriously this responsibility. He often instructed the young trainees that nothing was more important to a lawyer than an impeccable reputation; more than anything else he taught this ideal by example; and

WHEREAS, as a prosecutor, he handled many high-profile cases in the early 1960s, including that of the Guido-Yonder gang of torture-burglars, a \$250,000 burglary of the Zahn Drug company warehouse and the Summerdale cops-as-robbers scandal, which led Mayor Richard J. Daley to name an outsider police superintendent: University of California criminologist O.W. Wilson; and

WHEREAS, after the Gacy trial, Louis Garippo went into private practice. He was later recruited to research public opinion on whether the University of Illinois should retain Chief Illiniwek as a mascot. He had to wade through nearly twenty thousand letters on the subject; and

WHEREAS, first and foremost Louis Garippo cherished the title of husband and father. He always put family as a top priority. He will be sorely missed by his wife, Colette; daughters, Ellen and Mary and his son, Tom; and a sister, Anna Maria Sciaraffa; 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 who he served dutifully, commemorates the extraordinary life of the Honorable Judge Louis Garippo, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable and innumerable contributions he has made to the Citizens of Cook County, Illinois; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to the family of the Honorable Judge Louis Garippo.

16-3704

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE AND MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF HAROLD LEE CLARK SR.

WHEREAS, Harold Lee Clark Sr., affectionately known to all as “Clark,” pioneering community leader, devoted patriarch to a talented, industrious and always deeply pious family passed away on Friday May 13, 2016. He has left behind a devoted family, countless friends and a community enriched for having known him; and

WHEREAS, Clark was the first born son of Henry Lee Clark and Lucille Williams Clark in New Orleans, Louisiana. He was raised amongst a large extended family and was the doting older brother to his sister Alice Clark Curtis, Geraldine Clark Jackson, Louis Clark and Delores Clark Earl; and

WHEREAS, Clark was blessed with an analytical mind and a capacity for research and development methodology. He was educated at Xavier Preparatory School, Gilbert Academy and Xavier University; and

WHEREAS, Clark married Thyra Emily Francois Blouin on June 10, 1948 and the two were proud parents of five children; Karen, Harold Jr., Kevin Paul, Mark Anthony and David Clark.

WHEREAS, Clark and Thyra nourished their five children in a deep Catholic faith and commitment to living out the values they held so deeply. Those values were modeled at Saint Felicitas and Holy Cross in Chicago and Holy Ghost Catholic Parish in New Orleans, Louisiana. The Catholic faith was not just an aspect of their lives, but played a role in nearly every part of their lives; and

WHEREAS, Clark proudly served his country as a Seaman with the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, after serving, Clark landed a career as a loss prevention specialist in the transportation industry, which led his family from New Orleans, Louisiana to St. Louis, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, later, Clark joined his Uncle Sidney Francois’ business, Francois Painting Company in Chicago, eventually expanding and rebranding the business as Clark Decorating; and

WHEREAS, Clark’s home was a refuge to many and no one was turned away, where meals were sacred events with conversations of politics, service and truth talking; and

WHEREAS, Clark was an organizer, working with his Holy Cross Pastor, Martin Farrell and his University of Chicago colleague - Saul Alinsky and Rev. Arthur Brazier on the South Campus Project. He was also intimately involved with the formation of the Woodlawn Organization, expansion of Boy and Girl Scout troops in all neighborhoods, the implementation of an Inaugural Year Social Center for Youth at Hales Franciscan High School and efforts to expand the Catholic Youth Organization Basketball program; and

WHEREAS, Harold Lee Clark Sr. is survived by his wife of over sixty-seven years, Thyra Emily Francois, his treasured daughter Karen Chavers, and two sons David Clark and Mark Anthony Clark, grandchildren David Jerome Clark, Kristina Nicole Clark, Ronald Jerome Coward, Angelo Darryl Chavers, Keisha, Anthony Jamison, Marcus Williams, Carl and Kevin Thunderbird, his Nieces Cheryl Moore, Darlene Fernandez, Celestine Hughes, Gwendoline Jackson, Jackee Charles, Carolyn Joseph, Kathleen Washington, Theresa Blouin, Toya Campbell, Myra Price, Brenda Blouin, Rea Foxx, Ivy Johnson, Jennifer Hill and Rosemary Hill, Nephews Ernest Jr. and Michael Blouin, Darryl, Stewart, Paul Blouin, Sidney Hill and Robert Francis, as well as his wide circle of Greats, Couzas, Dear Friends and Alley Krewe; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board on behalf of the nearly the 5.2 million residents of Cook County commemorates the life of Harold Lee Clark Sr., and herewith offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the coworkers, family, and many friends of Harold Lee Clark Sr. and joins them in sorrow at the loss of this remarkable and accomplished man; 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 Harold Lee Clark Sr., that his memory may be so honored.

