



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

Consent Calendar Agenda

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, July 23, 2014, 11:00 AM

14-3936

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE OF TYRONE LAWYER KINDLE

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, has called Tyrone Lawyer Kindle from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kindle was an individual who exhibited leadership throughout his life and who never stopped advocating for children; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kindle was born on April 12, 1961; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kindle was baptized and joined Christ Temple at the age of five; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kindle moved with family to Markham, Illinois 1964, graduating from Thornwood High School in 1979; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kindle enjoyed playing basketball and football in high school, exhibiting leadership which he would later use in the military and in his teaching career; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kindle earned a degree in Administrative Licensure from University of Minnesota - Twin Cities and a Master's degree in Special Education and Teaching in 2005; and

WHEREAS, at the time of his death, Mr. Kindle had served as an assistant principal at Anoka Hennepin School for 8 years; prior to this, Mr. Kindle was Dean of Students at Plymouth Christian Youth Center for five years; Mr. Kindle loved children as evidenced by his dedication to them and their well-being; and

WHEREAS, prior to his work in education, Mr. Kindle was Assistant Director at The City, Inc., and served at WCCO-TV and WFTV Channel 29; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kindle will be remembered by the many individuals whose hearts he touched and loved; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kindle is predeceased by his brother, Curtis Kindle; he is survived by his wife, Kathryn, children, Zarkari, Takina and Nehemiah; parents, Nathe and Herberdenia; siblings, Rita McCune, Evelyn Pharms, Michael Kindle, Herberdenia Phillips, Aldophus Kindle; father-in-law, Richard Plaman, mother-in-law, Joyce Plaman, brothers-in-law, Brad (Jennifer) and Jeff (Tammy) Plaman; faithful dog, Bella, nieces and nephews, Dione Glenn, Sterling Jason McCoy, Kiana Phillips, Camille (Phillips) Slaughter, Kamilah Kindle-Jones, Kimberly Phillips, Chantia Kindle, Yoruba Pharms, Samantha McCune, Bailey Plaman, Michael Kindle, Jr., Atukwe Kindle, Alyson Plaman, Malcolm Kindle, Isabela Plaman, Oliver Plaman and Henry Plaman, and a host of extended family and friends.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, does offer its most sincere condolences during this time of loss and mourning to the family and friends of Tyrone Kindle, and may a copy of this Resolution be tendered to the family of Tyrone Kindle so that he may be honored and ever cherished.

14-4023

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

THE HONORABLE JOHN MCNAMARA, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called John J. McNamara from our midst; and

WHEREAS, John J. McNamara was the beloved husband of 51 years to Brigid McNamara (nee Gillespie); and

WHEREAS, John J. McNamara was the devoted father of Sheila (Roy) Swillum, John (Ann), James, Siobhan (Jeffrey) Gayduk, Brian, Shaylin and the late Joseph McNamara; and

WHEREAS, John J. McNamara was the proud grandfather of Ian (Erin), Bryce, Leisha, Cailie, Devin, Aislinn, Namara, Sophie, Hannah, Maeve, Aine, Colm, Liam, Eamon, Ciara; and

WHEREAS, John J. McNamara was the dear brother of Eileen Corcoran, Michael, Margaret Hussey, Geraldine and Patricia Kirrane; and

WHEREAS, John J. McNamara was a dedicated public servant, and was elected many times by the voters to represent their interests in various official capacities, including member of the Illinois General Assembly, Trustee of Worth Township Trustee, and President Oak Lawn Park District Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, John J. McNamara worked for many years at Field Office Director for the Cook County Recorder of Deeds; and

WHEREAS, all who knew him will attest that John J. McNamara 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 John J. McNamara, 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 John J. McNamara, that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

14-4065

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners and JESÚS G. GARCÍA, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORARY RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING CDAC MEMBERS' SERVICE

WHEREAS, the Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC) was established in 1975 by the Cook County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the CDAC has historically provided advisement and conducted public hearings regarding the County's allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding, as provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), via eligible programs and projects; and

WHEREAS, these funds are administered by the Department of Planning and Development within the Bureau of Economic Development; and

WHEREAS, the CDAC is being proposed for formal dissolution by the Cook County Board, which will result in the termination of service of the current members of the CDAC.

