



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

**Consent Calendar Agenda**

**for the**

**Meeting of the Board of Commissioners**

**Wednesday, September 10, 2014, @ 11:00 AM**

**14-4494**

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**SAVERIO LUCENTE, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Saverio Lucente from our midst; and

**WHEREAS**, Saverio Lucente was known with affection as “Sonny” to his family and many friends; and

**WHEREAS**, Saverio Lucente was the loving son of the late Virginia "Dolly" Vassalla and Michael Lucente; and

**WHEREAS**, Saverio Lucente was the fond brother of Jerry (Phyllis), Michael (Janet) and the late Arlene; and

**WHEREAS**, Saverio Lucente was the beloved uncle of Christine (Tony), Jerry (Tracy), Michael (Nicole), Yvette (Maurice); and

**WHEREAS**, Saverio Lucente answered the call to duty and defended our nation in the United States Army; and

**WHEREAS**, Saverio Lucente was a proud member of Member of San Angelo Club; and

**WHEREAS**, all who knew him will attest that Saverio “Sonny” Lucente 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 Saverio “Sonny” Lucente , 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 Saverio “Sonny” Lucente , that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

**14-4518**

**Presented by:** HERMAN BREWER, Chief, Bureau of Economic Development

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORARY RESOLUTION FOR THE US DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND ICF INTERNATIONAL**

**WHEREAS**, Cook County is an entitlement community and receives Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding on an annual basis from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that are administered by the Department of Planning and Development within the Bureau of Economic Development; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County received two allocations of Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) funding in accordance with economic stimulus initiatives from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) which were administered by the Department of Planning and Development within the Bureau of Economic Development; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2010, HUD launched the OneCPD Integrated Practitioner Assistance System (OneCPD) under its Transformation Initiative to provide technical assistance for HUD's Community Planning and Development grantees that is comprehensive, assessment-based and focused on measurable outcomes; and

**WHEREAS**, OneCPD technical assistance seeks to build sustainable grantee management systems and organizational capacity through a cross program approach; and

**WHEREAS**, with HUD funding and support, ICF International, the selected technical assistance provider chosen through a competitive federal procurement, has provided targeted technical assistance to Cook County's affordable housing and community development programming including but not limited to CDBG, HOME, and NSP programming as well as the Integrated Disbursement Information System (IDIS) and Disaster Recovery Grant Reporting (DRGR) system since 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, the County was selected by HUD to receive additional technical assistance under the OneCPD initiative beginning in 2013; ICF International was chosen to be Cook County's Technical Assistance provider through a federal competitive procurement; and

**WHEREAS**, the technical assistance the County received from ICF International, both program-restricted and under OneCPD, in partnership with HUD and with full support from and engagement with the Department of Planning and Development within the Bureau of Economic Development, significantly enhanced internal capacity to effectively manage the aforementioned Federal funds to the benefit of those who work, live, visit in, or partner with Cook County; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the Department of Planning and Development and the Bureau of Economic Development as well as the more than five million residents of Cook County, do hereby honor the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and ICF International, celebrate their legacy of comprehensive, targeted, and innovative technical assistance, and hereby express gratitude for their work in service of Cook County; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that special recognition be given to Kelly Price, Kevin Roddy, and William Kubal of ICF International for extraordinary and exemplary service to the County under the auspices of this technical assistance work, particularly related to the CDBG, HOME, and NSP programs as well as the IDIS and DRGR systems.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that suitable individual copies of this Resolution be presented to a HUD Representative as well as Kelly Price, Kevin Roddy, and William Kubal of ICF International as a token of our great esteem and acknowledgement of their service and partnership.

**14-4527**

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**ROBERT EDWARDS, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Robert Edwards from our midst; and

**WHEREAS**, Robert Edwards was the beloved husband of Bonnie (nee Bennington) Edwards; and

**WHEREAS**, Robert Edwards was the loving and devoted father of Robert Jr., Kathy (Benny) DeCarlo, Michael "Buzz" (Linda), Maureen (Jim) Caron Sr., Daniel (Carol), Colleen and Timothy (Maria); and

**WHEREAS**, Robert Edwards was the cherished grandfather of Dina, Danny Jr., Stacey, Jimmy Jr., Jason, Mario, Ashley, Michael, Erin, Marissa and Timmy Jr.; and

**WHEREAS**, Robert Edwards was the great-grandfather of Dominic and Anthony; and

**WHEREAS**, Robert Edwards was the dear brother of Betty (Bill) Collins, Jack (Sherri), Donald and David Edwards; and

**WHEREAS**, Robert Edwards was a dedicated public servant, with an outstanding career in city and state government service that spanned 44 years; and

**WHEREAS**, all who knew him will attest that Robert Edwards 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 Robert Edwards , 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 Robert Edwards, that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

**14-4541**

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**MARY FINUCANE, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Mary A. Finucane from our midst; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary A. Finucane was the loving daughter of the late Thomas J. Sr. and the late Gertrude (nee McNichols) Finucane; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary A. Finucane was the dear sister of Bill (Rita), Maggie, Jim (Lora), the late T.J. and the late Patrick M. C.P.D; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary A. Finucane was the dear aunt of Sean (Kayce), Shannon, Erin, Tommy and Katie; and

**WHEREAS**, all who knew her will attest that Mary A. Finucane 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 Mary A. Finucane, 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 Mary A. Finucane, that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

**14-4560**

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**KEEP CHICAGO BEAUTIFUL AWARDS**

**WHEREAS**, Keep Chicago Beautiful was founded in 1987 by a concerned group of leaders in the public and private sectors, who recognized a need for educating the public on the benefits of recycling, waste reduction, and anti-littering campaigns; and

**WHEREAS**, from those humble beginnings inspired by the vision of its founders, Keep Chicago Beautiful has remained true to its mission of emphasizing education, community awareness, and working cooperatively to make Chicago a more healthy, prosperous, and beautiful place to live; and

**WHEREAS**, over the course of its 27 years as an organization, Keep Chicago Beautiful has provided thousands of public and parochial school teachers with the tools and resources they need to educate their students on the benefits of litter prevention, waste reduction, community greening, and recycling; and

**WHEREAS**, Keep Chicago Beautiful has been instrumental in launching effective recycling programs at popular neighborhood festivals throughout Chicago, thereby diverting tons of waste that would otherwise be destined for landfills; and

**WHEREAS**, over the years and throughout many changes, Keep Chicago Beautiful has proven itself as a highly respected and effective community organization, dedicated to its principles, faithful to its vision, and greatly valued for its positive impact on the environment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County does hereby offer due tribute to the staff and volunteers of Keep Chicago Beautiful, and tenders this expression of gratitude to its corporate partners for their generous support of the ongoing work to make Chicago one of the cleanest and greenest cities in the world; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County does hereby acknowledge the outstanding contributions of Exelon Corporation, winner of the 2014 Corporate Vision Award, Dow Chemical Company, winner of the 2014 Sustainability Vision Award, North Bank, winner of the 2014 Community Vision Award, The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Lisa Bonnett, Director, winner of the 2014 Government Vision Award; 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 Joyce Kagan Charmatz, President of Keep Chicago Beautiful, in commemoration of this occasion and in grateful acknowledgment of the important and continuing work by Keep Chicago Beautiful in the effort to protect and preserve our environment.

