



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

Consent Agenda

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, March 12, 2014, 11:00 AM

14-1586

Sponsored by: PETER N. SILVESTRI, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING SCHILLER PARK'S 100th ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, the Village of Schiller Park was incorporated in 1914 and will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary at a gala on March 21, 2014; and

WHEREAS, in 1932, Julia Marenga Kolze became Mayor of Schiller Park and was the first female mayor in the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, during the war years, several local men were taken into service, and population in Schiller Park was around 800; and

WHEREAS, during the post-war boom of the 1950s, population in Schiller Park reached 5,000 amidst the construction of new homes and businesses; and

WHEREAS, during the 1960s, the tollway, O'Hare Airport, and annexation of various subdivisions brought the population to 8,600; and

WHEREAS, during the 1970s, three public schools, two Catholic schools, and organizations such as the Scouts, Sertoma, and American Legion flourished; and

WHEREAS, ongoing battles with O'Hare leveled off the population in the 1980s to around 11,000; and

WHEREAS, Schiller Park became a Home Rule Village in the 1990s, and a Memorial Wall for veterans was erected; and

WHEREAS, in the 2000s, a senior housing project was completed, and a Metra Station was constructed; and

WHEREAS, throughout 2014 Schiller Park will provide the community with a variety of centennial programs such as a high tea, a parade, a historical tour, a concert, and veterans and family events.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby honor the Village of Schiller Park on its 100th Anniversary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Village of Schiller Park at its Anniversary Gala on March 21, 2014.

14-1908

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE, PIONEERING SPIRIT, MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND MEMORY OF CARL EDWIN DAVIS

WHEREAS, Carl Edwin Davis, a man whose life was devoted to social justice, family, and faith, died February 10, leaving friends, family and a community profoundly enriched for having known him; and

WHEREAS, Carl Davis was a community leader who, as President of the Evanston NAACP led voter registration drives, fought for equal employment opportunity and created a weekly community forum entitled “Get in the Know” that brought together national, state and local leaders to address issues of concern for the citizens of the region; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis freely and generously gave his time to his community, serving on the Evanston Community Hospital Board, the Board of Trustees of the Second Baptist Church in addition to many others; and

WHEREAS, Carl Davis was a lifelong Evanston resident, attending Evanston public schools and graduating from Evanston Township High School in 1955. He worked for the city of Evanston until he left to serve his country in the United States Army in 1959; and

WHEREAS, Carl Davis returned to Evanston after his discharge and became the first black sales associate at Henry C. Lytton Company and later forged new ground as the first black insurance agent on the North Shore working with Prudential Insurance Company where he set sales records and was inducted into the Million Dollar Round Table of the Prudential Insurance Company of America; and

WHEREAS, Carl Davis was a dedicated husband and father. He married Yvonne Nicholas and the two were the proud parents of two sons, Karl Gregory Davis and Jared Nicholas Davis. He was a doting grandfather to Allyssa, Aarynn, Nicholas, Lauren and Myah. Not only did Carl volunteer in the classrooms of his children he helped to organize NYPUM (National Youth Program Using Mini-Bikes) and a school breakfast program that benefitted countless other children in the community; and

WHEREAS, Carl Davis was a successful entrepreneur who, once retired from Prudential created a number of thriving businesses: Aarynn/Allyssa Trucking, A North Shore Courier, Design Mortgage Corporation, Davis Transportation, and Davis Environmental Laboratories; and

WHEREAS, Carl Davis enthusiastically believed in the value of diversity which lead him to create “The Way We Were,” a series of public speaking engagements that focused on the elements that provided Evanstonians of all races a sense of pride in raising their families in such a diverse community. His grandson Nicholas was his technical assistant and producer for the series that can still be found on DVD. The series was groundbreaking and noteworthy not just for documenting “The Way We Were” but for its prescriptive component that pointed out the way we ought to be.

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 Carl Edwin Davis, 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 Carl Edwin Davis.

14-1932

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners, DEBORAH SIMS, JOHN P. DALEY, GREGG GOSLIN, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, ROBERT STEELE and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN MEMORY OF STANLEY WESLEY MORRIS

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Stanley Wesley Morris from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Morris was the beloved son of William and Laura Morris; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Morris was born and raised in the City of Harvey. He attended Thornton High School where he excelled in basketball, football and baseball while maintaining high academic standards; and

WHEREAS, after graduating in June of 1951, Mr. Morris worked for a short while at Maremont Automotive Products and then enlisted in the U.S. Air Force where he spent four years in Active Duty and another four years in the Reserves; and

WHEREAS, IN 1960, having completed his military obligation he received an Honorable Discharge and

returned to the City of Harvey; and

WHEREAS, in May of 1961 after placing high on the Civil Service Exam Mr. Morris was selected as the first Black man to receive an appointment to the Harvey Police Department; and

WHEREAS, his entry level position being Motorcycle Patrol Officer, Mr. Morris was proud to serve and was determined to advance; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Morris' goals and commitment took him on an upward spiral through the ranks; always academically qualifying for his current job while preparing himself for the next level. Both black and white citizens of Harvey admired him for his leadership skills; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Morris was plagued by racial slurs, discrimination and attempted intimidation perpetuated by forces within the Department as well as by local residents; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Morris overcame these adversaries, stayed with the police force, and ultimately completed the requirements for and achieved ranks of Sergeant, Lieutenant, Deputy Chief, and finally receiving the appointment of Chief of Harvey's Police Department. He was a member of NOBLE (National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives).