16-3706

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF ELLIOT LEHMAN

WHEREAS, Elliot Lehman, pioneering leader in business, philanthropist and advocate for social justice died at the age of 97 leaving behind family, countless friends and a community enriched for having known him;

WHEREAS, Elliot Lehman was born in the Bronx on Jan. 10, 1919. His father, Saul, emigrated from near Bialystok in present-day Poland at the age of 13, and went into business in New York as a printer. He graduated from DeWitt Clinton High School in New York and graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a degree in journalism

WHEREAS, Elliot Lehman served his country during the Second World War. He served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy, commanding a wooden submarine chaser in the South Pacific theater. Although he never saw combat, he survived three typhoons; and

WHEREAS, while attending the University of Wisconsin, Elliot Lehman met a Chicagoan named Frances Mecklenburger and the two married in 1940 and settled in Illinois. Elliot joined the Mecklenburger family business, the Felt Products Manufacturing Co., later known as Fel-Pro, a manufacturer of gaskets and sealants. Following his father-in-law's death in 1961, Elliot served as Fel-Pro's co-chairman for three decades, and remained co-chairman emeritus until the company was sold in 1998. He built Fel-Pro gaskets to a dominant position in supplying both heavy-duty trucks and the automotive aftermarket; and

WHEREAS, Elliot Lehman worked for Fel-Pro for over 50 years, most of them as co-chairman with his brother-in-law, Lewis Weinberg. Under their leadership, the Skokie based company became not only a leader in its industry but a widely recognized leader in employee relations, with benefits that included scholarship programs, on-site day care and summer camp for workers' children. They may have sacrificed some profit to run their family-friendly company, but they maintained the highest standards in their products. In 1997, Fel-Pro was named 4th best place to work in Fortune magazine's "100 Best Companies to Work For." The company was not just a leader in the automotive parts industry, admired by peers and competitors, they were a national leader in innovative Human Resources practices; and

WHEREAS, Elliot Lehman will long be remembered for his commitment to excellence in business and particularly in business ethics. He was an early supporter of Business and Professional People for the Public Interest, a not-for-profit research, education and social welfare organization with a mission to create a just society. BPI played a major role in fair housing issues. Fel-Pro pioneered employee inclusion and rights. Elliot Lehman served BPI Chicago as its second president from 1972 to 1977; and

WHEREAS, Elliot Lehman's business acumen and professionalism singled him out for distinction and he was regularly honored. He was named Motor Magazine's Automotive Aftermarket Man of the Year and the Automotive Warehouse Distributors Association's Man of the Year and received the Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association's Triangle Award, its highest honor. In 1993 he was inducted into the Automotive Hall of Fame in Dearborn, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Elliot Lehman was a tireless civic leader, dedicated to the communities in which he lived and worked. He was dedicated to promoting inclusion and justice in the world around him. While he chaired the board of Business and Professional People for the Public Interest it fought the Gautreaux case to desegregate and deconcentrate public housing in Chicago. He served as founding president of Project TEAM, a program that trained socially disadvantaged young people to become automotive mechanics. He also served on the boards of, among others, the Jewish Children's Bureau, Martha's Vineyard Community Services, Voices for Illinois Children, Winning Workplaces, and Working in the Schools; and

WHEREAS, the loss of Elliot Lehman to the community is significant. He will be missed by countless friends and neighbors in Wilmette as well as his long-time summer residence in Chilmark on Martha's Vineyard. His loss will be most acutely by his wife of over seventy-five years Frances, three children, Kenneth Lehman (Lucy Lehman) Kay Lehman Schlozman (Stanley Schlozman), and Paul Lehman (Ronna Stamm), eight grandchildren, Betsy Lehman Levisay (Justin Levisay) Amy Lehman (Michele Rugani), Peter Lehman (Mary Liz Lehman), Daniel Schlozman, Julia Schlozman, Jonathan Lehman (Zachary Huelsing), Michael Lehman and Elizabeth Lehman (Kathleen Moody), and six great-grandchildren, Benjamin, Charles, and Audrey Levisay, Maxwell Lehman and Madeleine and

Molly Lehman; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board on behalf of the nearly the 5.2 million residents of Cook County commemorates the extraordinary life of Elliot Lehman, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions he has made to the Citizens of Cook County, Illinois;

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 Elliot Lehman, that his memory may be so honored.