



**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 10, 2015, 11:00 AM**

**15-3629**

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION HONORING CHICAGO METROPOLITAN AGENCY FOR PLANNING (CMAP)**

**WHEREAS**, the Chicago Metropolitan Planning Agency (CMAP) was created in 2005 and serves as the official regional planning organization for northeastern Illinois including Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, CMAP developed and now guides implementation of the GO TO 2040 comprehensive regional plan that establishes coordinated strategies to help the region's 284 communities address transportation, housing, economic development, open space, the environment, and other quality-of-life issues; and

**WHEREAS**, CMAP's Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program, initiated with funding from a HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant in 2010, provides assistance to communities across the region to undertake planning projects that advance the principles of GO TO 2040; and

**WHEREAS**, to date, the CMAP LTA program has supported the initiation of 160+ projects with local governments, non-profits, and intergovernmental organizations to address local issues at the intersection of transportation, land use, and housing, including the natural environment, economic growth, and community development; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County's Department of Planning and Development submitted a successful application for technical assistance for the development of a new Consolidated Plan and Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy to the CMAP LTA program; and

**WHEREAS**, CMAP provided related technical assistance between October 2013 and January 2015 valued at \$150,000 and assisted the County in combining both Federally-required strategic plans into a single planning process and action-oriented document known as *Planning for Progress* for the first time in its history and with the encouragement of related Federal funders HUD and EDA; and

**WHEREAS**, CMAP involvement in *Planning for Progress* helped ensure that the resulting plan was consistent with GO TO 2040, inclusive of extensive data compilation/analysis, facilitated robust stakeholder/public engagement; effectively incorporated related input, and effectively summarized relevant needs, resources, goals, priorities, and strategies; and

**WHEREAS**, the technical assistance the County received from CMAP related to *Planning for Progress* with full support from and engagement with the Department of Planning and Development within the Bureau of Economic Development, significantly enhanced internal capacity to effectively plan for and conduct outreach related to economic development, affordable housing, and community development; and

**WHEREAS**, CMAP remains a strong partner for Cook County based on additional technical assistance in support of regional initiatives including efforts to streamline truck permitting as well as support for the Chicago Metro Metals Consortium; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the Department of Planning and Development and the Bureau of Economic Development as well as the more than five million residents of Cook County, do hereby honor CMAP, celebrate their legacy of comprehensive, targeted, and innovative planning and technical assistance, and hereby express gratitude for their work in service of Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a suitable individual copy of this Resolution be presented to CMAP as a token of our great esteem and acknowledgement of their service and partnership.

**15-3662**

**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, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**CONGRATULATING ST. BARBARA SCHOOL PRINCIPAL DORENE HURCKES ON HER RETIREMENT**

**WHEREAS** it has come to the attention of the Cook County Board of Commissioners that St. Barbara School Principal Dorene Hurckes has announced that she will retire at the end of the school year, and

**WHEREAS** in celebration of Principal Hurckes' long educational career and devotion to St. Barbara School for forty-four years there will be a mass of thanksgiving on Sunday, May 31, 2015, and

**WHEREAS** Mrs. Hurckes came to St. Barbara School as a kindergarten teacher in 1971, and

**WHEREAS** Mrs. Hurckes became Principal in 1988 and then assumed the additional role of High School Principal from 1996 to 2001, and

**WHEREAS** Mrs. Hurckes received her Bachelor's degree in education from DePaul University and her Master's degree from St. Xavier University, and

**WHEREAS** Mrs. Hurckes has been married to her husband Michael for over forty years and together they have two daughters, Alexandria (Hurckes) Villanueva and Jennifer (Hurckes) Murphy, both of whom are St. Barbara alumni, and

**WHEREAS** Principal Dorene Hurckes has impacted the lives of countless youths through her extensive career as an educator and principal, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby extend its warmest wishes and congratulations to Dorene Hurckes on her retirement, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and an official copy of same be presented to Dorene Hurckes in recognition of her achievement.

