



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

Consent Agenda

Wednesday, December 18, 2019, 1:00 PM

Consent Calendar Meeting - Honorary Resolutions

[20-0419](#)

Sponsored by: STANLEY MOORE, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING DR. JANETTE L. WILSON ON HER 28 YEARS OF SERVICE AND RETIREMENT FROM COOK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, Dr. Janette L. Wilson is a Chicago born native from the West Side of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Janette L. Wilson studied Finance at The University of Houston and Governors State University. She went on to receive an Honorary Doctorate of Humanities from The Chicago Baptist Institute International; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Janette L. Wilson began her career at the Cook County Department of Budget and Management Services on August 1, 1991 as a Budget Analyst II under Budget Director Kevin J. Cuttone. Her outstanding service in this role led to her being promoted in 1992 to Administrative Analyst II. In this role, she was responsible for preparation and implementation of budget requests for 8 departments within Cook County Government; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Janette L. Wilson also served as bookkeeper and responsible for managing all records associated with preparing, finalizing, and coordinating the closing of 1992 Chicago Tunnel Flood Disaster in excess of \$1.8 million dollars. After 3 years of services with the Cook County Department of Budget and Management Services, Dr. Janette L. Wilson was transferred to the Comptroller's Office in December 1994 under the direction of Comptroller John F. Chambers; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, Dr. Janette L. Wilson under the direction of Deputy Comptroller Joseph Vargo, implemented the Direct Deposit Payroll System for Cook County. During this time, Dr. Janette L. Wilson successfully coordinated Countywide Bank Fairs; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Janette L. Wilson was instrumental in bringing Cook County into direct deposit compliance. She managed all direct deposit authorizations, disputes, and collections training all payroll staff and timekeepers on direct deposit maintenance. She also created a user-friendly FMIS Direct Deposit guide in 2000 while collaborating direct deposit protocol for 4 systems including Mainframe, JD Edwards, E1, and EBS. In 2004, Dr. Janette L. Wilson was promoted to Administrative Analyst III and proudly served in this capacity for the last 15 years interacting with numerous financial institutions, Department Heads, Timekeepers, the Pension Board, and Cook County employees; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Janette L. Wilson has served under 6 Comptrollers and 3 Interim Comptrollers during her 28 years of service to Cook County. She will retire from the Cook County Comptroller's Office on December 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Janette L. Wilson will continue to faithfully work beside her husband, Dr. Willie Wilson serving the needs of residents in Cook County and across the world; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County, does hereby congratulate Dr. Janette L. Wilson for her 28 years of service and commitment as an employee of the Cook County Government; 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 Dr. Janette L. Wilson and her family in recognition of her retirement from Cook County Government.

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Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING LEANDA “RICK” MURRAY, KNOWN AS THE SOLDIER’S VOICE

WHEREAS, LeAnda “Rick” Murray was born February 23, 1933 in Little Rock Arkansas. His family moved to Chicago, Illinois in 1936, when Rick was three years old. He attended elementary public schools in Chicago and Phillips High School.; and

WHEREAS, in 1950, when Rick was seventeen years old, he enlisted in the United States Army, serving during the Korean War as a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne and briefly with the 101st Airborne. Rick was honorably discharged in 1953; and

WHEREAS, Rick was employed with the Steel Mill and the Water Reclamation where he retired after working 25 years. Rick has performed a cappella as a Baritone Bass soloist, and, in his early musical career; he performed under the music schooling of Jazz Trumpeter Zilner Randolph, a well-known music educator; and

WHEREAS, in addition, he also performed with the historic Sun Ra Avant-Garde Arkestra for four years. Rick worked with many notable musicians such as Lucius Bell and the Swinging 7/8 Notes, Larry Novak, jazz pianist, Cozy Eggleston musical artist, William “Bugs” Cochran, drummer, Johnny Griffin, tenor saxophonist, George Freeman, jazz guitarist, Ron Dewer, jazz saxophonist, John Gilmore, jazz saxophonist who also performed with Sun Ra.; and

WHEREAS, Rick currently performs with the “New Orleans Mud Cats Band, where he is known as “Creole Rick,” Rick has performed at numerous state and city public military and veteran events such as Soldier Field, the Daley Center, White Sox Park, and the Annual Memorial Day Parade and Wreath Laying; and

WHEREAS, Over several decades, Rick has served on the following: veteran councils, committees and organizations: Illinois Secretary of State advisory council, City of Chicago Mayor’s Advisory Council, Minority Veterans Steering Committee Coalition of Veteran’s Organizations (CVO) Founding Group, the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Patton Chapter, the 555th Triple Nickel in 1982 and remains a faithful lifetime member; and

WHEREAS, Rick has four adult children: Byron, Scott, Lamont and Candace. Rick’s beloved wife Barbara made her transition in February 2017; they were married for 56 years; and

WHEREAS, Rick continues to sing at the young age of 87; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, honor LeAnda “Rick” Murray forever known as “the Soldier’s Voice” and praise his essential contribution to the health and viability of Cook County.