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Consent Agenda

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN RECOGNITION OF DEBRA CAREY'S SERVICE AS INTERIM CEO FOR COOK COUNTY HEALTH

WHEREAS, Debra D. Carey is an experienced and accomplished senior healthcare leader with expertise in urban health care and academic medical center management; and

WHEREAS, on January 1, 2020, Ms. Carey assumed the position of interim Chief Executive Officer of Cook County Health while the health system board of directors commenced a national search for new leadership; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Carey brought to that position the compassion, understanding and commitment to health equity that has guided her distinguished career; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Carey joined Cook County Health in 2013 as Chief Operating Officer of Ambulatory Services, where she was responsible for the health system's network of outpatient health centers that see nearly one million visits each year; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, Ms. Carey was promoted to Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Operations, where she was responsible for all inpatient and outpatient operations for the health system; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Carey was instrumental in the planning and opening of new state-of-the-art facilities to better serve Cook County Health's patients in Arlington Heights, North Riverside, Chicago and Blue Island; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Carey has provided steadfast leadership to Cook County Health and its employees; and

WHEREAS, the year 2020 has proven to be a watershed year in healthcare and race relations with a global pandemic that further exposed the inequities Ms. Carey has devoted her career to addressing; and

WHEREAS, despite Cook County Health's 180 year commitment to health equity, Ms. Carey has spent countless hours building and executing strategies designed to do more to bring services to communities CCH serves; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Carey's commitment has led to increased efforts to address food and housing

insecurity, mental health and substance abuse and needs in the justice-involved community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Carey has earned the respect and admiration of her colleagues for her extensive knowledge, her undying commitment to the health system and its mission, and her ability to quickly transform day-to-day operations to address the demands of the pandemic while providing a high-quality, safe system of care; and

WHEREAS, the Health System's leadership team and the Cook County Health Board of Directors is indebted to Ms. Carey for her exceptional counsel and stalwart leadership; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Carey will resume the role of Deputy Chief Executive Officer for Operations for Cook County Health where she will continue to lead important areas of the organization on its journey to transforming into a patient centered organization; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the more than five million residents of Cook County, does hereby gratefully acknowledge Debra D. Carey for her remarkable leadership, service and steadfast commitment to the mission of Cook County Health and the people the health system serves.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING JOHN PLANTE ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE METRA BOARD

WHEREAS, John Plante, a strong proponent of railroad safety during his long career at the Chicago Transit Authority and Metra, is leaving the commuter rail agency's board after serving seven years; and

WHEREAS, Plante was appointed to the Metra Board in 2013, not long after the board was rocked by an embezzlement scandal and subsequent years of turmoil. During his tenure on the board, he served as board treasurer and chairman of the Safety Committee; and

WHEREAS, Plant is best known for his regional approach to transportation and his concerns about safety. "Safety is our most important issue, and Plante raised the bar in that area," said former chairman Norm Carlson, who remains on the board. Plante took Metra's safety efforts "to a whole new level," said Don Orseno, former Metra executive director who was recently appointed to the board. Plante has been a "strong advocate" for safety and is well-known for his efforts in the railroad industry; and

WHEREAS, Carlson also praised Plante for taking a regional approach to issues facing Metra. In Plante's words, "We are a mass transit system ... serving an entire region. That perspective is important." He added that in the "bad old days" Metra and the other transit agencies used to fight over funding, but "we resolved that;" and

WHEREAS, Plante, 75, told *Trains News Wire* that his proudest accomplishment was helping bring credibility back to Metra's board: "There was a lot of bad history there. We were able to put together a group of people (on the board) who were dedicated and took the job seriously"; and

WHEREAS, John's career followed a lifelong interest in trains. Prior to his service on the Metra board, Plante worked for 35 years at the CTA. He retired in 2013. He began his tenure as a trial attorney, and then moved to trial supervision and then managing attorney for the claims department, risk management, and senior manager of emergency preparedness; and

WHEREAS, Plante also has served on the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) Board of Directors and as chairman of the APTA Risk Management Committee. He continues to serve as a member of the Risk Management Committee and all the APTA Security Emergency Management Standards Committees.

