



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

Thursday, June 16, 2022, 10:00 AM

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Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS and LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORABLE DONALD L. KOZICKI, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Donald L. Kozicki from our midst, and

WHEREAS Donald Kozicki was the loving companion of Christine Cabrera, and

WHEREAS Donald Kozicki was loved by his stepdaughter Kristina and two granddaughters, Brianna and Alyssa, and

WHEREAS Donald Kozicki was the loving son of the late Leonard and Charlotte (nee Kamradt), and

WHEREAS Donald Kozicki was the dear brother of Richard and beloved twin brother of Diane Callahan, and

WHEREAS Donald Kozicki was a loving uncle of Nicholas (Christal) and friend to many, and

WHEREAS Donald Kozicki courageously served in the United States Army completing two tours of duty in Vietnam, and

WHEREAS Donald Kozicki was the Commander of the Bridgeport V.F.W. Post 5079, member of the American Legion William McKinley Post 231, Bridgeport Rangers SAC, Poorman Club SAC and the 11th Ward Democratic Party; and

WHEREAS Donald Kozicki was a dedicated employee of the City of Chicago's Department of Streets and Sanitation for 26 years, and

WHEREAS all who knew him will attest that Donald Kozicki 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 Donald Kozicki 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 Donald Kozicki that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

[22-3913](#)

Sponsored by: STANLEY MOORE, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS and LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

AN HONORABLE RECOGNITION OF ABRAHAM BOLDEN

WHEREAS, Abraham Bolden was born on January 19, 1935, in East St Louis, Illinois, to the parents of Daniel and Ophelia Bolden; and

WHEREAS, Abraham Bolden has five siblings--Daniel Bolden Jr., Benjamin Bolden, Sophia Bolden, Ezra Bolden, whom have all preceded him in death, and Faye Buck his only living sibling; and

WHEREAS, Abraham Bolden, in 1952, attended Lincoln High School, in East St. Louis, Illinois; and went on to attend college on a full scholarship at Lincoln University, in Jefferson, Missouri, where he graduated "cum Laude" and received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1956; and

WHEREAS, Abraham Bolden, in 1956, married the love of his life, Barbara Hardy, whom he grew up with, and was married to for 49 years upon her passing in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Abraham Bolden and Barbara Bolden had three children--Ahvia Maria (deceased 2021), Abraham Jr. (deceased 2021), and Dr. Daa'im Shabazz--and two grandchildren--Ismail and Cyndi Bolden; and

WHEREAS, Abraham Bolden had a passion for law enforcement; and after graduating college, he became the first "Negro" investigator to be hired by Pinkerton National Detective Agency in 1956; and in 1957, he served as an Illinois State Police Trooper, in Peoria, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Abraham Bolden in 1959, applied for the United States Secret Service position; received noticed September 1960 he was hired; and on October 30, 1960, was sworn in as the first "Negro" to work for the United States Secret Service; and

WHEREAS, Abraham Bolden in 1962 ranked second in the nation in solving counterfeit and check-forging cases; and

WHEREAS, Abraham Bolden, because of his exceptional work, received a special invite from President

John F. Kennedy to come to the McCormick Place, on April 28, 1961, at 8:30 p.m., where he was asked to join the White House Secret Service detail in Washington, D.C. He accepted and was the first “Negro” ever to be handpicked by a president to serve in this capacity. John F. Kennedy referred to him as the “Jackie Robinson” of the Secret Service; and

WHEREAS, Abraham Bolden on June 6, 1961, was assigned to the presidential detail for 30 days. After the 30 days, he elected to not to remain on the assignment. He was then reassigned back to Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Abraham Bolden’s bravery and loyalty came at a price for exposing racism and unprofessionalism within the U. S. Secret Service and he was indicted on May 22, 1964 for discussing a bride with two known counterfeiters; on July 5, 1964, criminal actions began charging him with bribery; and