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**COMMEMORATING THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE AND MEMORY OF BROOKE WHITTED**

**WHEREAS**, Brooke Whitted, a man of exceptional compassion who worked on behalf of children with special needs for more than four decades, first as a probation officer, later as a lawyer and always as a tireless advocate, died July 27, leaving behind family, countless friends, co-workers and a community profoundly enriched for having known him; and

**WHEREAS**, Brooke Whitted was one of the legal community's greatest ambassadors of good-will and staunch champion of compassionate and forward thinking juvenile policies; and

**WHEREAS**, as a child Brooke Whitted moved from California to Illinois and later graduated from Evanston Township High School in 1964; and

**WHEREAS**, after college, Brooke Whitted became a Field Probation Officer for the Cook County Juvenile Court. The job had a major formative impact on him. It was as a probation officer that Whitted realized the link between delinquency and mental health and found his calling. While a probation officer, Whitted began attending law school at night at John Marshall Law School in Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, after graduation, Brooke Whitted combined his background as a probation officer with his law degree and focused his legal practice on education, disability and child advocacy. Countless children with special needs have benefited from Whitted's efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, Brooke Whitted was a partner in the law firm of Whitted, Takiff & Hansen, LLC. In addition to assisting his clients Brooke Whitted helped school districts develop and implement child-focused educational practices. Those policies have helped multitudes and will continue to help children and their families far into the future; and

**WHEREAS**, Brooke Whitted created educational non-profits and made policy and that will positively impact others for generations. He was the President of the Leslie Shankman School Corporation, which operates several schools for disabled students; and

**WHEREAS**, as a direct result of his experiences as a probation officer, Brooke Whitted helped co-found and chaired the Harold and Rosemarie Marx Memorial Fund which was established to provide cultural, social, recreational and educational activities to the children of Cook County Juvenile Court for almost 25 years. The Marx Fund bridges the gap between what children need and what their families, schools, and neighborhoods can provide. Children and their probation officers share Marx Fund activities together, strengthening the bond between them; and

**WHEREAS** Brooke Whitted was a former member of the board of directors of the National Runaway Switchboard, Heartspring/Wichita, Glenview Youth Services and a founding board member of Shelter, Inc. He was a faculty member of the UIC Medical School Department of Psychiatry and a member of the Illinois Association of Private Schools for Exceptional Children; and

**WHEREAS**, Brooke Whitted's expertise and judgment brought him to the attention of state leaders; he was the gubernatorial appointee to the Illinois Community and Residential Services Authority, a unique small state agency helping Illinois children with complex emotional challenges locate the services they need. He was appointed by the State Superintendent of Education to serve on an Anti-Bullying/Harassment Task Force and was also appointed by the Speaker of the Illinois House to membership on the Task Force on Prevention of Sexual Abuse of Children; and

**WHEREAS**, Brooke Whitted represented child, family, mental health and educational agencies in the Chicago metropolitan area, among his clients were the National Runaway Switchboard and Jewish Child and Family Services, as well as many nonpublic schools for disabled children. He has also represented many professional associations including the Illinois Psychological Association; and

**WHEREAS**, Brooke Whitted's expertise was recognized by the media, he was published or interviewed on a variety of topics related to education, child welfare, juvenile law, and mental health. Most recently, he was featured on Chicago Public radio to discuss the shortage of services in Illinois for mentally ill children; and

**WHEREAS**, was the devoted husband of Linda and the dotting father of Layne and Ross. He will be sorely missed; and

**WHEREAS**, Brooke Whitted's compassion, positive energy and good judgment was what set him apart; 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 Brooke Whitted, 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 Brooke Whitted.



**14-4984**

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**MARILYN SCARDINO, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Marilyn Scardino from our midst; and

**WHEREAS**, Marilyn Scardino (nee Sabbia) was the loving mother of Jolene (David) Austin, and Lauren Scardino; and

**WHEREAS**, Marilyn Scardino was the beloved daughter of Frances (nee Tadin) and the late William Sabbia; and

**WHEREAS**, Marilyn Scardino was the proud BaBa (grandmother) of Taylor, Riley and David Austin, and Nicholas Scardino; and

**WHEREAS**, Marilyn Scardino was the dear sister of Dominic Sabbia, and William (Laura) Sabbia; and

**WHEREAS**, Marilyn Scardino was the fond aunt of Dominic and Nicole Sabbia; and

**WHEREAS**, all who knew her will attest that Marilyn Scardino 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 Marilyn Scardino, 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 Marilyn Scardino, that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

**14-5163**

**Sponsored by:** PETER N. SILVESTRI, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION HONORING FRANCESCO BETTONI**

**WHEREAS**, Francesco Bettoni is President of Brebemi SpA, one of the largest companies in the country of Italy; and

**WHEREAS**, Brebemi SpA is building a highway to connect the city of Milan to the city of Brescia in central Italy, a project recognized as one of the most important road construction endeavors on the continent of Europe; and

**WHEREAS**, The project is the first motorway infrastructure project in Italy funded entirely by private capital without the need for any public contribution; and

**WHEREAS**, This venture not only provides local communities with a modern, vital and long-awaited transport link but also provides a model for project financing that can be adopted with equal success in construction of other important infrastructure projects both in Italy and Europe; and

**WHEREAS**, When completed, this new motorway will link the cities of Brescia and Milan, spanning a distance of 62.1 km and will also link 35 km of extensions to existing roads. Five provinces, Bergamo, Brescia, Cremona, Lodi, and Milan, containing 43 municipalities, are involved in this massive undertaking; and

**WHEREAS**, Francesco Bettoni has been instrumental in driving this award-winning project, which will repay the €1.61 billion to its investors through the tolls collected; and

**WHEREAS**, Francesco Bettoni's leadership has been praised throughout the Italian and European communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby salute Francesco Bettoni for his outstanding contribution to his country and extend our very best wishes for continued success in all his future ventures; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Francesco Bettoni.