**15-3710**

**Sponsored by:** ROBERT STEELE, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**CELEBRATING 90TH BIRTHDAY OF MRS. CHARLENE N. SCOTT ROBINSON**

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Charlene N. Scott Robinson of Chicago, Illinois will celebrate her 90th birthday surrounded by her family and friends; and

**WHEREAS**, Charlene was born June 9, 1925 in Hunnewell, Missouri to Williams Edward and Amanda Beatrice Dant Scott; and

**WHEREAS**, Charlene was married to the late Edward Robinson which three sons were born, Howard O. Robinson, Edward D. Robinson and Raynard E. Robinson who has passed on; and

**WHEREAS**, Charlene was a dedicated employee at the University of Chicago Hospital previously known as Billing's Hospital as a Dietician for forty-five years from 1943 to her retirement in 1988; and

**WHEREAS**, Charlene is truly a God fearing woman whose faith and belief has allowed her to see the good in everyone. Her beauty arises from her heart and soul; and

**WHEREAS**, Charlene, affectionately known as Chuck, has touched the lives of all who have embraced her warm heart and generosity. She has been an excellent mother/ mother in law and role model, a loving grandmother and great grandmother, a sister and sister- in law, who embodies faith and strong character. Charlene has been an inspirational Aunt to a host of Nieces and Nephews and Cousins. She is also the essence of true friendship to her closest friends; and

**WHEREAS**, Charlene's values which was shaped at an early age along with the wisdom she acquired through the years has guided her path; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and Board of Commissioners of Cook County congratulate Mrs. Charlene N. Scott Robinson on the occasion of her 90th birthday and wish her continued health and happiness for years to come.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this text is spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and a suitable copy of same be tendered to Mrs. Charlene N. Scott Robinson to celebrate the auspicious occasion.

**15-3761**

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE WOUNDED AND ILL MEMBERS AND VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES FROM ALL WARS AND PROCLAIMING JUNE 10TH SILVER STAR SERVICE BANNER DAY IN COOK COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Cook has always honored the sacrifice made by the service men and women and Veterans of the United States Armed Forces; and

**WHEREAS**, America's courageous, wounded warriors and their families have made sacrifices that deserve a lifetime of gratitude and should never be forgotten; and

**WHEREAS**, the Silver Star Service Banner and Flag have been officially designated by the United States Congress to represent the members of the Armed Forces and Veterans who were wounded or became ill in combat in all wars past and present; and

**WHEREAS**, the Silver Star Service Banner is presented to those wounded or ill Military service members and Veterans who embody the integrity, honor and loyalty of Military service, have inspired us all with their dedication and commitment and make every American proud; and

**WHEREAS**, the Silver Star Families of America, formed in 2005 to recognize, remember and assist the wounded and ill of our Armed Forces, designed, manufacture and provide Silver Star Service Banners and Silver Star Flags free of charge to those who qualify; the volunteers of this organization worked tirelessly to make it the official banner and flag to honor the war wounded; and

**WHEREAS**, the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners are honored to have the opportunity to acknowledge the meritorious efforts of our valiant men and women in uniform and their families and the heroic contributions they have made to our Nation.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that June 10, 2015 be proclaimed the seventh annual Silver Star Service Banner Day in Cook County, the official day to honor the wounded and ill service members and Veterans of 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 all eligible service men and women and Veterans in recognition of their bravery and of how much more they have given for our great Country and their fellow citizens.

**15-3770**

**Sponsored by:** LUIS ARROYO JR, County Commissioner, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, JOHN P. DALEY, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER and LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**PRIDE MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month is currently celebrated each year in the month of June, and

**WHEREAS**, Pride Month is meant to commemorate the anniversary of the June 1969 “Stonewall Riots” that occurred in the Manhattan borough of New York City. This event is widely considered to be the most important event in the modern LGBT rights movement; and

**WHEREAS**, after the Stonewall Riots, in the 1970’s and 1980’s Pride events were concentrated to one “Pride Week” in June. However, due to the growth of the movement, the week has expanded to a “Pride Month” to accommodate the abundance of activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chicago Pride Parade was first held on June 27, 1970, with approximately 200 people in attendance. It is now one of the largest Pride festivals in the country with thousands of people who attend annually. The 2015 parade is scheduled for Sunday, June 28; and

**WHEREAS**, Pride Month provides us all with the annual opportunity to celebrate, strengthen, empower, and unify with the LGBT community, their families, and allies throughout Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, as a society we have worked to promote the belief that sexual orientation and gender identity are a part of human diversity is something that the LGBT community can take immense pride; and

**WHEREAS, LGBT** men and women, through their academic, artistic, and economic contributions, play and integral part in creating the diverse and vibrant community and culture that is the hallmark of life in Cook County, the State of Illinois, and the United States of America.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and The Cook County Board of Commissioners, proclaim the month of JUNE 2015 to be PRIDE MONTH IN COOK COUNTY and a call to action to end prejudice and discrimination in all of its forms.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented the leaders of the LGBT community of Cook County...end