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 contributions of John Plante, 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 same be tendered to John Plante.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF FRANCINE CABONARGI

WHEREAS, Francine (Osweiler) Cabonargi, mother of Cook County Board of Review Commissioner Michael Cabonargi, died peacefully in her home on December 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, born on a farm in Keswick, Iowa on July 9, 1946, Francine learned lessons of love, family, faith and hard work at a young age. Francine graduated from Marycrest College in Davenport, Iowa, where she excelled in music and theater. She lived most of her life in Chicago and Highland Park, where she enjoyed a successful career in philanthropy; and

WHEREAS, Francine, one of the first employees of the MacArthur Foundation, helped build its arts and culture giving program. She served as a senior program officer in the arts for more than 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Francine served on a number of boards and commissions, including the Chicago Foundation for Women. She worked closely with institutions to help them become more economically secure and socially just. In her retirement, she volunteered at her local public library and “spoiled her grandchildren rotten;” and

WHEREAS, Francine was the loving and beloved mother of Michael (Erin Lavin) Cabonargi and Benjamin (Genevieve Patzka) Cabonargi; cherished grandmother of William, Jack, Andrew and Max Cabonargi; dear sister of Karyn (John) Diehl, Debbie (John) Pasquesi and John (Cathy) Osweiler; and proud aunt of many. She is preceded in death by her former husband and best friend Onorio Cabonargi, parents Hubert and Loretta Osweiler and her siblings Mary Louise, Andrew and Patricia Osweiler.

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 contributions of Francine Cabonargi, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions she 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 Francine Cabonargi.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIVES OF COOK COUNTY 13TH DISTRICT RESIDENTS WHO DIED FROM COVID-19 BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 14 AND DECEMBER 7, 2020, 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 December 7, 2020, COVID-19 had killed more than 1,540,000 worldwide, 282,000 in the United States, 14,000 in Illinois and 6,900 in Cook County; and

WHEREAS, between September 14, and December 7, 2020, 121 residents who lived in the 13th District of Cook County died from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as of December 7, COVID-19 had killed 664 residents who lived in the 13th District of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, each of the departed leave family, friends and communities in mourning; and

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called the below 13th District residents from our midst:

Chicago

Anverbhai Vohra, Arturo Quintero, Avdija Perazic, Charleen Brown-Muir, Gary Goldstein, Irwin Rosenberg, Jacob Fogelhut, Lamond Coleman, Leeandere Collins, Lester Horwitz, Marie Cebe, Melinda Wells, Michael Seelow, Niranjan Shah, Satehali Charania, Shantaben K. Patel, Syed Ali, Thomas Slead, Timothy Stephens and Yasin Vahora.

Evanston

Bette Schwalge, Charles Kurtz, Colette Pomper, Elizabeth Postell, Ellen Dittmer, Inocencio Renteria, John Hudson, Julia Tar, Marian Nakagawa, Norman Ferber, Rhea Eisman, Samson Sol Flores and Victoria Dankwa.

Glencoe

Gunther Rice, Joan Jaffe and Richard D. Abelson.

Glenview

Ashiqali M. Lakhani, David Maas, Dolores Farenga, Dolores H. Bakjian, Dorothy Brown, Ilya Goldenberg, Irena Nalepski, Joan Klinefelter, Leroy Pollina, Margaret Serelis-Balince, Michael Kramer, Rodney Boswell, and Rosaria Novi.

Lincolnwood

Aprim Debaz, Elsie Haug and Roger Hruskovich.

Morton Grove

Aron Stamm, Carol Long, Edward S. Richman, Elmer Wegener, Krzysztof Siwec, Upendrakumar Amin and Waclawa Ziemba.

Niles

Alice Wozniak, Angela Barrett, Eugene T. Fischer, Ibrem Yagub, Ioan Ciupuliga, Kathleen Martin, Kiki Kotis, Marvin H. Goldstein, Peter Kotis, Rakhil Bronfeyn, Raymond Behrendt, Richard Holbrook, Shirley Agnello, Sidney Jensen, Susan L. Schwartz, Thomas Sills and Valeria Schiop.

Northfield

Harry Tankus and Marian S. Strickland.