WHEREAS, Abraham Bolden had two trials leading up to dismissal and imprisonment. On July 7, 1964, the trial begins, and on July 11, the jury was deadlock, and a mistrial was declared. From August 3-12, 1964, he was retried and found guilty. On September 4, 1964, he received a letter dismissing him as a secret-service agent. On June 26, 1966, he was imprisoned for three years and three months bought about on false charges; and released from prison on September 25, 1969, with having to serve two in a half years on probation; and

WHEREAS, Abraham Bolden upon being released from prison, he returned to his job as a quality control supervisor for Ingersoll Products Division in Chicago who held his job while he served time. Abraham Bolden worked for Ingersoll for 35 years retiring on September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, Abraham Bolden in 2008 became a published author writing his memoir, “The Echo from Dealey Plaza;” and

WHEREAS, Abraham Bolden received numerous commendations in 2008. Alpha Phi Alpha Award for Courage; 2008 Scottish Hugo’s Companion Tankard Award for Courage, the African American Arts Alliance Award for Excellence. Abraham Bolden was the winner of the 2015 Oakland Pen Award for Non-Fiction Writings of Courage and was cited as one of America’s outstanding Black men by the National Urban League; and

WHEREAS, Abraham Bolden would not give up on himself and needed to right the wrong to clear his name. In doing so, he sought pardons from three presidents-Richard Nixon, Bill Clinton, and Barack Obama; and

WHEREAS, Abraham Bolden was finally granted a Presidential pardon by President Joe Biden on April 26, 2022 at the age of 87; and

WHEREAS, Abraham Bolden has proven he is a man worthy of trust and confidence; 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, congratulates Abraham Bolden on the well-deserved honor that he is receiving; 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 Abraham Bolden..

[22-3929](#)

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIVES OF COOK COUNTY 13TH DISTRICT RESIDENTS WHO DIED FROM COVID-19 BETWEEN MARCH 2, 2022 AND JUNE 2, 2022, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a deadly infectious disease that has swept across our County, state, nation, and world; and

WHEREAS, anyone can contract COVID-19, regardless of race, color, sex, age, religion, disability, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, or gender identity; and

WHEREAS, as of June 2, 2022, COVID-19 had killed more than 6.32 million worldwide, 1.01 million in the United States, 38,188 in Illinois and 14,991 in Cook County; and

WHEREAS, between March 2, 2022 and June 2, 2022, COVID-19 killed an additional 6 people, bringing the total to 1,313 residents who lived in the 13th District of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, each of the departed leave family, friends, and communities in mourning; 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, commemorates the lives of the **COOK COUNTY 13TH DISTRICT RESIDENTS WHO DIED FROM COVID-19 BETWEEN MARCH 2, 2022 and JUNE 2, 2022** and herewith expresses its sincere condolences to their friends, families, and communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body.

[22-3930](#)

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI and DEBORAH SIMS, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION**HONORING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE HONORABLE JOHN EDWARD PORTER**

WHEREAS, John Edward Porter, a Republican Congressman from Illinois' 10th congressional district, died on June 3, 2022 following a brief hospitalization. He was born June 1, 1935 in Evanston, Illinois and graduated from Evanston Township High School in 1953. He attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology for two years before graduating with a B.A. from Northwestern University in 1957. He subsequently earned his law degree from the University of Michigan Law School. Porter was an honor law graduate attorney with the U.S. Justice Department in the Kennedy Administration before entering private practice in Evanston in 1963. A military veteran, he served in the Army Reserves from 1958 to 1964; and

WHEREAS, Porter came from a family steeped in public service. His father, the Hon. Harry H. Porter served for many years as Chief Judge of the Evanston Municipal Court. Porter was elected to the Illinois House of Representatives from 1973 until 1979. While in Springfield, he was successful in passing legislation creating government inducements to carpooling; denying pension rights to public officials convicted of a felony; prohibiting flammable tents and outdoor-use fabrics; and requiring disclosure of secret beneficiaries of land trusts involved in business with state government; and

