



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY
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Virtual Meeting

Consent Agenda

Second Set

Thursday, June 24, 2021, 10:00 AM

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Sponsored by: KEVIN B. MORRISON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING MARGE CONNELLY'S COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SERVICE

WHEREAS, Marge Connelly has lived in the Village of Schaumburg in the 15th District since 1972; and

WHEREAS, Marge Connelly has been a long time public servant serving in various capacities over the last four decades; and

WHEREAS, she served on the Schaumburg Park Board from 1983 to 1995 including a tenure as Board President; and

WHEREAS, additionally, she was appointed in 1997 as a Village of Schaumburg Trustee and was subsequently elected in 1999 and served as a Village Trustee; and

WHEREAS, in her 24 years of service as a Trustee, Marge Connelly led on many important initiatives improving the lives of the residents of Schaumburg; and

WHEREAS, Marge Connelly served as the Chair of Engineering and Public Works Committee and a member of the 1% for Art Committee, the Prairie Center Arts Foundation Board, and the Schweikher-Langsdorf House Preservation Trust board; and

WHEREAS, Marge Connelly's active role in projects such as the Schaumburg Golf Club acquisition, Engineering and Public Works Facility Expansion and Renovation, the Renaissance Hotel and Schaumburg Convention Center, and the 90 North Redevelopment helped in the Village of Schaumburg being recognized nationally; and

WHEREAS, Cook County and the Cook County Board of Commissioners have had the honor of working with Marge Connelly and the Village of Schaumburg and she has proved to be a wonderful partner; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor Trustee Marge Connelly for her commitment to public service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this resolution are presented to Trustee Marge Connelly.

[21-3839](#)

Sponsored by: BILL LOWRY, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION**HONORING THE LIFE AND CAREER OF SHARI A. NICHOLS-SWEAT**

WHEREAS, Shari was born and raised in the City of Chicago where she attended Chicago Public Schools until graduating from Dunbar Vocational High School in 1975. During her matriculations, Shari was a staple at and for school programs and events as a soulful singer and actress. Shari became Miss Dunbar in 1974-1975; and

WHEREAS, Shari attended Grambling State University as a Vocal Music Major where Shari joined the Theater Guild and performed in the University Choir on scholarship. One of Shari's most memorable performances occurred in Grambling's production of the Broadway Musical "Purlie" in a starring role. Additionally, Shari pledged Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc., and Theta Alpha Phi National Theatre Honors Fraternity; and

WHEREAS, in 1980, Shari graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary Education and Vocal Music. Shari returned to Chicago to begin her career. Shari quickly began singing in her church choir at Pleasant gift M.B. Church, performing with the late Oscar Brown Jr., and her family singing group, the Nichols Singers; now known as the Nichols Sisters of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, in May of 1980, Shari began her career with Chicago Public Schools as a substitute teacher. Shari eventually received reassignment to her alma mater, Dunbar Vocational High School in 1988; and

WHEREAS, at Dunbar, Shari founded the Mighty Voices of the Dunbar Spirit Choir, Dunbar Show Choir, and Vocal Music Industry Career program which eventually groomed current superstar singer Jennifer Hudson; and

WHEREAS, Shari and her choir put on many productions over the years, including the Annual Spring Motown Revue. Shari traveled across the nation and abroad with her choirs with her performers featured on television, various stages, and prestigious events; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, Shari, Antonio Jones, and the Vocal Music Industry Students produced a CD titled, "It's a Dunbar Thang"; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, Shari officially retired as a teacher at Dunbar Vocational High School where she served for thirty-two (32) years; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BILL LOWRY, COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONER of the 3rd DISTRICT, do hereby stand, and salute the phenomenal life and career of Shari Nichols-Sweat; and that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby do what you are suggesting or endorsing with this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a suitable copy of this Resolution will be presented to Shari

Nichols-Sweat and her family; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a copy of this Resolution will be filed within the **Office of Cook County Commissioner Bill Lowry 3rd District**

[21-3869](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE HONORABLE LEON WOOL

