



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY
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Fourth Consent Agenda

Wednesday, September 14, 2016, 11:00 AM

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Sponsored by: JOHN A. FRITCHEY, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING CHICAGO GATEWAY GREEN ON ITS 30 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, Chicago Gateway Green is a not-for-profit dedicated to the greening and beautification of Chicago's gateways and expressways through landscape enhancement, litter and graffiti removal, and the installation of public art; and

WHEREAS, in 1986 the late Donald J. DePorter founded Chicago Gateway Green on the belief that beauty and sustainability go hand-in-hand, and today the public-private partnership continues to lead the charge in greening and beautifying the great city of Chicago together with its partners; and

WHEREAS, Chicago Gateway Green is dedicated to greening and beautifying Chicago's expressways, gateways and neighborhoods and maintains 100 expressway gardens and almost 150 acres of roadside landscapes on all major expressways leading into and out of the city using native shrubs, trees and perennials; and

WHEREAS, the not-for-profit has planted more than 4,000 trees, 80,000 shrubs, 130,000 perennials, and has removed over 1.35 million pounds of refuse from Chicago's expressways since the inception of its Expressway Partnership Program; and

WHEREAS, Chicago Gateway Green has worked in tandem with the City of Chicago and Illinois Department of Transportation to remove graffiti and litter over the 100 miles of expressways within Chicago's borders; and

WHEREAS, Chicago Gateway Green showcases artists' work from 25 Sister Cities along Chicago's gateways and expressways with permanent, large-scale public art that applauds Chicago as an international city of culture; and

WHEREAS, in 1992 Chicago Gateway Green created its marquee annual fundraising event the "Green Tie Ball" and this year marks the 25th anniversary of the event, continuing its fundraising for the organization and raising awareness of its mission to green Chicago; and

WHEREAS, 2016 also marks the 30th anniversary of Chicago Gateway Green and its dedication to greening and beautifying Chicago's expressways, gateways and neighborhoods, efforts that are essential for a successful local economy and a healthy environment; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County, takes great pleasure in thanking Chicago Gateway Green for its 30 years of beautification and environmental initiatives throughout Chicago; 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 Chicago Gateway Green in commemoration of its 30 year anniversary and in sincere appreciation of the valuable contributions Chicago Gateway Green has made in that time.

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Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE OF JUDITH ANN PIER

WHEREAS, Judith Ann Pier lived a rich and fulfilled life. She was an exceptional woman who left behind a devoted family, countless friends and a community profoundly enriched for having known her; and

WHEREAS, Judith Ann Pier was a lifelong Chicagoan, born on May 20, 1944. She excelled early in school, graduated with honors from high school and summa cum laude from college. She spent her early years teaching in the Chicago Public Schools, where she made a lasting impact on the students, many with whom she remained in contact throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, Judy met the love of her life, Wayne, when he was coaching her softball team over four decades ago and married him on July 4, 1975. The two began a journey abundant with deep love, mutual respect and a sense of adventure. The couple shared many incredible travels around the world and gathered friends wherever they went; and

WHEREAS, Judith Ann Pier was an absolute natural when it came to sales and was often singled out for recognition. She was voted sales person of the year by Tab Products in 1978; and was selected sales person of the year by Bradford Systems in 1983. She brought those talents along with her when she and her husband opened a small business; the two successfully ran Windy City Records Management Services until 2016; and

WHEREAS, Judith Ann Pier was a major force for good in the community. She was active in many civic organizations was a fixture and regular volunteer at Alderman Harry Osterman's office. She was a devoted Catholic and treasured member of the Committee for Community Life, where she organized countless events such as picnics, trips to visit people in nursing homes in addition to many other activities. She took great pride in hosting and introducing the city of Chicago to numerous visitors and foreign-exchange students. She was a tireless supporter of women's causes and had a formidable and tireless sense of justice. She never refused a request, whether it was from her church, her family, her neighborhood or her friends;

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WHEREAS, Judith Ann Pier was uniformly regarded as a force of nature. She was at once a fierce competitor and a remarkably gracious winner, and she was an accomplished woman with a variety of talents. She remained a competitor to the end, despite her growing illness. Her competitive spirit was eclipsed by her humility and self-deprecating sense of humor. While undergoing chemotherapy, she organized a pool for her friends to place bets on when she was going to lose her hair; and

WHEREAS, the community has lost a great friend in Judith Ann Pier and she will be sorely missed. Her loss will be felt most acutely by her husband of forty-one years, Wayne, her family and the countless people who treasured her friendship. She will long be remembered for being a world-class best friend. She was thoughtful and exuberant and will be particularly remembered for the lovely handwritten notes of thanks she wrote for even the smallest of things, which she continued doing even after she lost her ability to write; she would have Wayne send electronic cards; 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 life of Judith Ann Pier, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the contributions she 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 Judith Ann Pier.