WHEREAS, Although Mr. Morris again persevered to achieve his goals, he expressed his one regret on this journey, "I am just sorry my mother didn't live to see me become Chief."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Cook County President Toni Preckwinkle, and the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, do hereby offer our deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family of Stanley Wesley Morris.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to the family of Stanley Wesley Morris and a copy be spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body.

14-1938

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

**COMMEMORATING THE LIFE MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND MEMORY OF
RICHARD R. ROCHESTER**

WHEREAS, Richard F. Rochester, a dedicated lawyer, circuit court judge and trailblazing bar association leader died January 28, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Richard F. Rochester was raised in Chicago and attended St. Patrick's High School and completed his undergraduate education at the University of Illinois and obtained his law degree from IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law; and

WHEREAS, Richard Rochester joined the law firm of Boyle and Friedman and spent the next three decades focusing his practice in real estate and tax planning; and

WHEREAS, as a resident of north suburban Mount Prospect in the 1970's Rochester became active in the Northwest Suburban Bar Association, and is credited with the revitalization, expansion and improvement of the NWSBA while serving as its President; and

WHEREAS, Richard Rochester was appointed by the Illinois Supreme Court to fill a vacancy in the Cook County Circuit Court in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Richard Rochester and his wife Florenceen were married for over 56 years and were the proud parents of five children: Domineque, Richard, RoxAnne, Ronald, and Rory. Richard Rochester was the doting grandfather of his 13 grandchildren, Tyler, Kelsey, Richard, Riley, Robert, John, Dominic, Margo, David, Lucas, Brittany, Brooke and Brielle, and a great-grandson, Brayden; and

WHEREAS, Judge Rochester's daughter, RoxAnne L. Rochester joined her father at the bar and in service to Cook County, as a staff attorney with the Cook County Circuit Court's Law Division; 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 Richard Rochester, 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 Richard R. Rochester.

14-1982

Sponsored by: TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING BENSENVILLE-IXTAPA/ZIHUATANEJO SISTER CITIES DELEGATION

WHEREAS, Sister Cities International, created by President Eisenhower in 1956, was created to foster peace and global relationships by creating exchanges based on government, business and trade, medical, cultural, educational, and tourism between two or more cities throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Bensenville, Illinois and Ixtapa/Zihuatanejo, Guerrero, Mexico desired to form a sister cities relationship under the Sister Cities International guidelines; and

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2013, during the Ixtapa/Zihuatanejo Delegation visit to Chicago, the Village of Bensenville and the City of Ixtapa/Zihuatanejo officially joined together as sister cities and entered into a formal Agreement under Resolution #R-119-2013; and

WHEREAS, on November 13, 2013, President Toni Preckwinkle and the Cook County Board of Commissioners formerly recognized the new sister cities, welcomed the Ixtapa Delegation and extended their wishes of a friendship agreement between the County of Cook and Ixtapa/Zihuatanejo.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners congratulate the sister cities of Bensenville and Ixtapa/Zihuatanejo; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to the cities of Bensenville and Ixtapa/Zihuatanejo.

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

THE CHICAGO COMMUNITY TRUST'S "ON THE TABLE" INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, The Chicago Community Trust will be commemorating its 99th anniversary with "On The Table," an event taking place on Monday, May 12, 2014; and

WHEREAS, this unique, large-scale event aims to bring together thousands of Chicagoland residents to share a meal and participate in civic-minded conversations about the future of our communities; and

WHEREAS, "On The Table" aims to gather together 10,000 individuals to create 1,000 mealtime conversations; and

WHEREAS, these conversations will address specific ways that we can all work together to build strong, safe, secure and economically viable communities; and

WHEREAS, to host a mealtime conversation, a person takes the lead in deciding a location and a meal for guests; invites friends, family, neighbors, or colleagues; and uses a provided discussion guide and resources to help foster free-flowing, productive conversations; and

WHEREAS, with conversations at the heart of this project, The Chicago Community Trust recommends a maximum of 10 to 12 guest at each gathering; if you would like more, the Trust recommends having multiple tables can assist with that process; and

WHEREAS, to be a host, individuals can visit www.onthetable2014.com to register, set up a custom event page and view host resources; and

WHEREAS, individuals interested in being a guest can also visit www.onthetable2014.com to register.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Toni Preckwinkle, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, do hereby laud The Chicago Community Trust for helping individuals throughout Cook County come together to participate in an important dialogue about building strong, safe, secure and economically viable communities, and I encourage all Cook County residents to bring their ideas, insight and values to "On The Table" on May 12, 2014.