**15-3771**

**Sponsored by:** LUIS ARROYO JR, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF CHICAGO**

**WHEREAS**, Association House of Chicago was founded in 1899 and established by Ellen Holt, who was inspired by the work of her teacher Jane Addams, out of a profound sense of “neighbor helping neighbor,” and

**WHEREAS**, initially working in partnership with the Young Women’s Christian association, Association House secured its first building on North and Milwaukee, before eventually relocating to its current Humboldt Park location to be centrally located within the community which it serves; and

**WHEREAS**, for more than 115 years, Association House has served as a vital resource to underserved and underrepresented communities through the settlement house model. Association House’s mission is to serve a multi-cultural community by providing comprehensive, collaborative, and effective programs in English and Spanish, promoting health and wellness, and creating opportunities for educational and economic advancement; and

**WHEREAS**, Association House provides a continuum of effective, bilingual programs that address life-changing opportunities for community members, meeting their immediate need as well as their long-term goals, organized into five broad service areas: Community Services, Behavioral Health, Prevention and Educational Development, Child Welfare, and El Cuarto Año High School; and

**WHEREAS**, today Association House, with a budget of over 12 million and led by Ms. Harriett Sadauskas, who joined the organization 40 years ago as a secretary for the senior outreach program, rising up through the ranks, together with her team of more than 200 employees, continues to serve as a beacon of the community impacting the lives of nearly 20,000 children, individuals and families each year in the neighborhoods of Humboldt Park, West Town, Logan Square, Avondale, Hermosa, and beyond.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does, hereby, congratulate and recognize Association House of Chicago for its legacy of over 115 years of serving Chicago's underserved communities and Ms. Harriett Sadauskas for her commitment, leadership and vision.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and an official copy of same be presented to Association House.

**15-3796**

**Sponsored by:** RICHARD R. BOYKIN, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE HONORABLE JUDGE PAUL P. BIEBEL, JR., PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE CRIMINAL DIVISION OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE BENCH**

**WHEREAS**, Paul Biebel, a Chicago native, has been the Presiding Judge of the Criminal Division, Circuit Court of Cook County, since 2001. He oversees the operation of the George N. Leighton Criminal Court Building, the largest and busiest criminal courthouse in America; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Biebel has been on the bench since 1996. He has also served in the Cook County Juvenile Court, Child Protection Division, and as a chancellor in the Chancery Division; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout his career, Judge Biebel has received numerous awards and honors, including the John Howard Association Award for the Development of Innovative Mental Health and Drug Courts, and the Outstanding Judicial Leadership Award from the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless for the creation of the WINGS project in the Circuit Court of Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, one of Judge Biebel's lasting legacies as Presiding Judge of the Criminal Division has been the introduction and expansion of collaborative, "problem-solving" courts designed specifically to serve veterans, those dealing with substance abuse dependency, and mental health challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Biebel's combination of vision, compassion and intelligence has left a legacy on the Cook County Circuit Court for which this President and Board of Commissioners of Cook County are deeply grateful; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the President and the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that Judge Paul P. Biebel, Jr. is to be congratulated on a remarkable judicial career; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the President and the Board of Commissioners of Cook County extend their very best wishes to Judge Paul P. Biebel, Jr. and his wife, Judy, for a joyful and enriching retirement.

**15-3799**

**Sponsored by:** LUIS ARROYO JR, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**INFANT WELFARE SOCIETY**

**WHEREAS**, in 1900, it was recorded that one out of every ten children died before their first birthday. Following the establishment of the Chicago Milk Commission in 1908, concerned by the alarming infant mortality rate, compassionate nurses, physicians and women throughout Chicago came together in 1911 to voluntarily educate mothers about infant care and to examine vulnerable infants via home visits; thus beginning the creation of the Infant Welfare Society of Chicago (IWS); and

**WHEREAS**, by 1912, IWS performed 40,000 home visits on an annual basis which directly impacted the reduction of infant mortality rates. In 1913, the Infant Welfare Society Auxiliary was formed to support the work of the organization and its mission. The Auxiliary began their work making home visits, raising funds, and sewing clothes. This work is carried on by the Auxiliary's 750 member body to this day with pledges of further fundraising to offset the maintenance of their environment-friendly facility; and