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 the extraordinary and exemplary service of the prior and current members of the CDAC, and their designees, including but not limited to those individuals outlined below:

- Mr. Bob Dean, Deputy Executive Director, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)
- Ms. Bola Delano, Deputy Executive Director, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)
- Mr. Francisco Montalvo, Jr., Labor Education Specialist, University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC)
- Ms. Jennifer Hill, Executive Director, Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County
- Mr. Jonathan Lavin, Chief Executive Officer, Age Options
- Mr. Michael Wasserberg, Former Board Member, Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County
- Honorable Eugene Siegel, Former Mayor, Village of Chicago Ridge
- Honorable Frank Pasquale, Mayor, Village of Bellwood
- Honorable Frank Zuccarelli, Supervisor, Thornton Township

- Honorable Louis Sherman, Former Mayor, Village of Steger
- Honorable Marilyn May, Mayor, Village of River Grove
- Honorable Terry Wells, Mayor, Village of Phoenix

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable individual copies of this Resolution be presented to the aforementioned members as a token of our great esteem and acknowledgement of their service and partnership.

14-4266

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING OFFICERS MICHAEL A. MCEVOY, KEVIN SULLIVAN, AND MICHAEL TURANO AND INTERIM FIRE CHIEF KENNETH KOEPPEN FOR THEIR BRAVERY AND SERVICE ON DECEMBER 12, 2013

WHEREAS, on the evening of December 12, 2013, Officer Michael A. McEvoy responded to a 9-1-1 call reporting a man with a gun at a townhome in the 1900 block of Windham Court in Arlington Heights; and

WHEREAS, Officer McEvoy, as the first officer on the scene, approached a service entrance through an open garage door and, immediately upon entering the entrance, came under gunfire; and

WHEREAS, Officer McEvoy sustained a gunshot wound through the neck; and

WHEREAS, upon arriving at the scene moments later, Officer Kevin Sullivan immediately - and without regard for his own safety - entered the garage, grabbed Officer McEvoy by the leg and attempted to pull him to safety; and

WHEREAS, Officers Michael Turano and Douglas Glanz, upon arriving at the scene and also without regard for his own safety, quickly entered the garage and assisted Officer Sullivan in pulling Officer McEvoy out of the residence to safety behind a patrol vehicle at the end of the driveway; and

WHEREAS, Fire Chief Kenneth Koeppen, visiting a relative a few blocks away, heard the commotion, and rushed from his family gathering to offer assistance; and

WHEREAS, Chief Koeppen, as the first medical officer on the scene, began administering first aid to Officer McEvoy with the assistance of Officers Turano and Glanz, applying direct pressure to the wound and significantly slowing the bleeding; and

WHEREAS, Officer Sullivan maintained cover of Officers Glanz, Turano and Chief Koeppen as they worked to stem Officer McEvoy’s bleeding until paramedics arrived; and

WHEREAS, police officers and SWAT team members, knowing that the assailant had a hostage, attempted to negotiate with him until circumstances required them to take action while, at the same time, the hostage was rescued unharmed; and

WHEREAS, the quick and heroic response by Officer Michael A. McEvoy, Officer Kevin Sullivan, Officer Michael Turano, Officer Douglas Glanz, and Interim Fire Chief Ken Koeppen, as well as all of the first responders involved in this incident, demonstrates the dedication of police and firefighters in Cook County and exemplifies the finest tradition of the Arlington Heights Police and Fire Departments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize and honor all the responders involved in this incident for their display of bravery in the face of grave personal peril; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners expresses immeasurable gratitude to all first responders involved in this incident for their remarkable courage and honor which has contributed to enhancing the safety and security of our local jurisdictions, Cook County and our region.