14-2003

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

**HONORING THE 46th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FEDERAL FAIR HOUSING ACT AND
PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL FAIR HOUSING MONTH IN COOK COUNTY**

WHEREAS, April 2014 marks the 46th Anniversary of the passage of the U.S. Federal Fair Housing act. Adopted in the wake of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the Fair Housing Act transformed the legal rights that all Americans have to rent and own homes in communities across the country; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Fair Housing Act created a national policy of fair housing and today prohibits discrimination based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status or disability; and

WHEREAS, 2014 additionally marks the 35th anniversary of the Illinois Human Rights Act, a law which prohibits discrimination in housing based on race, color religion, national origin, sex, physical or mental disability, familial status, age, ancestry, marital status, disability, military status, unfavorable discharge from military service, sexual orientation or order of protection status; and

WHEREAS, housing discrimination and barriers to equal housing opportunity are corrosive and undermine a common sense of decency and fairness; and

WHEREAS, economic stability, community health and human relations in all communities are advanced by diversity and integration; and

WHEREAS, advocates and non-profits for fair housing assisted by the Federal Fair Housing Act have worked tirelessly to promote just and nondiscriminatory practices; and

WHEREAS, one of those non-profits is Open Communities, a leading voice for housing, economic and social justice in north suburban Chicago. Their mission is to educate, advocate and organize to promote just and inclusive communities in north suburban Chicago. Open Communities will host a celebration of the Fair Housing Act at their 10th Annual Fair Housing Month Event entitled "Who's Your Neighbor" on Wednesday, April 30 at the Wilmette Public Library; and

WHEREAS, the talents of grassroots and non-profit organizations, housing service providers, financial institutions, elected officials, state and county agencies, and others must be combined to promote and preserve integration, fair housing and equal opportunity; 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 takes great pleasure in honoring and celebrating the 46th Anniversary of the FEDERAL FAIR HOUSING ACT and herewith honors the progress and impact

that the Fair Housing Act has made in bettering the lives of the citizens of Cook County, Illinois; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the month of April be proclaimed Fair Housing Month in 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 Open Communities at their 10th Annual Fair Housing Month Event on Wednesday, April 30 2014.

14-2004

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

**COMMEMORATING THE LIFE, MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND MEMORY OF
LINDA JEAN-PAUL**

WHEREAS, Linda Jean-Paul a woman whose life was devoted to family, community and faith, died February 15, leaving friends, family and a community enriched for having known her; and

WHEREAS, Linda Jean-Paul was born in Haiti and later became a cherished leader of the Haitian community in Illinois working tirelessly with the Concerned Haitians of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Linda Jean-Paul's work with Concerned Haitians of Illinois mobilized Haitian-Americans, friends and allies of Haiti to provide vital resources and health care to those in need in Haiti; and

WHEREAS, Linda Jean-Paul emigrated from Haiti to the United States at the age of seven but maintained her Haitian citizenship throughout her entire life. She returned to Haiti in 1983 when she became Vice-President for Banc National de Paris; and

WHEREAS, Linda Jean-Paul was a respected leader throughout her life. She achieved respect early in life while attending St. Mary's Catholic School, continued while she was in high school at Evanston Township High School and later at the University of Illinois at Chicago and Northwestern University; and

WHEREAS, Linda Jean-Paul's leadership skills were highly sought after in the professional arena; her oratory skills were legendary; and

WHEREAS, Linda Jean-Paul's absence will be most acutely felt by the members of her very large extended family whom she loved and treasured; as well as her only child Gabrielle Walker-Aguilar and her three grandchildren, Ulai, Olu and Yuma; 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 extraordinary life of Linda Jean-Paul, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable 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 Linda Jean-Paul.

14-2028

Sponsored by: EDWIN REYES, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE 606 PARK AND TRAIL SYSTEM

WHEREAS, The 606 takes Chicago's legacy of great parks to new heights through the construction of a 2.7 mile park and elevated trail system on Chicago's Northwest side; and

WHEREAS, the centerpiece of The 606, the Bloomingdale Trail, will be linked to five ground-level neighborhood parks, as well as an observatory, wheel-friendly event plaza, various art installations and other amenities; and

WHEREAS, The 606 connects parks, people, classrooms and communities - the old railroad embankment that once physically separated the Bucktown, Wicker Park, Logan Square, and Humboldt Park neighborhoods now will knit them together; and

WHEREAS, the project will provide an urban oasis for the 80,000 people, including 20,000 children, who live within a ten-minute walk; and

WHEREAS, it is also planned as a resource for Chicagoans citywide, a transportation alternative, and a living work of art, which is already garnering attention nationally and internationally; and