WHEREAS, Leon was born and raised on Chicago's South Side-Hyde Park. He moved to Evanston to raise his family; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from DePaul University College of Law, Leon was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1963. He began his legal career as an attorney with the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) where he worked for 35 years. He was initially assigned to the litigation unit and tried hundreds of cases. He was later placed in charge of Labor Relations and oversaw hundreds of labor disputes. His final assignment with the CTA was as First Assistant General Attorney. In that position he was responsible for the operation of the large legal section of the CTA and supervised trial lawyers in the litigation and the claims departments; and

WHEREAS, when he became an Illinois Circuit Court judge, he was immediately assigned to jury cases because of his extensive litigation experience. He served as a judge for 20 years. During that time, he mentored many younger judges and contributed significantly to the administration of justice in Cook County. He was highly respected for his even-handedness, knowledge, and ability to manage a heavy caseload and busy courtroom; and

WHEREAS, Leon was a devoted father and grandfather. He loved his children and grandchildren more than anything. Leon also loved his many friends and colleagues. Everyone Leon met was treated as a friend and felt like royalty. He loved to laugh, sports, travel, and read; and

WHEREAS, Leon was preceded in death by his wife and best friend, Bernadette "Bunny" Wool. He will be fondly remembered by his children Louis, Steve, and Imily; grandchildren Ebonique, Isiaha, Leighah, and Xavier, and by many friends and colleagues.

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 work and contributions of the Honorable Leon Wool, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions he made to the

Citizens of Cook County, Illinois; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of same be tendered to the family of the Honorable Leon Wool.

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Sponsored by: BRANDON JOHNSON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING REVEREND DR. ALVIN BRIDGES UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FOR HIS OVER FIFTY YEARS AS A MINISTER

WHEREAS, on Friday, June 18, 2021 the Mount Ebenezer Baptist Church faith community celebrated Pastor Leon Miller's upcoming retirement; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Leon Miller's ministries have helped countless many in their individual faith journeys; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Leon Miller was born in Tutwiler Mississippi where he and his three brothers, Dr. James Miller M.D., Dr. J.L. Miller and Dr. Matthew Miller were raised under the loving care of their grandparents; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Leon Miller is married to First Lady Patricia Miller. They have four children: Talitha Miller, Rev. Archie J. Matlock III, Tiffany Miller, and Rev. Leon N. Miller and five grandchildren all residing in Chicago, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Leon Miller accepted the call to ministry for his life, 46 years ago, in 1975 at Rising Sun Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. W.A Kelly and was ordained in 1979. Rev. Leon Miller served as an associate minister at Rising Sun Baptist until 1991 but remains a member of Rising Sun under the capable leadership of his brother, Pastor Dr. Matthew L. Miller; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Leon is to be applauded for his steadfast commitment to uplifting lives and serving the needs of families and individuals throughout the Mount Ebenezer Baptist Church faith community for the past 30 years; and

WHEREAS, On January 5, 1992, Rev. Leon Miller was called to shepherd Mount Ebenezer Baptist Church, then located at 1533 So. Drake Ave. Chicago Illinois. Under his leadership, his flock quickly grew so in order to fulfill his vision, Pastor Miller made a bold move in 2008 to 3555 West Huron, Chicago; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, Pastor Miller founded Ebenezer Community Outreach (ECO), a non-profit

community organization which works side by side with Mount Ebenezer Church to provide community activities and services. ECO has employed more than 500 community residents over the past five years and presently employ 50 individuals. ECO has been a Safe Haven for more than 500 youth, keeping them off the street with mentoring and shaping lives to become more productive and empowered; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Leon Miller has a rich history of service and affiliations including serving as Finance Chairman of the United Baptist State Convention of Illinois Inc., President of the Moderator Department of the United Baptist State Convention Illinois Inc., past President of the New Baptist Ministers Fellowship of Chicago and Vicinity, past First Vice Moderator of the Sunlight Baptist District Association, and current Moderator of the Sunlight Baptist District Association; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, does hereby thank Reverend Leon Miller for his important and commendable work on behalf of our County and wishes him a fulfilling retirement and every continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be tendered to Reverend Leon Miller, as a token of the esteem in which he is held by the President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the Cook County Board of Commissioners.