WHEREAS, Porter was elected to Congress in 1980 where he served until 2001. During his tenure, Porter became one of the powerful "cardinals" in Congress who served on the United States House Committee on Appropriations and chaired a key appropriations subcommittee on Labor, Health & Human Services and Education, and Related Agencies. Under his subcommittee's jurisdiction were all the health programs and agencies except U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), including National Institutes of Health (NIH) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and all of the education programs and agencies of the federal government. Per Porter, "We are dealing with some of the most important programs and initiatives by government that affect the most at-risk people in our society. I'm talking about student financial assistance, the federal government's role in primary and secondary education, job training programs, aid to the disabled, adult and vocational education, public broadcasting - lots of things that I think are very, very important to people in this country." It was through Porter that funding for the National Institutes of Health doubled within five years, helping to lay the groundwork for the mapping of the human genome project as well as in increased research for cancer, HIV, Alzheimer's disease and diabetes. "John Porter's legacy is one of longer, healthier lives, not just for our nation but the world," said former U.S. Sen. Mark Kirk, and former Porter chief of staff; and

WHEREAS, Porter was a staunch fiscal conservative who railed against the deficit spending encouraged by President Ronald Reagan's administration. But he also held moderate social views as an early supporter of green environmental initiatives and his backing of abortion and other women's rights. Porter supported the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, the Wilderness Protection Act, the National Park Protection Act and the Land and Water Conservation Fund. He was instrumental in securing federal funds to build three reservoirs along the North Branch of the Chicago River to ease flood problems there. He voted for the Endangered Species Act and against the inhumane use of animals in product testing and the use of leghold traps. He sought to tie U.S. foreign lending to developing nations to their efforts to protect tropical rainforests and wetlands; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, as a congressional overseer of the Helsinki Accords, Porter went to Moscow with a list of 694 dissidents who'd been barred from leaving the Soviet Union. Within a week, all but one had been released; and

WHEREAS, following the trip to the Soviet Union, Porter founded and served as Co-Chairman of the Congressional Human Rights Caucus, a voluntary association of more than 250 Members of Congress working to identify, monitor, and end human rights violations worldwide. He co-authored legislation creating Radio Free Asia and served as Chair of the Global Legislators Organized for a Balanced Environment (GLOBE USA); and

WHEREAS, after serving in Congress, Porter became a partner and served as Senior Advisor to the international law firm Hogan Lovells. He served as Chair Emeritus of Research!America and was Vice-Chair of the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health. He was member of the National Academy of Medicine and for 32 years, was a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. Porter was also a member of the Inter-American Dialogue. He was Chairman of the Public Broadcasting Service, a trustee of the Brookings Institution and served on the boards of the RAND Corporation, the American Heart Association, the PBS Foundation, and the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Among over 275 awards for his service in Congress is the Mary Wood Lasker Award for Public Service in 2000 "for wise and perceptive leadership on behalf of medical research funding and a deep commitment to strengthening the science enterprise;" and

WHEREAS, the 84,500 square foot John Edward Porter Neuroscience Research Center on the campus of the National Institutes of Health is named in his honor. It was dedicated on March 31, 2014. Porter is the 2014 recipient of the National Academy of Sciences Public Welfare Medal, the Academy's highest honor. He received the Albert Sabin Hero of Science Award from Americans for Medical Progress for his consistent advocacy for medical research; and

WHEREAS, locally, following the closure of the U.S. Army's Fort Sheridan on the North Shore, Porter worked with local communities and persuaded the federal government to transfer 290 acres of open space to the Lake County Forest Preserve District. He also led the Superfund cleanup of PCB-plagued Waukegan Harbor and secured federal funds to build three reservoirs along the North Branch of the Chicago River to ease flood problems; and

WHEREAS, Porter is pre-deceased by his parents, Judge Harry H. and Beatrice (Bea) Vahle Porter, and his sister Ann Carrington. He is survived by his wife Amy McGuire Porter; children and stepchildren John, David, Annie, Robyn, Donna, McKay and Michelle; and fourteen grandchildren.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County, honors the life and work of the Hon. John Edward Porter and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions he 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 same be tendered to the family of the Hon. John Edward Porter.