**14-5166**

**Sponsored by:** PETER N. SILVESTRI, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION HONORING JOE PERILLO**

**WHEREAS**, Joe Perillo will receive the Excellence in Business Award from the Italian American Chamber of Commerce on October 4, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, at the age of 20, Joe Perillo landed a job selling cars in Tacoma, Washington while he was finishing up his three-year service in the army; and

**WHEREAS**, after a short stint at the Chicago Board of Trade, Joe Perillo purchased a Pontiac dealership in 1975 in a fairly obscure area on Diversey, now recognized as Lincoln Park; and

**WHEREAS**, Joe Perillo turned a failed business into a very successful one within a five-year period; and

**WHEREAS**, Joe Perillo opened his BMW store on Halsted in 1981. Since that time, he has moved his BMW store to the Gold Coast and has acquired many luxury lines and is widely recognized as number one in the Mid-West region; and

**WHEREAS**, Perillo BMW is unique because it is still a family-owned and operated business; and

**WHEREAS**, Joe, his wife, Pat, and his son, Joseph, are involved with day-to-day operations, and his daughter, Trish, is the Managing Director.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate Joe Perillo on receiving this award; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Joe Perillo.

**14-5169**

**Sponsored by:** PETER N. SILVESTRI, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION HONORING STEVE LOMBARDO**

**WHEREAS**, Steve Lombardo will receive the Excellence in Business Award from the Italian American Chamber of Commerce on October 4, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1989, Steve Lombardo and his business partner, Hugo Ralli, opened the now legendary Gibson's Bar & Steakhouse in the Gold Coast; and

**WHEREAS**, the early years of the business were lean, but Steve Lombardo could "feel" the restaurant was going to be successful, and plowed ahead; and

**WHEREAS**, Gibson's downtown has become a celebrity magnet and now stands as the highest-grossing restaurant of its size in the country; and

**WHEREAS**, Steve Lombardo and partner Ralli have established an empire, including Gibson's locations in Rosemont and Oak Brook, as well as Hugo's Frog Bar & Fish House, Luxbar, and Quartino's, to name a few; and

**WHEREAS**, Steve Lombardo and Hugo Ralli say they have never had a fight in all these years, and this harmony shows in all of their endeavors.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate Steve Lombardo on receiving this award; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Steve Lombardo.

**14-5171**

**Sponsored by:** PETER N. SILVESTRI, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION HONORING ANTHONY BELCORE**

**WHEREAS**, Anthony Belcore will receive the Italian Legacy Award from the Italian American Chamber of Commerce on October 4, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, the Italian American Chamber of Commerce applauds Anthony Belcore for his outstanding dedication to maintaining and sharing the Italian legacy, culture, and traditions from generation to generation; and

**WHEREAS**, Anthony Belcore is the president of Belcore Electric, a family-owned and operated company for three generations; and

**WHEREAS**, Belcore Electric has served the Chicagoland area in the electrical industry since 1948; and

**WHEREAS**, some of the recent projects of Belcore Electric include: Northwestern University Searie Hall, Cicero Youth Center, Holy Innocence School, and many Trader Joe's Grocery stores.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate Anthony Belcore on receiving this award; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Anthony Belcore.

**14-5172**

**Sponsored by:** PETER N. SILVESTRI, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION HONORING JIM DE BLASIO**

**WHEREAS**, The Italian American Chamber of Commerce will honor Jim De Blasio with its Italian Legacy Award on October 4, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, Jim De Blasio is the owner of J.D. Graphic, a family-owned and operated business founded in 1963 by James A. De Blasio, Sr.; and

**WHEREAS**, through hard work and dedication J.D. Graphic has grown from a one-man printing brokerage firm to a full-service commercial printing company; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1976, J.D. Graphic moved from Chicago to its current location in Elk Grove Village; and

**WHEREAS**, the company now consists of forty dedicated employees who are trained in all facets of the printing business.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate Jim De Blasio; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Jim De Blasio.

**14-5173**

**Sponsored by:** PETER N. SILVESTRI, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION HONORING JOHN LEOPARDO**

**WHEREAS**, The Italian American Chamber of Commerce will honor John Leopardo with its Italian Legacy Award on October 4, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, John Leopardo is the vice president of Leopardo Construction; and

**WHEREAS**, founded in 1979 by James A. Leopardo, Leopardo Construction is a recognized leader in construction, design-build, and commercial real estate development with the resources to build world-class projects across nearly every major sector; and

**WHEREAS**, Leopardo Construction has grown continuously and today employs more than 300 industry professionals; and

**WHEREAS**, the company has been recognized by its peers, clients, and the media for consistently performing at the very top of the industry and has won nearly every award the industry as to offer; and

**WHEREAS**, Leopardo Construction has completed projects for many of the world's most recognized consumer brands, such as Apple, Borders, Canon, CVS/pharmacy, Harley-Davidson, Honda, and Radio Flyer, to name a few.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate John Leopardo; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to John Leopardo.

**14-5176**

**Sponsored by:** PETER N. SILVESTRI, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION HONORING LEONARD AMARI**

**WHEREAS**, The Justinian Society of Lawyers will be honoring Leonard Amari with its Hon. Moses W. Harrison Award of Recognition at its Annual Installation Dinner on September 10, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, Leonard Amari is the founder and co-managing partner of the ad valorem real estate tax assessment reduction firm of Amari & Locallo; and

**WHEREAS**, Leonard Amari is a J.D. recipient, with honors, from the John Marshall Law School, where he now serves as the president of its Board of Trustees; and

**WHEREAS**, Leonard Amari is past president of the 34,000-member Illinois State Bar Association as well as the Justinian Society of Lawyers; and

**WHEREAS**, Leonard Amari served as general counsel for the Office of the Cook County Assessor, Thomas C. Hynes, from 1983-1987; and

**WHEREAS**, Leonard Amari has held leadership positions in a wide variety of professional and civic organizations throughout his distinguished career; and

**WHEREAS**, Leonard Amari is married to the former Donna Strobel and is the father of Katherine, an attorney, and Laura, a pre-school teacher.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate Leonard Amari on receiving the Moses W. Harrison Award; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Leonard Amari.