WHEREAS, The 606 is the result of collaboration between a variety of stakeholders, including the City of Chicago, the Chicago Park District, Cook County, The Trust for Public Land, the Friends of the Bloomingdale Trail, and a wide network of community groups and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, The 606 is a decade in the making, beginning with public meetings initiated by the City's planning department to increase open space in Logan Square, resulting in the idea of using the elevated Bloomingdale train line for a park; and

WHEREAS, it was such a powerful idea that neighbors formed Friends of the Bloomingdale Trail to

help make it happen, and the concept was included in the Logan Square Open Space Plan; and

WHEREAS, the plan was adopted by the Chicago Plan Commission and the Chicago Park District in 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Department of Transportation was successful in securing federal transportation funding for the alternative transportation network portion of the project; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of the Bloomingdale Trail sought assistance from The Trust for Public - the nation's leading nonprofit working to conserve land for people - to help make the project a reality; and

WHEREAS, The Trust for Public Land is now the lead private partner on the project, and is supporting the planning and implementation process in partnership with the City of Chicago and the Chicago Park District; and

WHEREAS, final designs for the project were reached through a multi-year, community-driven process focused on identifying desired design features and priorities for the park and trail system; and

WHEREAS, Cook County has supported this project with an allocation of \$2.265 million for updates to the bridges across Western and Ashland Avenues at Bloomingdale Avenue, resulting in reduced traffic bottlenecks, ADA-compliant sidewalks, and an access ramps to the Bloomingdale Trail; and

WHEREAS, the park and trail system is the signature project of Mayor Emanuel's push to create 800 new parks, recreation areas and green spaces throughout Chicago over the next five years; and

WHEREAS, the park and trail system is named for the 606 zip code prefix all Chicagoans share; and

WHEREAS, it is yet another Chicago icon that brings together innovative urban planning, green space, and the arts, and will change the way you see our city.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners and on behalf of all citizens of Cook County, would like to recognize and congratulate The 606 Park and Trail System for their achievement and work in the community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the representatives of The 606 Park and Trail System.

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VILLAGE OF CHICAGO RIDGE

WHEREAS, this year the Village of Chicago Ridge will commemorate the 100th anniversary of its official incorporation; a century ago, on September 1, 1914, a group of citizens met and cast ballots to incorporate as a municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Chicago Ridge will kick off the year's celebratory events at a Centennial Ball scheduled for April 5, 2014 at Glendora House; and

WHEREAS, the Centennial Citizens Committee will plan a parade and community festival for the weekend of September 21st to highlight the best aspects of the Chicago Ridge community; and

WHEREAS, Dutch and German farmers were the first permanent settlers to the area during the 1850s; Chicago Ridge got its name from the "ridges" of dirt that were created when eight trainloads of fill were removed from the area and used to fill in the grounds for the Columbian Exposition of 1892; and

WHEREAS, over the past century, under continuous, strong and capable Village leadership, a robust industrial and commercial base developed which dramatically increased the population of Chicago Ridge from 176 in 1920, to 5,748 in 1960, and to 14,428 today; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Chicago Ridge takes great pride in the community improvements it has made over the years which include street paving and lights, sewer system installation, establishment of a full-time fire department/paramedics, parks and recreation enhancement, and a 60,000 square foot municipal complex built at no cost to the taxpayers in 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Chicago Ridge has become widely known for the success of the Chicago Ridge Mall, the industrial sector at The Park, and RidgeFest, a carnival and concert venue which attracts 20,000 to 30,000 people the last weekend of every July at Freedom Park; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Chicago Ridge is dedicated to providing the best in services to its residents; it is a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County does hereby congratulate the Village of Chicago Ridge on the monumental occasion of its 100th anniversary of incorporation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to the Village of Chicago Ridge in honor and recognition of its achievements and let it also be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body.

14-2035

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION TO HONOR NORTH SHORE ANIMAL LEAGUE AMERICA AND TOUR FOR LIFE 2014

WHEREAS, North Shore Animal League America's Tour for Life 2014 - a groundbreaking national tour geared to promote shelter pet adoptions - will arrive in Chicago to partner with the Animal Welfare League of Chicago Ridge for a special adoption event at the Petsmart located at 7340 W. 191st St., in Tinley Park on April 25th from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, North Shore Animal League America's Tour for Life 2014 is the world's largest cooperative national mobile adoption initiative aimed at reinforcing the importance and advantages of shelter pet adoptions and familiarizing communities with their local shelter; and

WHEREAS, North Shore Animal League America (NSALA) will partner with the Animal Welfare League and Partners Against Animal Cruelty (PAAC) founded by Cook County Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy and now co-chaired by Cook County Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy and Cook County Sheriff Thomas J. Dart to raise awareness of the plight of shelter pets in need of loving homes and inform the public of vital services that participating animal shelter and rescue partners provide to their communities; and