**WHEREAS**, IWS was one of the first public health organizations in Chicago to institute mental health services in the 1920s and in 1950, was nationally recognized for implementing a preschool program for emotionally disturbed children; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout the years, IWS has expanded its services to include: dental care, gynecological, prenatal, speech pathology, general health, STD education and screening and mental health to name a few, a testament to their commitment to family and community health; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 21, 2015, IWS celebrated its 10th Anniversary of its current location: the Angel Harvey Infant Welfare Society of Chicago Community Health Center. Located at 3600 W. Fullerton, IWS continues to provide free services to over 12,000 mothers, infants and families, annually, driven by the same mission and commitment for which they were founded over a hundred years ago; and

**WHEREAS**, following in the footsteps of the visionaries before her, Executive Director Robin McGinnis, pushes forward with the leadership, foresight and creative programming that has made IWS an invaluable resource for the community for years to come; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate and recognize the Infant Welfare Society of Chicago for its legacy of over 100 years of serving Chicago's under-resourced communities and Ms. Robin McGinnis and staff for their continuous vision of an organization that serves all walks of life.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and an official copy of the same be presented to Infant Welfare Society of Chicago and Executive Director Robin McGinnis.

**15-3820**

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF JOSEPH STRZELCZYK**

**WHEREAS,** Joseph Strzelczyk, a man whose inspirational life spanned decades of selfless service as a soldier, business-owner, coach, and public servant, who on May 17, 2015 left behind a community profoundly enriched for having known him; and

**WHEREAS** Joseph Strzelczyk honorably served in the United States Army and Reserves including a tour in Vietnam from 1962 to 1963; and

**WHEREAS,** Joseph Strzelczyk then began his career in public service as Special Recreation Instructor at the Chicago Park District; and

**WHEREAS,** in 1976, Joseph Strzelczyk began his own trading business where he owned a trading seat at the Chicago Board of Options Exchange; and

**WHEREAS,** Joseph Strzelczyk authored a column for both the Daily Southtown and Chicago Softball Magazine as well as hosted the popular “Let’s Talk Softball” television show for the Jones, Multimedia and Metrovision cable systems and served as a sports commentator for 1570 AM sports radio’s “Miller Sports Report for several years; and

**WHEREAS,** Joseph Strzelczyk began his career as an elected official in 1990 as a Village Trustee in Summit, and then serving as Summit’s mayor from 1997 until his death; and

**WHEREAS,** Joseph Strzelczyk was the third member of his family to serve as Mayor, following his brother, Chester Strzelczyk (1977-1985) and uncle William Szarabajka (1943-1947); and

**WHEREAS,** Joseph Strzelczyk was fondly called “Mayor Joe” by Summit residents who remember him for his kindness and commitment to racial and ethnic diversity in public service by recruiting from the Village of Summit’s diverse population of Latino, African-American and white ethnic groups; and

**WHEREAS,** Joseph Strzelczyk’s love for the Village of Summit and its residents was unquestionable; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County commemorates the extraordinary life of Joseph Strzelcyk, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for his years of service to the residents of the Village of Summit and 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 Joseph Strzelczyk.

**15-3821**

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM**

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners are proud to recognize excellence in high school sports; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes the importance of team sports in developing the qualities of collaboration, respect, hard work and dedication in young adults; and

**WHEREAS**, the St. Joseph High School Boys Basketball team displayed those qualities and worked together with legendary Coach Gene Pingatore, to achieve a season record of 29 wins and 6 losses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chargers finished their season with a strong victory over Althoff Catholic to become the 2015 IHSA Class 3A Basketball State Champions; and

**WHEREAS**, this marks the second state championship in St. Joseph's Boys Basketball history, the first achieved in 1999 and also under the leadership of Coach Pingatore; and

**WHEREAS**, this championship caps Coach Pingatore's 45th Season as head coach; and

**WHEREAS**, Coach Pingatore shares the victory with Assistant Coaches Marlon London, Bill Riley, Tom McMahon, Chuck Murphy and Nick Rocco; and

**WHEREAS**, Teammates Lance Anderson, Jordan Ash, Jalen Boyd, Jordan Boyd, Joffari Brown, Joffery Brown, Leon Davis, Dexter McKnight, Nick Rakocevic, Max Ramos, Jarviss Sutton, Lavon Thomas, Glynn Watson and Jesse Wilson as well as managers DuWarren Gibson, Jason Mendonca and Alex

Villalobos are to be congratulated on leading the St. Joseph Chargers Boys Basketball team to a great season and impressive championship we are all proud of.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners join the St. Joseph High School family, friends and community in congratulating the coaching staff and team members of the St. Joseph's Chargers Boys Basketball team on their great achievements and their sense of teamwork, respect, hard work and dedication .