**14-5192**

**Sponsored by:** LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**COMMEMORATING THE EXCEPTIONAL COURAGE AND LEGACY OF JOURNALIST JAMES FOLEY**

**WHEREAS**, James Foley, a man whose inspirational life story of faith, courage and commitment to journalism ended far too soon, when, at age 40 his life was taken at the hands of Islamist extremists. He has left behind a devoted family, countless friends and a community profoundly enriched for having known him; and

**WHEREAS**, James Foley's exceptional generosity and kindness revealed itself early in life when he indicated to friends and family his strong desire to be an agent for change to make the world a better place. Shortly after he graduated from Marquette University in 1996, he took on the challenge to eliminate educational inequality when he joined Teach for America. Over the years Foley taught in low-income schools in Phoenix, Arizona, Amherst, Massachusetts, and Chicago, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, James Foley moved to Evanston, Illinois in his 30s to attend Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism where he pursued his Master's Degree in journalism. While attending Northwestern, James Foley continued his work to eliminate educational inequality; this time his pupils were participants in the Cook County Sheriff's Vocational Rehabilitation Impact Center, a project that is an alternative to prison and is also known as Boot Camp. In Boot Camp, Foley, who was fluent in Spanish, worked as a language arts teacher; and

**WHEREAS**, after earning his Master's Degree in 2008 from Medill, he set off on his mission to tell the stories of people suffering in war-ravaged countries; he would eventually cover conflicts in Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya and Syria. His selfless bravery and devotion to his craft compelled him to continuously return to the troubled areas of the world even when doing so put his life and personal freedom in jeopardy; he was held captive in Libya for 44 days in 2011. After his release from Libya, he returned to Medill and spoke to students about how his religious faith and his relationships with the other captives sustained him through the ordeal; and

**WHEREAS**, despite having first-hand knowledge of the dangers of the region, James Foley was drawn back to tell the story of the suffering of the Syrian people. Foley was abducted in November, 2012, while covering the Syrian conflict, and was later tragically killed; and

**WHEREAS**, James Foley's absence will be felt most acutely by his family; he was the oldest of the five children of John and Diane Foley a devout Roman Catholic family from Rochester, New Hampshire. Despite the fact that his travels took him far from home, he maintained intensely close family ties throughout his life; and

**WHEREAS**, hundreds gathered to mourn James Foley at a solemn service at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church in the New Hampshire community where he was raised. "There is no sense to be made of senselessness; you cannot find any kind of sanity in insanity," Father Paul Gousse told the congregation during his homily; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County who he served dutifully, commemorates the extraordinary life of James Foley, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable and innumerable contributions he has made to the Citizens of Cook County, Illinois; and

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



14-5193

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**COMMEMORATING THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE, TALENTS AND LEGACY OF ROSAMOND CAMPBELL**

**WHEREAS**, Rosamond Campbell, a woman of exceptional talent who tirelessly promoted the arts, died August 15, leaving behind family, countless friends and a community enriched for having known her; and

**WHEREAS**, Rosamond Campbell spent her early years in New York; a native of Brooklyn, she graduated from Sarah Lawrence University, was a graduate student at Bank Street College of Education and studied piano at the Julliard School; and

**WHEREAS**, Rosamond Campbell came to Illinois in 1952, where she met her husband Richard, a native Chicagoan, at their first teaching jobs in the Village and Farm School of Northbrook. Together they were strong advocates for education and became teachers whom their students treasured and admired. Rosamond took time to raise the couple's three children and then later returned to teaching at the Winnetka Community Nursery School. Richard was a respected and much venerated teacher for decades at New Trier high school, and Rosamond taught music in the New Trier Extension program; and

**WHEREAS**, Rosamond Campbell, a passionate enthusiast of the dulcimer, published an instruction and repertoire book for beginning to advanced students of the mountain dulcimer and founded the Dulcimer Society of Northern Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, Rosamond Campbell generously shared her love of music. She regularly performed at music festivals, worked with music therapy projects at local hospitals and was a private instructor at Hoge Music in Evanston. As a teacher, she considered her greatest accomplishment to be that she helped students at all levels find a beauty in the music they had created; and

**WHEREAS**, Rosamond Campbell was a longtime member of Unity Church on the North Shore, where she shared her talents with the church choir; and

**WHEREAS**, Rosamond Campbell was a great admirer of the Victorian era who regularly collected antique furniture. It was her deep love of the Victorian era that led her to become a published author. She was concerned that, unlike the antique furniture of the era, the ephemeral nature of music would cause it to be lost to history. So she published two books of historical Victorian parlor music and one book of technique. It was her hope that her books would permanently preserve Victorian parlor music; and

**WHEREAS**, Rosamond Campbell was the cherished wife of Richard for over sixty years and was a devoted mother to Jennifer, Rick and Andrew. Rosamond was the doting grandmother of Cody and Jesse Campbell Pruitt, Emma Campbell, and Ethan, Alexander, Anna and Lucy Chen Campbell; 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 Rosamond Campbell, 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 Rosamond Campbell.

**14-5199**

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**MARY JANE FITZPATRICK, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Mary Jane Fitzpatrick from our midst; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary Jane Fitzpatrick (nee Healy) was the beloved wife of the late Edgar J. Fitzpatrick; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary Jane Fitzpatrick was the loving mother of Lynda (Carlo) Guttillo, and Kevin (Marilyn) Fitzpatrick; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary Jane Fitzpatrick was the beloved daughter of the late Joseph and Bernice Healy; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary Jane Fitzpatrick was the fond daughter-in-law of the late George and Margaret Fitzpatrick; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary Jane Fitzpatrick was the cherished grandmother of Cara, Keith, and Kyle Guttillo, the dear sister of Judith Healy, and the late Patricia (the late Donald) Kustok; and

**WHEREAS**, all who knew her will attest that Mary Jane Fitzpatrick 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 Mary Jane Fitzpatrick, 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 Mary Jane Fitzpatrick, that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

**14-5252**

**Sponsored by:** PETER N. SILVESTRI, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION HONORING MICHAEL V. FAVIA**

**WHEREAS,** The Justinian Society of Lawyers will be honoring Michael V. Favia with its President's Award at its Annual Installation Dinner on September 10, 2014; and

**WHEREAS,** Michael V. Favia earned his J.D. from the John Marshall Law School in 1982 and his undergraduate degree from Loyola University Chicago in 1978; and

**WHEREAS,** in 1982, Michael Favia founded the law firm of Michael V. Favia & Associates, a successful general civil practice with an emphasis on health and administrative law; and

**WHEREAS,** Michael V. Favia & Associates represents individuals, small and large corporations, professionals, professional groups and organizations, and has earned a reputation for providing personalized service and high-quality representation; and

**WHEREAS,** Michael Favia's past experience includes his tenure as the chief of medical and health-related prosecutions for the Illinois Department of Professional Regulation, where he directed the statewide enforcement of the Illinois Medical Practice Act and many other regulatory and licensure statutes; and

**WHEREAS,** Michael Favia has been a delegate for many years on the Illinois State Bar Association Assembly and has served as president of the Justinian Society of Lawyers; and

**WHEREAS,** Michael Favia has additional professional and civic accomplishments, too numerous to mention, including serving as trustee of the John Marshall Law School, as chairman of many of its committees, and as president of the Alumni Association Board.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate Michael Favia on receiving the Justinian Society's President's Award; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Michael Favia.