WHEREAS, from March through mid-May, North Shore Animal League America's Tour for Life 2014 will use four mobile adoption units to travel simultaneously across the United States helping over 100 shelter and rescue groups in 52 cities in 26 states, plus Washington, D.C., to bring awareness to their organizations and find homes for orphaned pets in their care; and

WHEREAS, located in Port Washington, New York and founded in 1944, North Shore Animal League

America is the world's largest no-kill animal rescue and adoption organization and relies solely on private and corporate support to rescue and find homes for over 20,000 puppies, kittens, dogs and cats annually; and

WHEREAS, the tireless efforts of North Shore Animal League America have led to the rescue of over one million pets and the advancement of spay/neuter and advocacy initiatives that include the launch of the American Mutt-i-grees Club formed to educate the general public that shelter pets are the best and only life-saving choice when acquiring a pet.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate North Shore Animal League America upon the success of its national tour initiatives and urges the public to support the NSALA mission to Rescue, Nurture and Adopt; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to North Shore Animal League America in recognition of their achievements and good works on behalf of animal welfare and that it also be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body.

14-2036

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VILLAGE OF WORTH

WHEREAS, this year the Village of Worth will commemorate the 100th anniversary of its official incorporation; a century ago, on August 29, 1914, a group of 115 citizens met and cast ballots to incorporate as a municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Worth Centennial Commission has planned a yearlong celebration including special post Village Board meeting activities on May 20th celebrating 100 days to the birthday of Worth and also a parade and Worth Days community festival for the weekend of August 22-24th; and

WHEREAS, the Village was named after General William Jenkins Worth, who served in the War of 1812 and the Mexican War; and

WHEREAS, the first permanent settler to the area was John Crandall and his wife Jane; in 1858 he built

a home on 111th Street and his descendants still reside in Worth; and

WHEREAS, by 1914 the Village's population had swelled to nearly 300 due to a surge in development and employment as a result of the establishment of a train stop for the Wabash Railroad, the opening of the Worth Horse Race Track which is now Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, and the construction of the Cal-Sag Channel; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Worth became known as the "Friendly Village" and continued to flourish as the 1940s and 1950s saw a boom in population and civic organizations; by 1960 the population had reached 8,196; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Worth takes great pride in the community improvements it has made over the past century and is dedicated to providing the best in services to its 10,844 residents; it is a great place to live, work and raise a family.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County does hereby congratulate the Village of Worth on the monumental occasion of its 100th anniversary of incorporation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to the Village of Worth in honor and recognition of its achievements and let it also be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body.

14-2044

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

CONGRATULATING DR. RAM RAJU ON HIS SERVICE TO THE COOK COUNTY HEALTH AND HOSPITALS SYSTEM

WHEREAS, Dr. Ram Raju joined the Cook County Health & Hospitals System (CCHHS) as the Chief Executive Officer on October 2, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Raju was recruited to transform CCHHS into a patient-centered, financially stable organization in a post-Affordable Care Act (ACA) world; and

WHEREAS, in his first two years with CCHHS, Dr. Raju was instrumental in turning around the financial status of the system and placing it on a more sustainable path; and

WHEREAS, under Dr. Raju's leadership, CCHHS received a meaningful use designation for advancements in information technology, specifically electronic medical records; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Raju's business acumen led to significant improvements in supply chain and contract management and the staffing of a performance-improvement department, initiatives that will yield continued savings for taxpayers in the years to come; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Raju's commitment to the patient experience is reflected by the improved Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers (HCAPHS) scores and in the reduction of wait times in the Emergency Department to less than two hours; and

WHEREAS, the clinical improvements Dr. Raju implemented led to Joint Commission accreditation for Stroger and Provident Hospitals as well as the Ambulatory Clinic Network; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Raju's vision initiated the effort that would become CountyCare, an Illinois Medicaid program to provide health care coverage to low-income adults in Cook County in advance of the implementation of the ACA; and

WHEREAS, his recognition that patients are more likely to use care they can access near their home resulted in the development of a network of more than 130 primary care access points by partnering with FQHCs, safety-net and community hospitals, academic medical centers and private doctors; and

WHEREAS, between February, 2013 and today, more than 140,000 applications for CountyCare have been initiated, signifying both Dr. Raju's focus on ensuring access to coordinated primary and specialty care and the pent-up demand for health care in the community; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the success of CountyCare, more than 82,000 Cook County residents have coverage today who did not just a year ago; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Raju has set in motion efforts to turn CountyCare, a demonstration project that ends on June 30, 2014, into a Managed Care Community Network, an Illinois designation that would allow current CountyCare members a seamless transition from the demonstration project to a permanent plan with the ability to remain with their current network of providers; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Raju has assembled a talented team of health care professionals who remain focused on patient safety and quality of care, the patient experience, adequate staffing and technology to drive both patient care and strategic decisions; and