Skokie

Belle Paul, Brown Trinh, David Youssef, Diana Pekkel, Dianne Wisniewski, Dorothy Bryant, Elisha Gregory, Ethel Frieson, Flavia A Smith, Gertrude Bortnick, Grigoriy Fligel, Horace Kings, Howard Shore, James Simons, Janet Mazella, Joseph Palkoner, Lanier Oliver, Lee Terry, Leonie Middleton, Lyudmila Feygina, Marcia Grusin, Maria Delgado, Maria Treier, Michelle Depauw, Paula Metreyeon, Phyllis Dubin, Ricardo Ibarra, Roger Canchola, Shirley Bernstein, Solomon Solomonov, Steve Y. Heller, Suzanne Smith, Theodore J. Theodore, Toma Shabo, Vera Sozinova, Virginia Mock, William Roberts, Yakov Kurtsman and Yoel Dankha.

Wilmette

Maria Dore, Mary Post and Melvin Stein.

Winnetka

William Barncard.

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 SEPTEMBER 14 and DECEMBER 7, 2020**, 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.

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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**HONORING HIS EMINENCE WILTON DANIEL CARDINAL GREGORY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS ELEVATION TO CARDINAL IN THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Archbishop Wilton Daniel Gregory was elevated to the rank of Cardinal Priest on November 28, 2020 at the Vatican by His Holiness Pope Francis; and

WHEREAS, Wilton Daniel Gregory was born in Chicago, Illinois and attended St Carthage Grammar School. He attended Quigley Preparatory Seminary South and Niles College in Chicago and St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein; and

WHEREAS, Wilton Daniel Gregory was ordained to the priesthood by John Cardinal Cody on May 9, 1973; and

WHEREAS, Wilton Daniel Gregory performed pastoral work in Glenview at Our Lady of Perpetual Help and at Mary, Seat of Wisdom Parish in Park Ridge, Illinois. He also taught at Saint Mary of the Lake Seminary and served as a Master of Ceremonies under Cardinals Cody and Bernardin; and

WHEREAS, Wilton Daniel Gregory was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago and Titular Bishop of Oliva on October 31, 1983; and

WHEREAS, on December 29, 1993, Pope John Paul II appointed Wilton Daniel Gregory the seventh Bishop of Belleville; and

WHEREAS, from 2001 to 2004, Wilton Daniel Gregory served as the president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the first African American to head an episcopal conference, and served as Vice President from 1998 to 2001 as well as chairman of several committees, and

WHEREAS, Pope John Paul II, in one of his last episcopal appointments before his death, named Bishop Gregory the seventh Archbishop of Atlanta on December 9, 2004, and

WHEREAS, on April 4, 2019, Pope Francis named Wilton Daniel Gregory Archbishop of Washington; and

WHEREAS, during Cardinal Gregory's Presidency of the United States Conference of Bishops, the American bishops issued the "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People", and

WHEREAS, Cardinal Gregory is the first African American Cardinal from the United States; and

WHEREAS, Cardinal Gregory has worked tirelessly throughout his career to address many of the significant social and economic issues that affect all Americans and has sought a role for the Catholic

Church in finding solutions to problems that burden those who are less fortunate in our society; and

WHEREAS, Cardinal Gregory has written extensively on church issues, including pastoral statements on the death penalty and social justice issues. Cardinal Gregory has published numerous articles on the subject of liturgy, particularly in the African American community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby offer its heartfelt congratulations to His Eminence Wilton Daniel Cardinal Gregory and wishes him much success in his important role as Cardinal in the Roman Catholic Church; 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 His Eminence Wilton Daniel Cardinal Gregory.

[20-5329](#)

Sponsored by: DENNIS DEER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING MR. REUBEN LEE NORRIS 85TH BIRTHDAY

WHEREAS, On February 17, 2020, Mr. Reuben Lee Norris of Chicago, Illinois celebrated his 85th birthday surrounded by family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Norris received an Athletic Scholarship to play football at Knoxville College in, Knoxville Tennessee where he became a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and received his degree; and

WHEREAS, after graduation Ruben Norris was drafted into the military and upon completion received an honorable discharged and later migrated in Chicago, IL in 1960 ; and

WHEARAS, For more than 30 years Mr. Reben Lee Norris was employed with the Chicago Park District and served in various capacities including: Weekend Rec Leader, physical instructor, Playground Supervisor, Park Supervisor of Douglas and Avalon Park, Physical Activity Supervisor of areas 1 and 2 , Area Supervisor of 36 parks and then Host Park Manager until his retirement in 1992. After retiring from the park district, Ruben Norris began a full-time position with the Chicago Public School System at King High School for than 20 years until his retirement for CPS in 2016;and