14-4326

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN MEMORY OF AGNES ELIZABETH ‘BETTY’ [SCHEVERS] HAMER

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, has taken from our midst Agnes Elizabeth ‘Betty’ [Schevers] Hamer, born into life on September 16, 1916 and born into eternal life on June 21, 2014, aged 97 years and nine months; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hamer was born at Chicago’s Mercy Hospital in 1916 and lived in the Chicago area for seventy years, residing in St. Martin, St. Dorothy, St. Kilian, Christ the King and St. Germaine parishes; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hamer was the oldest of four children of James and Agnes Schevers; her father was Past Grand Knight of the Englewood Council of the Knights of Columbus [1923-1924]; Mrs. Hamer was predeceased by her brothers “Bud” [Father Joel Schevers, O.Carm], Richard “Bus” Schevers and her sister Dorothy Cooper; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hamer graduated from St. Kilian Grammar School [1930] and ‘Longwood’ Academy of Our Lady [1934] and worked at Commonwealth Edison [1934-1939]; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hamer married Arthur J. Hamer, a Certified Public Accountant, on her 23rd birthday [September 16, 1939], and Arthur predeceased her in 1973; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hamer raised six children, Barbara Pinn (Frank), Arthur “Artie” Hamer, Carolyn Doody (Lawrence), Donald Hamer (Geri), Elizabeth O’Connor (John) and Frank Hamer in St. Kilian [Gresham/Brainerd area] and Christ the King [Beverly area] parishes; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hamer was the grandmother of Larry Doody (Connie), Elizabeth “Liz” Doody Gorman (Gerry), Danny Doody, Debbie Furlong (Dennis), Frank Pinn (Liz), Kevin O’Connor (Dawn), Sean O’Connor (Alison); and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hamer was the proud great grandmother of sixteen: Conor, Liam and Shane Gorman; Riley Doody; Brendan, Matthew and Dennis Furlong; Mary, Frank and John Pinn; and Lilian, Gavin Arthur, Nicholas, Daniel, Cara Elizabeth and Declan O’Connor; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hamer was also the cherished sister-in-law of Bernice Mulcahy and much loved aunt [“Saint Betty”] to many nieces and nephews from the Cooper, Donaghue, Marshall, Mulcahy and Schevers families; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hamer was active in her community serving as the President of the Theta Rho Sigma sorority for three terms, President of the Christ the King Women’s Altar Guild for two years, Treasurer, Financial Secretary and later President of the Mt. Carmel Mother’s Club, Board Member of the ‘Longwood’ Academy of Our Lady Mother’s Club for six years and served for twenty-one years as the secretary for the Christ the King Parish; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hamer led a life full of joy and contentment and served her community in the Chicagoland area in innumerable ways, Mrs. Hamer retired to St. Petersburg, Florida in 1986; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hamer continued to thrive and stay active serving on the Steering Committee and being an active Social Committee member at Point Brittany participating in water aerobics and attending luncheons with her numerous friends and organizations, while still managing to open her home and cook for all her family and friends that often visited this exceptional and much admired and loved woman; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hamer was a cherished friend to many from Christ the King and her sorority sisters and at Point Brittany where she resided since her retirement and became an active member of Blessed Trinity Catholic Church in St. Petersburg.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, do hereby express our deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family as well as to the many friends and loved ones of Agnes Elizabeth ‘Betty’ [Schevers] Hamer, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the text of this resolution be spread across the Journal of these Proceedings and that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to the family of Agnes Elizabeth ‘Betty’ [Schevers] Hamer so that her rich legacy may be so honored and ever cherished.

14-4365

Sponsored by: EDWIN REYES, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING ECUADOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

WHEREAS, on August 10, 1809, Ecuador was the first country in Latin America to claim Independence; and

WHEREAS, the Colonia de Cotopaxi and the Ecuadorian Community of Chicago will be celebrating the 205th anniversary of the First Cry of Independence in Latin America; and

WHEREAS, those who fought for an end to foreign domination in Ecuador merit special honor, for their long and difficult struggle, which began with the establishment of self-government in Quito on August 10, 1809 and resulted in victory in May 24, 1822; and

WHEREAS, the Ecuadorian community in Chicago makes a rich and significant contribution to the strength of this County and the City of Chicago by devoting their talents, traditions and viewpoints to the collective good; and

WHEREAS, as a fourth generation immigrant who proudly calls Cook County and the City of Chicago home, I appreciate all of the ethnic communities that make Cook County the diverse place that it is, and certainly the Ecuadorian community is valued for their contributions to this County; and

WHEREAS, we wish the Ecuadorian community continuing success as it enhances the cultural richness that makes Illinois the gem of the Midwest; and

WHEREAS, we commend the Colonia de Cotopaxi and Jorge Burbano, Executive Director, for highlighting the importance of the First Cry of Independence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners on behalf of the citizens of Cook County, do hereby proclaim Sunday, August 10, 2014 to be “Ecuador Independence Day” in Cook County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to the Colonia de Cotopaxi to commemorate this auspicious occasion.