WHEREAS, in two and a half years, Dr. Raju has garnered extensive support from both the CCHHS Board of Directors and the Cook County Board of Commissioners and is a nationally recognized leader in the arena of health care reform and public health; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Raju will return to New York to be closer to his family, particularly his wife, mother and two children; and

WHEREAS, in New York, Dr. Raju will continue his commitment to public health by serving as the President & CEO of the New York Health & Hospitals Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Raju's vision to ensure the future viability of the nation's third largest public health system, a system with a rich history and noble mission, has come to fruition; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Raju will be greatly missed by all who had the opportunity to work with him; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Cook County owe him a debt of gratitude for his efforts to improve and increase access to care.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Toni Preckwinkle, along with all the Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of all residents of Cook County, do hereby congratulate and thank Dr. Ram Raju for his many years of exemplary service and send best wishes for good health and happiness as he enters a new phase in his professional life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to Dr. Raju in recognition of his selfless commitment to the patients and employees of the Cook County Health & Hospitals System.

14-2045

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, County Commissioner and TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

SHIRLEY A. PICCIANO, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Shirley A. Picciano from our midst, and

WHEREAS, Shirley A. Picciano was the beloved wife of James Picciano, and

WHEREAS, Shirley A. Picciano was the loving mother of JoAnn Cebuhar, and

WHEREAS, Shirley A. Picciano was the cherished grandmother of Charlie Cebuhar, and

WHEREAS, Shirley A. Picciano was the dear sister of Gloria (James) Pace, Frank (Louise) Marcello, Dorothy Vianna, Anthony Marcello, and Edward (Annie) Marcello, and

WHEREAS, all who knew her will attest that Shirley A. Picciano was a kind and compassionate woman,

virtuous of character and gentle in spirit, admired and respected by her many friends and neighbors, and dearly loved by her 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 Shirley A. Picciano, 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 Shirley A. Picciano, that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

14-2046

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, County Commissioner and TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

PHYLLIS LOPICCOLO, DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Phyllis LoPiccolo has received the Distinguished Service Award from the Office of Catholic Education, and

WHEREAS, few professions touch as many lives as the profession of teaching, and those, like Ms. LoPiccolo, who choose this field as their career are most deserving of our gratitude for the positive influence they have in the classroom and beyond, and

WHEREAS, schools are at the heart of our community, and teachers like Phyllis LoPiccolo are deserving of the fullest measure of support and allocation of resources to ensure a bright future for all, and

WHEREAS, Phyllis LoPiccolo has taught at St. Barbara School for a 26 years, and during that time she has touched countless young lives and helped prepare the leaders of tomorrow,

WHEREAS, thanks to outstanding teachers like Phyllis LoPiccolo, St. Barbara School has continued to grow and serve the needs of the community, and has continued to build upon the traditions of family, education and Catholic leadership that have been so important to the parish and the neighborhood of Bridgeport, and all of Chicago, and

WHEREAS, Phyllis LoPiccolo received her award on February 23, 2014, by Bishop Frances Kane and Sister Mary Paul McCaughey, Superintendent of Catholic Schools, and

WHEREAS, all the members of the parish community, and especially her fourth grade students, are

proud of this recognition and tribute to Phyllis LoPiccolo, an outstanding educator and role mode.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby extend its congratulations to Ms. Phyllis LoPiccolo for this great honor, 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 Ms. Phyllis LoPiccolo, to commemorate this occasion.

14-2047

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, County Commissioner and TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CAMILLE DeMEO, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Camille DeMeo from our midst, and

WHEREAS, Camille DeMeo (nee Serpe) was the beloved wife of the late Marino DeMeo, and

WHEREAS, Camille DeMeo was the loving mother of Robert (Lyn), and

WHEREAS, Camille DeMeo was the cherished grandmother of Christina (Greg) Zahn, and John (Laura) Velousis, and

WHEREAS, Camille DeMeo was the great grandmother of Sienna Camille and Julian Velousis, and

WHEREAS, Camille DeMeo was the dearest daughter of the late Vincenzo and Angelina Serpe, and

WHEREAS, all who knew her will attest that Camille DeMeo was a kind and compassionate woman, virtuous of character and gentle in spirit, admired and respected by her many friends and neighbors, and dearly loved by her 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 Camille DeMeo, 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 Camille DeMeo, that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

14-2048

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, County Commissioner, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners and JERRY BUTLER, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

FOOD CHECKOUT DAY

WHEREAS, Food Checkout Day was established in the mid-1990's to recognize the connection between farmers and the safe, nutritious food source they cooperatively grow; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Farm Bureau® has celebrated Food Checkout Day by raising cash and food donations for Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana since 2001; and

WHEREAS, Food Checkout Day will again be celebrated at the Ronald McDonald House near Advocate Hope Children's Hospital in Oak Lawn; and

WHEREAS, since 2001 Cook County Farm Bureau® members have donated 378 hours, 49,715 pounds of food, contributed \$67,773 in cash donations and 1,529 pounds of pop tabs to support Chicagoland's four Ronald McDonald Houses; and