**Sponsored by:** PETER N. SILVESTRI, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION HONORING MONSIGNOR KENNETH VELO**

**WHEREAS**, The Justinian Society of Lawyers will be honoring Monsignor Kenneth Velo with its Award of Excellence at its Annual Installation Dinner on September 10, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, Monsignor Velo was ordained in 1973 and was appointed to St. Angela's Parish in Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1980, Monsignor Velo was appointed to the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, with residence at Queen of All Saints Basilica; and

**WHEREAS**, in the following years, Monsignor Velo served in various administrative positions, including as vice chancellor of the Archdiocese of Chicago and as executive assistant to Joseph Cardinal Bernardin; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1993, Monsignor Velo was named president of the Catholic Church Extension Society, a national organization that raises funds and awareness for mission dioceses in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1996, Pope John Paul II named Monsignor Velo Prelate of Honor with the title of Monsignor; and

**WHEREAS**, Monsignor Velo began his responsibilities at DePaul University in 2001, where he helped to extend the services of the university to the Catholic community and other entities and where he now serves as senior executive of Catholic collaboration; and

**WHEREAS**, Monsignor Velo serves a co-chair of the Big Shoulders Fund, which raises funds for inner-city Catholic schools in Chicago. More than 24,000 students in 93 schools are helped by Big Shoulders; and

**WHEREAS**, Monsignor Velo was a member of the Priests' Personnel Board of the Archdiocese for more than 22 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Monsignor Velo is a member of the board of Lurie Children's Hospital, a trustee of St. Mary's College, a board member of Trinity High School, and a life trustee of Fenwick College Prep.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate Monsignor Velo on receiving the Justinian's Society's Award of Excellence; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Monsignor Velo.

14-5255

Sponsored by: TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE GRAND VICTORY AND LIFE CELEBRATION OF PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI**

**WHEREAS**, Vishwa Gujarati Samaj was founded in 1989 and the Chicago Chapter Vishwa Gujarati Samaj - USA (VGS USA) was established in 2009, and under the leadership of President Naren Patel, will celebrate its 5th Anniversary in September of 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, VGS is a global organization where there are more than 20 countries that are significantly involved; and

**WHEREAS**, VGS USA community and communities across Chicago and America, VGS are welcoming many new neighbors, friends and citizens to preserve and propagate the Growth and Development of Guajarti arts, culture, literature, education, empowering women, children and student scholarships; and

**WHEREAS**, VGS USA have a growing social, cultural and economic ties to the global community, offering great opportunities, while presenting new challenges as we seek to communicate and preserve the Gujarati culture/heritage and language and humanitarian services like relief work and natural calamities in India; and

**WHEREAS**, members are dedicated to upholding the ideals of freedom and democracy while working to make a difference in the lives of fellow Indian Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, VGS USA along with 1,500 Chicagoans are celebrating the Grand Victory and Life of Prime Minister Narendra Modi who was sworn in as India's Prime Minister on May 26, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, Prime Minister Modi won an unprecedented victory and became the first party since 1984 to get a majority support; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby applaud The Grand Victory and Life Celebration of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, encouraging all citizens across Cook County to show our appreciation, gratitude and congratulations to the Honorable Narendra Modi; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution be spread up the official proceedings of the Honorable Body.

Sponsored by: PETER N. SILVESTRI, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**IN MEMORY OF GEORGE A. LEONI**

**WHEREAS**, George A. Leoni, of Melrose Park, Illinois passed away on September 3, 2014, after living a long and rich life dedicated to family, service and community; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Leoni was born in a small town in Pennsylvania and settled in Melrose Park in 1922, where he lived the rest of his life; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Leoni fought valiantly for his country in World War II. In the midst of intense fighting in the Philippines, he carried one of his wounded men to safety and was shot in the shoulder. For his bravery, he was awarded the Purple Heart; and

**WHEREAS**, for over 35 years he owned Leoni's Restaurant, which he operated with his beloved late wife, Lena and their daughters, Georgia and Donna. For over three decades, Leoni's was not just known for its delicious food, but as a place where everyone was welcomed and treated as family. Countless people still share stories and memories of Leoni's and the great times they had there; and

**WHEREAS**, George Leoni served as the Executive Director of the Veteran's Park District for over three decades. During his tenure, he is credited for many innovations and expanded services and programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Leoni's love for his community and its residents was always evident. He volunteered his time and energy to several organizations including Proviso Mental Health, PARC, Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans, Villa Scalabrini Home for the Aged, Disabled American Veterans, Melrose Park Police and Fire Commission and Melrose Park Little League, Football and Hockey; and

**WHEREAS**, George Leoni's greatest pride and passion were his family and friends. He was a devoted husband and patriarch who instilled the values of integrity, loyalty and unconditional love. He was a steadfast friend, always available to counsel or help or simply lighten a mood with his wonderful smile. His positive impact on so many is his lasting legacy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby offer their sincere condolences to George A. Leoni's daughters, Georgia and Donna, his grandchildren; Carlene, Michalene, Roberta, George and Anthony and their spouses; his great-grandchildren; Jona, Jimmy, Jake, Logan, Bowie, Blaise and Nico; his loving companion, Madeline Pyka and her family and his extended family and numerous friends.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a proper copy of this resolution be prepared as evidence of the high esteem in which George A. Leoni is held by this Honorable Body and the residents of Cook County.

**14-5268**

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**CAMERON FAHEY, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Cameron Miller Fahey from our midst; and

**WHEREAS**, Cameron Miller Fahey was the beloved son and precious angel of Hallie J. (nee Miller) and Brian J. Fahey; and

**WHEREAS**, Cameron Miller Fahey was the loving grandson of Charles P. and Joan K. Miller of McHenry, IL and Kathleen and the late Edward J. Fahey, Sr.; and

**WHEREAS**, Cameron Miller Fahey was the dear nephew of Danielle (Eugene) Casciaro, Joseph (Wendy) Miller, the late Mary Ellen Hope, Kitty (Jim) Creed, the late Tricia Fahey, Edward J. (Mary Kay) Fahey Jr., Jack (Peggy) Fahey, Ali (Ed) Holzman, Eileen (Clarence) Puchalski, and Sheilagh (Danny) Daly; and

**WHEREAS**, Cameron Miller Fahey was a treasured "Little Brother" to Patrick Creed, and cherished cousin of 17; and

**WHEREAS**, Cameron Miller Fahey known and loved by many dear friends in the St. Barnabas and Brother Rice Communities, and his loss will be mourned by all there who were touched by his graciousness; and

**WHEREAS**, all who knew him will attest that Cameron Miller Fahey was a kind and compassionate young 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 Cameron Miller Fahey, 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 Cameron Miller Fahey, that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

**14-5269**

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**ZHOU B ARTS CENTER ANNIVERSARY GALA**

**WHEREAS**, on October 16, 2014, the Zhou B Arts Center in Bridgeport will celebrate its 10th Anniversary as a renowned cultural attraction on Chicago's South Side; and

**WHEREAS**, brothers DaHuang and ShanZuo Zhou opened the Center in 2004 with the goal of creating an art community that empowers and mentors emerging artists; and