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be spread across the official text of the proceedings of this honorable body and that suitable copies hereof be presented to the administration, coaching staff and team members.

**15-3836**

**Sponsored by:** STANLEY MOORE, ROBERT STEELE and DEBORAH SIMS, County Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING CHANISE JENKINS FOR BEING SELECTED TO THE WOMEN'S USA BASKETBALL TEAM**

**WHEREAS**, On Sunday, May 17, 2015, DePaul University's Chanise Jenkins was named to the USA Basketball World University Games Team roster; and

**WHEREAS**, Chanise Jenkins, a native of Cook County, is one of twelve collegiate women's basketball players chosen to compete and represent the United States of America in the 2015 World University Games, which will take place in Gwangju City, South Korea, July 5th through 13th; and

**WHEREAS**, Chanise Jenkins is the second player in the history of DePaul University Women's basketball to make the USA World University Games roster; and

**WHEREAS**, Chanise Jenkins, who is a graduate of Whitney Young High School and raised on Chicago's Southside in the neighborhood of Roseland, has demonstrated exceptional determination and a unyielding perseverance to achieve extraordinary success as a student athlete; and

**WHEREAS**, The accomplishments of Chanise Jenkins in the classroom and on the basketball court make her an outstanding role model as she exemplifies a level of achievement that is inspirational to all young people, especially young women throughout Cook County and the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, Chanise Jenkins is a living testament that African American youth can and will excel in life, regardless of their life circumstances, if they are provided opportunity, resources, and strong parental guidance; and

**WHEREAS**, Throughout her life, Chanise Jenkins has received tremendous support and direction from her

parents, Richard and Carla Jenkins, grandfather, Robert Jenkins, aunts, Betty Jenkins and Minnie Wheeler, sisters, Chavone, Debra, and Ryan, and cousin, Alexis Jenkins, who also had a successful basketball career at Illinois State University and is currently coaching women's basketball at the University of Alabama at Birmingham; and

**WHEREAS**, Chanise Jenkins' most significant crowning achievement will not be on the basketball court representing the Lady Blue Demons of DePaul University or Team USA; it will be representing her family as she graduates from college on Sunday, June 14, 2015, with a degree in communications.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Cook County Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, will gather together on the 10th day of June, 2015 A.D., to honor and congratulate Chanise Jenkins on her being named to the USA Basketball World University Games Team; and to present her with well wishes as she represents Cook County at the 2015 World University Games in Gwangju City, South Korea.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a suitable copy of this resolution will be prepared and presented to Chanise Jenkins and her family.

**15-3839**

**Sponsored by:** RICHARD R. BOYKIN, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING ROOSEVELT UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT CHARLES R. MIDDLETON ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT**

**WHEREAS**, after more than a decade of service, Roosevelt University President Charles R. Middleton has announced that he will retire on June 30, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, as the fifth President of Roosevelt University, President Charles R. Middleton has transformed Roosevelt University in important ways since his arrival in 2002; and

**WHEREAS**, Charles R. Middleton's strategic and mission-driven leadership has transformed Roosevelt University; and

**WHEREAS**, during his tenure at Roosevelt Charles R. Middleton has elevated the image of the University, led the expansion of the faculty, strengthened its curriculum and improved its facilities; and,

**WHEREAS**, Charles R. Middleton's commitment as President of Roosevelt University to the success of the University's students, faculty and staff has always been unwavering and a true embodiment of Roosevelt University's guiding theme of social justice; and

**WHEREAS**, among noteworthy accomplishments, Charles R. Middleton changed Roosevelt University's climate from one that serves primarily part-time adult students to an institution for more

traditional-age full-time students; he created a sixth college, the College of Pharmacy; he hired a record number of new full-time faculty members; he instituted a flat-rate tuition program; he resumed intercollegiate athletics for men and developed an intercollegiate athletics program for women; and he improved University facilities with construction of Roosevelt's 32-story Wabash Building and the Goodman Center; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout his tenure as President Charles R. Middleton has worked collaboratively with the Board of Trustees and the University community; and

**WHEREAS**, Roosevelt University and the community it serves, which includes Cook County, have been fortunate that Charles R. Middleton has been Roosevelt University's chief executive during a time of great change in higher education and at Roosevelt University; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the President and the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that Charles R. Middleton is to be congratulated on a remarkable educational career; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the President and the Board of Commissioners of Cook County extend their very best wishes to Charles R. Middleton on the occasion of his retirement, with appreciation for his contributions to Roosevelt University and Cook County.