WHEREAS, Ronald McDonald House continues to improve the health, well-being and education of children by providing a "home away from home" to keep families together while their child is receiving medical treatment far from home; and

WHEREAS, Ronald McDonald House, in partnership with Advocate Hope Children's Hospital, provides essential services to children in underserved areas in a mobile environment; and

WHEREAS, 678,000 people in Cook County each year rely on emergency and supplemental food assistance provided by the Food Depository and its member network; and

WHEREAS, in some Cook County communities, as many as one in three people are food insecure; and

WHEREAS, research has indicated a strong link between food insecurity and poverty; and

WHEREAS, Food Checkout Day's theme this year is "Stretching your grocery dollars with healthy, nutritious food" reflecting the fact that Americans from all walks of life continue to work through an economic squeeze; and

WHEREAS, public health experts remain concerned that families may resort to buying less-nutritious foods that lack essential vitamins, minerals, fiber and other nutrients; and

WHEREAS, the 46,000 members of the Cook County Farm Bureau® including over 1,000 farmer members recognize the importance of producing a safe, nutritious food using environmentally sustainable practices; and

WHEREAS, Cook County farmers recognize the need for better access throughout Cook County to fresh food; and

WHEREAS, Food Checkout Day is dedicated to supporting those in need while increasing individuals' awareness of those families without adequate food supplies; and

WHEREAS, despite cash and non-perishable donations there is increased need at all four of Ronald McDonald houses in Cook County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognize Thursday, March 20 as Food Checkout Day and salute the efforts of the Cook County Farm Bureau® and the Ronald McDonald House Charities®- Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana for their efforts to feed those individuals and families in need, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy be tendered to the Ronald McDonald House Charities®- Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana and the Cook County Farm Bureau®.

14-2049

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, County Commissioner and TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CHRISTOPHER GOMEZ JR., IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Christopher Gomez from our midst, and

WHEREAS, Christopher Gomez Jr. was the loving and only son of retired Chicago Firefighter Christopher Gomez Sr, and Edith, and

WHEREAS, Christopher Gomez Jr. was a decorated second generation fire fighter and paramedic, and

WHEREAS, Christopher Gomez Jr. graduated from Galileo Math and Science Academy, attended Hubbard High School and Lincoln-Way High School, and Moraine Valley Community College, and

WHEREAS, Christopher Gomez Jr. joined the Central Stickney Fire Protection District in 2009, earning his medical technician license in 2010, and

WHEREAS, Christopher Gomez Jr. gave his life in his preparedness while serving the residents of Stickney Township, and

WHEREAS, Christopher Gomez Jr. sacrifice and dedication are an inspiration and example to all, and

WHEREAS, Christopher Gomez Jr. leaves a legacy of faithfulness, service, and dedication to duty, and

WHEREAS, all who knew him will attest that Christopher Gomez Jr. was a kind and devoted man, courageous of character yet 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 Christopher Gomez Jr., 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 Christopher Gomez Jr., that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

14-2050

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, County Commissioner and TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

ANN ARDOLINO, 100TH BIRTHDAY

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Ann M. Ardolino will celebrate her 100th Birthday on March 14, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Ann M. Ardolino has witnessed monumental events over the course of her lifetime such as: World War I, Russian Revolution, 1917, First Commercial Radio Station, 1920, Era of Depression, 1929-1939, Spanish Civil War, 1936-1939, World War II, 1939-1945, Korean War, 1950-1953, Russian Sputnik, 1957, President Kennedy Assassination, November 1963, First Moon Landing July 20, 1969, Vietnam War, 1965-1973, the advent of the internet, the Super Bowl Champion Chicago Bears in 1985, White Sox World Series Championship in 2005, the Chicago Blackhawks Stanley Cup Championships, and the dawn of a new Millennium, and

WHEREAS, Ann M. Ardolino was born in Cook County, after her parents Rosario and Elizabeth Coloia came to the United States from their native Italy, and

WHEREAS, Ann M. Ardolino was raised in Chicago's Little Italy neighborhood, and was educated at

Our Lady of Pompeii, and

WHEREAS, Ann M. Coloia married Frank Ardolino on June 26, 1934, and the couple had four children; Anthony, Mary, Frank, and Michael, and also two nieces she raised as her own, Marlene and Marie, and

WHEREAS, Ann M. Ardolino began her career with the Cook County Department of Corrections in 1965, and worked faithfully and loyally until her retirement in 1979, and

WHEREAS, Ann M. Ardolino is a lifelong Cubs fan, and has spent many fond afternoons at Wrigley Field with her family, and

WHEREAS on March 14, 2014, Ann M. Ardolino celebrates her 100th Birthday in the company of family, friends, neighbors, and all who know her best.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby extend its warmest wishes and congratulations to Ann M. Ardolino on the occasion of her 100th Birthday, and join all who have had the pleasure of her friendship in wishing her still more years of good health and richly deserved happiness, 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 Ann M. Ardolino to commemorate this joyous occasion.