WHEREAS, Ruben Norris is a kind gentle man whose faith is deeply rooted in the Lord. He is a faithful member of 25 years of St.Thomas Episcopal Church where he serves as a Deputy Warden ; and

WHEREAS, Ruben Norris served as a basketball official for 43 years traveling the country. He is known throughout the State of Illinois but especially in Chicago as the God Father of basketball officials. He has officiated former President Barack Obama in a private game in Chicago as well as Michael Jordan. In

addition, from 1972-1992 he coached/and managed” The Chicago Boston Shoot Out Team” which provided visibility to many NBA Players and coaches such as Doc Rivers, Mark Aguirre, Juan Howard and Hersey Hawkins just to name a few. He has also served as an NBA observer and scout of officials for 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Ruben Norris is the First African American to enter the All American Soap Box Derby in 1940; First Women’s Professional Basketball League Championship official in 1981 in Chicago, IL; First African American from CPS League to officiate in the IHSA Tournament in 1987; First African American to officiate the State Finals game in 1988; and

WHEREAS, Ruben Norris has received numerous awards and recognition’s but not limited to the following: 1994- Black Role Model Habilitative System Inc; 1994 Chicago Basketball Coaches Association (Official); 1999- Illinois Basketball Coaches Association) Official 2014 Illinois High School Association 40-year Recipient Awardee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that President Preckwinkle along with the Cook County Board of Commissioners and on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County takes great pleasure in honoring and celebrating Mr. Rueben Lee Norris on the occasion of his 85th Birthday and wishes him continued health and happiness for years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution is shared upon the official proceedings of this honorable body and that an official copy of the same is tendered to Mr. Reuben Lee Norris in honor of this auspicious occasion

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

REMEMBERING AND HONORING THE LIFE OF ELAINE RASBERRY

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom called from our midst Elaine Rasberry on Wednesday, November 25, 2020 at the age of 64; and

WHEREAS, Elaine was born on January 31, 1956 in Chicago, IL to the union of Christine Davis and Leroy Williams; and

WHEREAS, at an early age, Elaine accepted the Lord as her personal savior under the leadership of Pastor Hackline of Chicago, IL, realizing that you find God the moment you realize you don't need to seek him; and

WHEREAS, later Elaine joined the Garden of Prayer Missionary Baptist Church, under the leadership of Pastor Johnnie Haynie; and

WHEREAS, Elaine graduated from Lucy Flower High School in Chicago and subsequently received a business certificate from the Murdock Institute; and

WHEREAS, Elaine always had a passion for children, serving as an associate at Mark's Day Care and a teacher's aide at St. Eulalia Elementary school; and

WHEREAS, most recently, she served as a student monitor for children with special needs at Student First; and

WHEREAS, Elaine was married to Jarvis Houston Sr., and to this union Jarvis Jr., Latrice and Latrina were born, and Elaine later married Eugene and to this union her son Devin was born; and

WHEREAS, Elaine loved her family and her friends, was your favorite cousins' favorite cousin, staying connected to everyone in her extended family including the Davis, Williams, Houston and Rasberry families; and

WHEREAS, Elaine's hobbies included cooking, traveling, watching The Young and the Restless and Tyler Perry movies, eating Red Lobster, posting on Facebook and she loved shopping; Elaine was known for her famous lemon pies and German chocolate cakes, and her brother Calvin traveled miles for a taste of her butter cookies; and

WHEREAS, Elaine always had a deep affection for helping people, serving as the Vice-President of the Van Buren Block Club, where she hosted school supply drives to help poverty-stricken families, and one of her biggest honors was meeting and taking a photo with President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama; and

WHEREAS, Elaine was preceded in death by her parents Christine Davis and Leroy Williams, and was also preceded in death by her brother Calvin Davis and granddaughter Jurzee Hopson; and

WHEREAS, Elaine was loved by all who knew her and leaves to cherish her memories: her husband Eugene Rasberry, her son Jarvis Houston Jr., her daughters Latrice Houston (Giovanni), Latrina Houston (Jeff) and son Devin Rasberry (Diana), sister Tarnesha Hawkins (Stanley), sister Lawana Davis, eight grandchildren (Giovanni Jr, Gialin, Amerika, Jurnee, Amina, Gili, Ezekiel, Jaylen) and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby offer its deepest condolences and heartfelt sympathy to the family and loved ones of Elaine Rasberry; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and a suitable copy be presented to the family of Elaine Rasberry so that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.