**WHEREAS**, true to their vision, the Zhou Brothers have launched and nurtured the artistic careers of many talented artists from all over the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the Zhou B Arts Center has been home to a prestigious line of artists, exhibitions, galleries, and special events, and has been embraced by the Bridgeport community for inspiring a renewed interest in the arts; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of the 10 year milestone, the Zhou Brothers will open a solo exhibit, entitled "Feeling is Liberty," as part of the Gala celebration; and

**WHEREAS**, over the years and throughout many changes in the past decade since their arrival, the Zhou B Arts Center has proven to be a highly respected and valued cultural institution, dedicated to its principles, faithful to its vision, and greatly valued for its positive impact on the neighborhood of Bridgeport and all of Chicago.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County does hereby offer due tribute to the staff, artists, volunteers, and to DaHuang and ShanZuo Zhou on the occasion of the 10th Anniversary Celebration, and tenders this expression of gratitude to them for their outstanding work and generous support of their community; 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 DaHuang and ShanZuo Zhou in commemoration of this occasion and in grateful acknowledgment of the role they have played in bringing an appreciation of the arts to all segments of the community.



14-5273

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection report cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among children in the United States. This tragic disease is detected in more than 15,000 of our nation's young people each and every year; and

**WHEREAS**, founded over twenty years ago by Steven Firestein, a member of the philanthropic Max Factor family, the American Cancer Fund for Children, Inc. and sister organization, Kids Cancer Connection, Inc. are dedicated to helping these children and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection provide a variety of vital patient psychosocial services to children undergoing cancer treatment at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago, Comer Children's Hospital at University of Chicago Medical Center, as well as participating hospitals throughout the country, thereby enhancing the quality of life for these children and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, through its uniquely sensitive and comforting Magical Caps for Kids program, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection distributes thousands of beautifully handmade caps and decorated baseball caps to children who want to protect their heads following the trauma of chemotherapy, surgery and/or radiation treatments; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection also sponsor Courageous Kid Recognition Award ceremonies, community Get Well cards and hospital celebrations in honor of a child's determination and bravery to overcome life's obstacles.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Toni Preckwinkle, Cook County President, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, do hereby express my heartfelt gratitude and recognize that September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, and do express my hope that the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection enjoys every continued success in all of their future endeavors.

**14-5274**

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**LOIS GLASER, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Lois Glaser from our midst; and

**WHEREAS**, Lois Glaser (nee Lozeau) was the beloved wife of the late Thomas Glaser; and

**WHEREAS**, Lois Glaser was the loving mother of Leslie Glaser, Thomas (Dawn), Kevin, John (Carol), Terrance, Ann (Daniel) Chopp, and Margaret (William) Hults; and

**WHEREAS**, Lois Glaser was the devoted grandmother of 26, great-grandmother of 11, and the loving aunt of many nieces and nephews; and

**WHEREAS**, all who knew her will attest that Lois Glaser 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 Lois Glaser, 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 Lois Glaser, that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

**14-5275**

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**RITA PETERS, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Rita M. Peters from our midst; and

**WHEREAS**, Rita M. Peters nee Hyland was the beloved wife of the late Chester Peters; and

**WHEREAS**, Rita M. Peters was the loving mother of Kathleen (P.J.) English, James (late Marlene) Peters, Maureen (late Robert) Soldat and the Honorable Daniel (Gail) Peters; and

**WHEREAS**, Rita M. Peters was the proud grandmother of 11, and the cherished great grandmother of 8; and

**WHEREAS**, Rita M. Peters was the dear sister of the late James, John and Thomas Hyland and Marie Koch; and

**WHEREAS**, all who knew her will attest that Rita M. Peters 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 Rita M. Peters, 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 Rita M. Peters, that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

**14-5300**

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**COMMEMORATING THE 13TH ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11TH**

**WHEREAS**, at 8:46 a.m., on September 11, 2001, hijacked American Airlines Flight 11 crashed into the upper portion of the North Tower of the World Trade Center in New York City, New York; and

**WHEREAS**, 17 minutes later, at 9:03 a.m., hijacked United Airlines Flight 175 crashed into the South Tower of the World Trade Center; and

**WHEREAS**, at 9:37 a.m., the west wall of the Pentagon was hit by hijacked American Airlines Flight 77, the impact of which caused immediate and catastrophic damage to the headquarters of the Department of Defense; and

**WHEREAS**, at approximately 10:00 a.m., the passengers and crew of hijacked United Airlines Flight 93 acted heroically to retake control of the airplane and thwart the taking of additional American lives by crashing the airliner in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, and, in doing so, gave their lives to save countless others; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly 3,000 innocent civilians were killed in the heinous attacks of September 11, 2001; and

**WHEREAS**, tens of thousands of individuals narrowly escaped the attacks at the Pentagon and World Trade Center and, as witnesses to this tragedy, are forever changed; and

**WHEREAS**, countless fire departments, police departments, first responders, government officials, workers, emergency medical personnel, and volunteers responded immediately and heroically to those horrific events; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fire Department of New York suffered 343 fatalities on September 11, 2001, the largest loss of life of any emergency response agency in United States history; and

**WHEREAS**, the Port Authority Police Department suffered 37 fatalities in the attacks, the largest loss of life of any police force in United States history in a single day; and

**WHEREAS**, the New York Police Department suffered 23 fatalities as a result of the terrorist attacks; and

**WHEREAS**, the impact of that day on public health continues through 2013, as nearly 90,000 people are at risk of or suffering from negative health effects as a result of the events of September 11, 2001,

including 14,000 workers and 2,400 community residents who are sick, and tens of thousands of others whose health is being monitored; and

**WHEREAS**, 13 years later, the people of the United States and people around the world continue to mourn the tremendous loss of innocent life on that fateful day; and

**WHEREAS**, 13 years later, thousands of men and women in the United States Armed Forces remain in harm's way defending the United States against those who seek to threaten the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, on the 13th anniversary of this tragic day, the thoughts of the people of the United States are with all of the victims of the events of September 11, 2001 and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, the lives of Americans were changed forever on September 11, 2001, when events threatened the American way of life; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2009, Congress and the President joined together to designate September 11 as a National Day of Service and Remembrance under the Serve America Act (Public Law 111-13; 123 Stat. 1460); and

**WHEREAS**, September 11 will never, and should never, be just another day in the hearts and minds of all people of the United States.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners offers its deepest and most sincere condolences to the families, friends, and loved ones of the innocent victims of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners honors the heroic service, actions, and sacrifices of first responders, law enforcement personnel, State and local officials, volunteers, and countless others who aided the innocent victims of those attacks and, in doing so, bravely risked and often gave their own lives.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board recognizes the valiant service, actions, and sacrifices of United States personnel, including members of the United States Armed Forces, the United States intelligence agencies, the United States diplomatic service, homeland security and law enforcement personnel, and their families, who have given so much, including their lives and well-being, to support the cause of freedom and defend the security of the United States.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board reaffirms that the people of the United States will never forget the challenges our country endured on and since September 11, 2001, and will work tirelessly to defeat those who attacked the United States.