14-4375

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE, MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND MEMORY OF JAMES L. WHIGHAM

WHEREAS, James L. Whigham , a man whose life was devoted to public service, family, and faith, died on July 5, leaving friends, family and a community profoundly enriched for having known him; and

WHEREAS, James Whigham grew up in the East Garfield Park neighborhood on Chicago's west side where he attended St. Mathew's Catholic School and Quigley North Seminary; and

WHEREAS, after graduation from Quigley, James Whigham's strong ties and dedication to his community lead him to enter the Chicago Police Department Cadet Academy where his positive attitude and hard work earned him the respect of his fellow cadets and brought him recognition by his superiors; and

WHEREAS, James Whigham's dedication to service was not limited to his immediate community. He proudly served his country during the Vietnam War and left the service of his country to return to the Chicago Police Department; and

WHEREAS, James Whigham served with distinction and was singled out for recognition at the Chicago Police Department. He achieved the highest civil service rank possible, Captain. Whigham was selected by several police superintendents to serve in the exempt executive ranks and was elevated to Police Commander of two police districts and later served as Deputy Superintendent. His exemplary work was further recognized when he was chosen to run the police training academy where he helped shape the next generation of Chicago law enforcement. In further recognition of his expertise he was selected to create the new 911 Emergency Phone Response Center; and

WHEREAS, Senator Richard Durbin noted James Whigham's leadership and recommended him to President Bill Clinton who appointed him U.S. Marshal for the Northern District of Illinois. James Whigham became the first African American to ever serve in that role. His extraordinary leadership skills were utilized by the U.S. Marshals service in its response to the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center; and

WHEREAS James Whigham's prodigious management, leadership and organizational talents were recognized and put to use by Cook County Board President John Stroger who appointed him to be the Inspector General of Cook County and then later as his Chief of Staff. After leaving the County he served the village of Hazel Crest as their Village Manager; and

WHEREAS, James Whigham was a firm believer and supporter of higher education. He received his undergraduate degree and one of his graduate degrees from Chicago State University, was a graduate of Northwestern University's Public Safety Institute and received a degree from the Strategic Management Program at the Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government; and

WHEREAS, just as he had taken his skills to teach the next generation of law enforcement officers at the police training academy, James Whigham took his talents to Governor's State University, where, as a university lecturer in their Masters of Public Administration program he helped shape the next generation of community leaders and civil servants; and

WHEREAS, James Whigham will be sorely missed by his family members. He was the proud father of three children: James, Summer and Jonathan was the treasured brother of Joe, Patricia, Odeal, Janel, Janetta and Raquel.

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 extraordinary life of James L. Whigham, 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 the family of James L. Whigham..

14-4379

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION DECLARING JULY 17TH, 2014 AS BROADBAND ADOPTION DAY IN COOK COUNTY.

WHEREAS, In today's digital world with the increasing utility and reliance upon internet based applications and information, ready access to an affordable, reliable broadband internet connection in the home connects families to numerous economic, educational, health and social benefits; and

WHEREAS, In a November, 2012 report titled *Broadband Adoption in Illinois: Who is online, who is not, and how to expand home high-speed adoption* conducted by the Partnership for a Connected Illinois 32% of residents did not have a broadband internet connection at home, an issue that disproportionately affected minorities with 44% of black and Hispanic households not having a broadband connection at home; and

WHEREAS, When asked to elaborate on why they have not adopted broadband in the home 65% of non-adopters indicated cost was a factor but the next two factors at 58% and 44% respectively, were lack of relevance and overall digital literacy; and

WHEREAS, A February 28, 2013 Pew Research Center report titled *How Teachers Are Using Technology at Home and in Their Classrooms* shows that while 79% of teachers reported having students access or download an assignment from an online site that only 18% reported that all or almost all of their students had access to the digital tools they need at home; and

WHEREAS, Significant infrastructure investments have moved our nation forward and shifted the focus from access to adoption as evidenced by Partnership for a Connected Illinois data dated June, 2012, Cook County has 0% unserved and 0% underserved occupied households. Broadband Illinois defines an area as being "underserved" as areas having the maximum advertised download speeds of less than 3 Mbps; and

WHEREAS, Across the county there are several non-profits that offer digital literacy training that exposes participants to the many uses of the internet including applying for jobs, seeking medical information, social networking, furthering education and accessing government services; and

WHEREAS, Effective and diligent cooperation by public leaders, civic organizations and private companies is an essential ingredient in the success of any program aimed at promoting greater broadband adoption; and

WHEREAS, An effective example of that diligent cooperation is Comcast's Internet Essentials program which addresses the main barriers to adoption by offering families with at least one child that qualifies for the National School Lunch Program and meets other program requirements the ability to receive broadband service at home for \$9.95 a month and to purchase a computer for under \$150 as well as to participate in digital literacy training.