14-2051

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, County Commissioner and TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

JAMES SERPE, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called James G. Serpe from our midst, and

WHEREAS, James G. Serpe was the beloved husband of Anita G. Serpe (nee Foggia), and

WHEREAS, James G. Serpe was the loving father of Susan (Tom) Stengren, Stephen (Inge), Anita (Dan) Magel, Amy, Gerard , Camille (Michael) Hardt and the late John (Maura) and Jimmy, and

WHEREAS, James G. Serpe was the cherished grandfather of James (Natalie) Serpe, Maureen Serpe, Megan (Ben) Wrigley, Stephen Serpe II, Matthew Serpe, Sebastian Hardt, and Elizabeth Hardt, and

WHEREAS, James G. Serpe was the great grandfather of Violet Wrigley, and

WHEREAS, James G. Serpe was the dearest son of the late Vincenzo and Angelina Serpe, and

WHEREAS, James G. Serpe was the dearest brother of the late Camille (late Marino) DeMeo, and the late Anthony (late Olga) Serpe, Mary (late John) Cieslak, Florence Serpe, Guy (late Rose) Serpe, Rose (late Vincent) Speranza, Samuel (late Julie) Serpe, and Agnes (late Tom) Briatta; dearest son-in-law of the late Dominick (late Susie) Foggia, and brother-in-law to Vincent (Virginia) Foggia, and late John (late Sally) Foggia, Alex Foggia, Dominick Jr. (late Joan) Foggia, and

WHEREAS, James G. Serpe enjoyed a successful career as a teacher at St. Ignatius High School, Sacred Heart Seminary, and Loyola Academy, and

WHEREAS, James G. Serpe received an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Georgetown University for his outstanding work as an educator, and

WHEREAS, all who knew him will attest that James G. Serpe 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 James G. Serpe, 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 James G. Serpe, that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

14-2052

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, County Commissioner and TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

WOLF’S BAKERY

WHEREAS, in the year 2014, Wolf’s Bakery of Evergreen Park has celebrated 75 years in business, and

WHEREAS, Wolf’s Bakery, in Evergreen Park, was founded in a simple storefront located at an ideal site on 95th Street, and

WHEREAS, from those humble beginnings, Wolf’s Bakery has flourished and grown into a venerable neighborhood institution that has served delicious baked products to countless customers over the years, and

WHEREAS, Wolf's Bakery is famous for its butter cookies, and the original lemon fluff cake, which is always in great demand by its many loyal fans, and

WHEREAS, today, Wolf's Bakery is managed as a thoroughly modern twenty-first century operation, with a presence on the internet, combined with a loyal following of local customers would not think of shopping elsewhere for their baked goods and pastries, and

WHEREAS, over the years and throughout many changes, Wolf's Bakery has remained faithful to the vision and philosophy of outstanding customer service, and has not only succeeded as a commercial enterprise, but as a greatly valued and widely respected member of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County does hereby congratulate Wolf's Bakery on its 75th Anniversary, and pays tribute to the memory of its founders, Bud and Laurel Wolf, and to the hundreds of employees past and present, who have built the company into the successful and respected operation it is today, 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 Wolf's Bakery in commemoration of this occasion and in grateful acknowledgment of the important contributions to the economy of Cook County made by Wolf's Bakery in the course of its 75 years in business.

14-2053

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, County Commissioner and TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

JOHN GAVIN, O.S.A, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called the Rev. John R. Gavin, O.S.A. from our midst, and

WHEREAS, Rev. John R. Gavin was the loving son of the late Thomas E. and Dorothy Gavin, and

WHEREAS, Rev. John R. Gavin was the devoted brother of the late Thomas "Bud" Gavin, and

WHEREAS, Rev. John R. Gavin professed his vows in the Augustinian Order in 1942, and was ordained as a priest in 1948, thus commencing a vocation of faith and lifelong service to God and mankind, and

WHEREAS, Rev. John R. Gavin taught and coached at St. Rita High School, Mendel Catholic High School and at St. Augustine Seminary in Holland, Michigan, and was a mentor and role model to

countless young lives during his time as an educator and spiritual leader, and

WHEREAS, Rev. John R. Gavin served as Pastor of Immaculate Conception/St. Henry Parish, in St. Louis, Missouri, for 23 years, and

WHEREAS, Rev. John R. Gavin returned to his native Chicagoland, and resided at Blessed Stephen Bellesini Friary (Franciscan Village), in Suburban Lemont, and

WHEREAS, all who knew him will attest that Rev. John R. Gavin was a kind and compassionate man, virtuous of character and gentle in spirit, and man of remarkable faith and devotion, admired and respected by his peers.

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 Rev. John R. Gavin, 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 Rev. John R. Gavin, that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.