**14-5301**

**Sponsored by:** LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**COMMEMORATING THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE AND LEGACY OF THOMAS LEAHY**

**WHEREAS**, Thomas Leahy, a stellar trial lawyer and effective leader for equality in the legal community who had a tremendous and long-lasting impact on the legal community died August 23, leaving behind, family, colleagues and a community enriched for having known him; and

**WHEREAS**, Thomas Leahy was born and grew up in Highland Park, Illinois. He graduated from Highland Park High School and later attended the University of Notre Dame and Loyola University School of Law, Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, while in law school, Thomas Leahy worked for the personal injury defense firm of Clausen, Miller, Gorman, Caffrey & Witous and the plaintiff personal injury firm of Philip H. Corboy & Associates. He became an associate attorney at the Corboy firm after graduation and remained there until he left to start his own firm in 1980, The Law Office of Tom Leahy. In 2002 he joined with Peter Hoste to form his Chicago law firm, Leahy & Hoste; and

**WHEREAS**, Thomas Leahy dedicated himself to improving the legal community in Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, Thomas Leahy became interested in the field of legal education and led the Illinois State Bar Association in the reform of standards for legal education; his goal was to insure that law students were better prepared for the practice of law. He was a major leader in the movement to mandate clinical education programs for all law schools, and because of his leadership all law schools today have clinical programs. In addition to providing valuable practical skills these clinical programs largely benefit those in the community who are unable to afford legal services; and

**WHEREAS**, Thomas Leahy tirelessly dedicated himself to various bar associations and their development of the profession. He became further involved with the Illinois State Bar Association and served as the elected young lawyer delegate to the American Bar Association House of Delegates for 10 years, participating in the adoption of the Model Rules of Professional Conduct; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1993, Thomas Leahy was elected President of the Illinois State Bar Association. While President he organized and led efforts to provide legal assistance to the flood ravaged communities of western Illinois during the great spring flood of 1994. He organized and directed meetings in many hard hit locations where state bar attorneys assisted those who had lost homes and property make claims under the Federal Emergency Management Act; and

**WHEREAS**, Thomas Leahy was a recognized leader in the Chicago and Illinois legal community who not only believed in equality but actively pursued policies to promote it. He insisted that all state bar committees have at least one minority or female officer; he advocated for the bar to diversify bar leadership in Illinois. For this and so many other efforts he was awarded the Glass Ceiling Buster Award

by the DuPage Association of Women Lawyers; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1995, Thomas Leahy became Chairman of the Illinois State Bar Association's Mutual Insurance Company, where he served as a member of the Board of Directors and Claims Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, Thomas Leahy was the beloved husband of Gaile Beaurline and loving father of Taylor Susan. He is also survived by siblings Susan (Richard Volkmann), William Soran, Jr. (Sue Bale), David (Aaris), Brian and many devoted nieces and nephews; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County commemorates the life of Thomas Leahy, 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 Thomas Leahy.

**14-5302**

**Sponsored by:** STANLEY MOORE, County Commissioner

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF ADRIENNE "A.D." SMITH**

**WHEREAS**, on Wednesday, July 30, 2014, God in His own way and in His infinite wisdom called to His eternal reward Adrienne "A.D." Smith; and

**WHEREAS**, Adrienne, the youngest of two children was born on March 20, 1948 to the union of Marjorie and James Turner; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 26, 1967, Adrienne and Paul Smith married and of that union two daughters, Gia and Dianne Smith were born; and

**WHEREAS**, upon moving to the Brainerd Park Community in the 4th District of Cook County, Adrienne accepted Christ and on September 4, 1988, she joined Trinity United Church of Christ and became an active member in the Church and in her community; and

**WHEREAS**, Adrienne loved to work and had a successful and distinguishing career in government. Her positive impact in the 4th District of Cook County will always be remembered, as she worked for the U.S. Federal Census Bureau, the former 21st Ward Alderman of the City of Chicago, Jesse Evans, and most recently as the Community Liaison for current 21st Ward Alderman and Committeemen Howard Brookins Jr.; and

**WHEREAS**, Adrienne had a passion for community organizing and political campaigns; and through her

work the people of the 4th District of Cook County recognized her as a social justice advocate and a beacon of inspiration for the African American community; and

**WHEREAS**, Adrienne will forever be missed by all her family and friends. The entire 21st Ward of Chicago and the 4th District of Cook County has experienced a deep sense of loss as Adrienne treated everyone with love and respect; and

**WHEREAS**, Adrienne leaves to cherish: two daughters, Gia Denise and Dianne Renee Smith, one son, Anthony Smith; two grandsons, Darrius and Darrian Stamps; two granddaughters, MiYanna Stamps and Brandi Skinner; sister, Janis Diane; and a host of nieces and nephews and those that called her “Mom”.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board President and Commissioners of the Cook County Board, will gather together on the 10th Day of September, 2014 A.D., to express their honor and sorrow on the passing of Adrienne “A.D.” Smith, and will extend to her family and friends their sincere condolences; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution will be prepared and presented to the family of Adrienne “A.D.” Smith, that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

**14-5314**

**Sponsored by:** TONI PREKWINKLE, President, JESÚS G. GARCÍA and EDWIN REYES, County Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**CELEBRATING NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, National Hispanic Heritage Month is a celebration of Hispanic pride and culture, recognizing the achievements of Hispanic individuals who through their hard work and sacrifice have distinguished themselves throughout their careers and public service; and

**WHEREAS**, National Hispanic Heritage Month, created by Public Law 90-498, approved September 17, 1968 by the 90th Congress and later amended in 1988 by the 100th Congress, authorizes the designation of National Hispanic Heritage Month as the 31-day period beginning September 15 and ending on October 15; and

**WHEREAS**, September 15th was chosen as the starting point for the celebration because it is the anniversary of independence of five Latin American countries; Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18th respectively; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hispanic American population has grown by 1.2 percent in Cook County, making it the fourth-highest county in the nation with a Hispanic population; and



**WHEREAS**, Hispanics have had a profound and positive influence in Cook County through their strong commitment to family, faith, hard work, and service. They have enhanced and shaped our national character with centuries-old traditions that reflect the multiethnic and multicultural customs of their community; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County's Hispanic population has made numerous cultural and economic contributions to the growth and development of our county.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and Members of the Board of Commissions, on behalf of the more than 1,285,944 million residents of Cook County, do hereby recognize Monday, September 15, 2014 as the start of "National Hispanic Heritage Month," in recognition of the contributions that the Hispanic American community has made throughout the County of Cook, and urge all Cook County residents to join in this celebration of their culture and heritage.