WHEREAS, Internet Essentials is helping our communities compete in the 21st century; 98% of families with Internet Essentials are using the internet for schoolwork, 65% are using their internet access for healthcare and government services, 64% are using their internet access to pay bills and 58% are using their home based access to search for jobs.

WHEREAS, Comcast's Internet Essentials program has to date connected 1.2 million low-income Americans, or 300,000 families, to the Internet at home of which more than 33,000 homes are from the Chicago Metro Area, which represents more than 100,000 more individuals with affordable access to the internet at home.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Commissioners of Cook County do hereby recognize July 17th, 2014 as Broadband Adoption Day in Cook County and encourage residents to adopt or encourage others to adopt broadband in the home.

14-4385

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN MEMORY OF HARRY PHILLIP FERGUSON, JR.

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Harry Phillip Ferguson, Jr. from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ferguson was the beloved son of Harry and Ethel Ferguson; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ferguson accepted Christ at an early age. Later in life, he directed his faith as a deacon at Rock of Ages and then after moving to Flossmoor; Mr. Ferguson adopted New Faith Baptist Church International as his church home; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ferguson attended Congress Park Grade school and while in 5th grade met a classmate who would later become his lifelong partner, Anna May Romanski; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ferguson attended and graduated from Lyons Township High School in LaGrange; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ferguson followed in his father's example and was also a good baseball player who played first base. Additionally, he ran cross-country and was a football player; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ferguson studied agriculture for two years at the University of Illinois and eventually enrolled in several technical schools for television, radio repair, and various courses in maintenance and operation of mechanical equipment; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ferguson later married Anna May Romanski on April 10, 1954, beginning a lifelong relationship that produced three children; Janine Karolyn Marshall of LaGrange, Illinois, Harry Phillip Ferguson III of Aurora, Illinois and Dr. Robin Leigh Ferguson of Chicago, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ferguson was extremely loving and proud of his three children; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ferguson, after many years, established Ferguson's Systems, a minority owned business that specialized in metal fabrication. His unique skill set developed over many years was the perfect fit for running a metal fabrication company that specialized in plant equipment and the repair of tractor trailers; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ferguson's civic life centered around his association with the NAACP, serving as President and many years as a board member. Additionally, the major achievement of the NAACP during this period was the elimination of the "redlining" practices that existed in LaGrange, thus providing equal housing; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ferguson was also active in Boy Scouts and a member of the LaGrange Community Memorial Hospital Board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ferguson has left precious and fond memories with; children Janine Karolyn Marshal, Harry Phillip Ferguson III and Robin Leigh Ferguson; grandchildren Jordon Alex Thornton-Marshall, Harry Phillip Ferguson IV, Brett Anthony Ferguson, Jarrett O.D. Ferguson, Jalen Alan Woods, and Justin Alexander Woods; Brother Michael Ferguson; Sister Phyllis Sublett; Brother in Law Mitchell Stevens; Sister in Law Mattie Stevens; Brother in Law Lefloren Topps; a host of loving nephews and nieces and loving friend Dorothy Williams. In short, Mr. Ferguson was respected and greatly appreciated by many.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Board of Commissioners of Cook County do hereby offer their deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family an many friends of Harry Phillip Ferguson, Jr., and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss.

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 Harry Phillip Ferguson, Jr. that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

14-4391

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE OF HOLLY DINKEL

WHEREAS, Holly Schwab Dinkel, Vice President of Dinkel’s Bakery and beloved wife and mother, passed away on June 27, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Holly was born on December 15, 1946 in New London, Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, because her birthday was so close to Christmas, her parents bestowed her with the name “Holly; and

WHEREAS, Holly lived in 23 different homes before high school as she traveled with her father who was in the Navy. After high school, she lived in Paris and Germany; and

WHEREAS, after studying in Munich through the University of Maryland, Holly switched to Loyola University’s Rome Center; and

WHEREAS, after following a Chicago area boyfriend to Illinois from Rome, Holly landed a teaching job at Staff High School in Palos Hills; and

WHEREAS, on February 13, 1972, she tapped Norm Dinkel on the shoulder at Butch McGuire’s and said “You look like someone I know;” and

WHEREAS, Norm saw that Holly was absolutely gorgeous, a German-Swedish vision and married her on June 30, 1973; and

WHEREAS, after becoming pregnant, Holly quit her job at Stagg and stayed home for nearly 20 years to raise her children; and

WHEREAS, Holly then obtained a Master's degree at Northeastern University and became a special education counselor at Chicago's Gray Elementary School and Von Steuben High School; and

WHEREAS, as Vice-President of Dinkel's Bakery, Holly was a recipe taster, quality control officer and marketing specialist; and

WHEREAS, her responsibilities include decorating the Dinkel's booth at Chicago's Christkindlmarket, designing Dinkel's first café and menu and supervising photo shoots for the bakery catalog; and

WHEREAS, her reach was nationwide, as each Christmas she personally packaged thousands of Dinkel's Bakery's world famous stolen, a buttery Yule log that some view as the "anti-fruitcake," to be shipped across the country; and

WHEREAS, Holly loved to travel and visited Argentina, China, South Africa and Peru. She spoke French, Italian and a little German; and

WHEREAS, Holly played golf in the summer and was a director of the Women's Western Golf Association, where she helped administer scholarships for young women. In winter, she bowled and played paddle tennis; and

WHEREAS, Holly is survived by her husband Norman Dinkel; children Jennifer (Christopher) Hartzell, Sandgren (Luke) Karl and Eric Norman Dinkel; grandchildren Alison, Caitlyn and Jason Hartzell, and Adelina and Greata Karl; brother Donald Schwab and sister Trudi Jung; sister in law of Joan (Donald) Tierney; and many nieces and nephews; 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 she touched, takes great pleasure in commemorating the life of Holly Dinkel 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 the family of Holly Dinkel.

14-4393

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING COOK COUNTY GOVERNMENT FOR BEING AWARDED THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES “2014 ACHIEVEMENT AWARD”

WHEREAS, the Cook County Department of Revenue’s mission is to assist residents of Cook County with their tax responsibilities and obligations through fair and equitable administration, firm and timely enforcement efforts, professional and quality service, and efficient collections and processing; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Department of Revenue is responsible for the collection of Cook County’s Home Rule taxes as well as for collection of a variety of fees charged by other County departments; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Department of Revenue recently has been awarded a National Association of Counties (NACo) *2014 Achievement Award* for its program entitled, “Modernizing and Increasing Compliance and Enforcement of the Tobacco Tax in Cook County”; and

WHEREAS, this innovative program has worked to combat contraband cigarette sales and counterfeiting while increasing enforcement efficiency; and

WHEREAS, in March of 2013, the Cook County Department of Revenue hit the streets with its newly developed Tobacco Investigation System (TIS), a web-based mobile solution specifically designed for its tobacco investigators; and

WHEREAS, in addition to creating critical reports digitally, this new tool allows investigators and administrators to access real-time investigations data, automatically send citations to the County’s in-house Administrative Hearing Court and check for counterfeit County cigarette stamps; and

WHEREAS, the Tobacco Investigation System also integrated multiple databases, including the County’s TIP reward website and the comprehensive Illinois Business Tax license list; and

WHEREAS, this system has helped streamline revenue flow surrounding citations, eliminate numerous manual processes, reduce redundant paperwork and increase time management nearly overnight; and

WHEREAS, the Tobacco Investigation System has increased compliance activities and cost savings. Data clearly indicates a positive trend on the number of compliance activities now being accomplished; and

WHEREAS, the Tobacco Investigation System has also helped foster and strengthen intergovernmental relationships; and

WHEREAS, this year the tobacco investigation system has integrated the County’s other home rule taxes and will result in an increase in the overall tax compliance rate within the County; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Revenue has exceeded its 2013 cigarette revenue target by \$14.8 million and this year is targeting compliance and enforcement efforts to bring in \$134.5 million; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate Zahra Ali, Department Director and the entire staff of the Cook County Department of Revenue, for their receipt of this distinguished national award; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body in appreciation of the outstanding work performed by the Cook County Department of Revenue in the course of performing its duties in collecting all revenue owed to Cook County.