**14-5330**

**Sponsored by:** JERRY BUTLER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, ROBERT STEELE, DEBORAH SIMS and LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**COMMENDING GLOBAL MIXX ON THE SUCCESS OF THE 8TH ANNUAL MUSIC AND FILM FORUM**

**WHEREAS**, Global Mixx is a Music and Film Forum created in 2005 by Mary Datcher, Founder and Executive Director to familiarize aspirant artists with the entertainment business, available resources within the music, creative media and marketing community. Global Mixx partners with organizations, community leaders and industry professionals to provide young hopefuls an opportunity to showcase and discuss their talents and ambitions while learning about the industry; and

**WHEREAS**, In August of this year Global Mixx partnered with ParentPowerChicago®, a nonprofit dedicated to helping parents help their children improve their learning skills. This partnership allowed children and young adults to explore their cultural interest by presenting the 2014 entertainment conference "Generation Next" August 15th through August 17th bringing understanding to the importance of music and entertainment revealing the benefit of training programs, entertainment studies, public awareness campaigns and media outreach of the Hip Hop culture, R & B, House, Gospel and Reggaecon genres; and

**WHEREAS**, Hip Hop is a broad conglomerate of artistic forms that originated within a marginalized subculture, it now resonates with urban and suburban communities throughout the world with millions of fans and is recognized by National Geographic as the worlds favorite youth culture. Hip Hop is viewed as the most important melding of black and white cultures that has ever existed in the United States influencing style and behavior resulting in a four billion dollar fashion industry; and

**WHEREAS**, Among the many industry professionals and presenters in attendance were, Honorary Chair Ernest Dion Wilson professionally known as No ID, Honorary Co-Chairs: Cynthia Johnson, Regina Daniels, Maurice Joshua (Grammy Award Remixer), Malik Yusef (5-time Grammy Award Songwriter) and Homer Blow (Radio Programmer). Notable industry participants: Mel Jackson (Actor), Erica Hubbard (Actress), Scott ‘Smokin’ Silz, Carlos King, DJ Lil John Coleman, Khrisna ‘First Lady’ Henderson-Hutchinson, Patrice Edwards, Art Sims, Monique Spence, Troy Osbourne Prior, Jerry Catalano, Martin Atkins, Jamie Henderson, Jemal McNeil, Dylan Rice, Caryn Lee, Tyra Martin, Orville Kline, Carl D. West, Darlene Jackson, Georgie Porgie, Jamal Buchanan, Esq., Corinthia ‘New Sense’ Federick, Tenille Jackson, Daryl Jones, Esq, to name a few; and

**WHEREAS**, It is customary for the Cook County Board of Commissioners to acknowledge our citizens for their contributions to our social, cultural and educational pursuits, we applaud the vision and commitment of Global Mixx for hosting a national conference here that fostered an environment where our young citizen music and film enthusiasts were able to learn from accomplished artist, actors and industry leaders.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County congratulates Global Mixx on their success with strategic communication and perception management deploying music, film, social media and discourse of diversity at the 2014 Global Mixx Film and Music Forum; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to Global Mixx and a copy be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body for the benefit of future generations.

#### **14-5285**

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

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF JOHN “JACK” FITZPATRICK**

**WHEREAS**, Mr. John “Jack” Fitzpatrick was called home by Almighty God in His infinite wisdom on June 11, 2014 while surrounded by loved ones in Oak Brook, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, Jack was born in Chicago on August 3rd, 1939 to Charlie and Isabel and later lived in Potomac, Maryland, Northbrook, Chicago, Glen Ellyn and Oak Brook, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, as a man of deep faith, Jack made his life’s work a ministry of service and hope by founding Employment & Employer Services (E&ES) in 1982, an organization dedicated to the principle of quality employment as the foundation of human dignity, economic stability and

community self-sufficiency; and

**WHEREAS**, over the span of 32 years under Jack's leadership, E&ES connected thousands of job seekers throughout Cook county with quality employment and training opportunities that greatly benefited families, communities, and the regional economy; and

**WHEREAS**, E&ES helped public housing residents receive vocational training and find employment, and served as a cornerstone for the CHA Plan for Transformation; and

**WHEREAS**, Jack proudly served his country with integrity and commitment, first in the United States Army and then later as a member of the National Guard; and

**WHEREAS**, Jack attended DePaul Academy in Chicago, earning his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics and Philosophy from DePaul University and a Master of Arts Degree in Urban Affairs from Loyola University; and

**WHEREAS**, early in his professional career Jack served the public as the Director of Planning for the City of Chicago's Department of Human Resources. Jack developed the policy framework for Chicago's human resources programs. Prior to that he served as planning director for the Chicago committee on Urban Opportunity, the City's anti-poverty agency where he played a key role in developing and coordinating the City's related policies and programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Jack served as Executive Director of the Chicago National Alliance of Business office and the Chicago Alliance of Business Manpower Services, which in cooperation with the City of Chicago became the largest and most successful CETA-funded On-the-Job Training (OJT) program in the country; and

**WHEREAS**, Jack subsequently served as the Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the National Alliance of Business (NAB), working in partnership with government, labor and education to secure jobs and job training for hard to employ Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1978, Jack received a Presidential Citation from President Jimmy Carter for his leadership and direction in addressing poverty and workforce skills development; and

**WHEREAS**, Jack served faithfully over the years as a volunteer member of the Cook County Workforce Investment Board under POET; and

**WHEREAS**, Jack is remembered as the biggest Chicago Bears fan ever, attending nearly every Bears home game over a 50 year period. Jack also attended the 1963 Bears championship game as well as Super Bowl XX; both games which the Bears won; and

**WHEREAS**, Jack loved all of his dogs over the years, as well as fishing and enjoying a good pontoon ride.

**WHEREAS**, as a loving father and grandfather, Jack was an exceptionally devoted and supportive husband. Jack was the beloved husband of Judith Ellen Woods, devoted father of Lawrence (Annemarie), Megan (Sean) and Daniel (Zuzana) and proud grandfather of nine grandchildren: Jonathan, Jimmy, MaryKate, Anne, Katie, Molly, Lizzy, Hana and Vera. Jack is mourned by his family and the many people he touched throughout his well-lived life; and left behind countless friends, family and a community enriched for having known him;

**WHEREAS** all who knew him will attest that John “Jack” Fitzpatrick was a kind and compassionate man, virtuous of character and gentle in spirit, admired and respected by his many friends, colleagues, and neighbors and dearly loved by his family.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and many friends of John “Jack” Fitzpatrick, and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of same be tendered to the family of John “Jack” Fitzpatrick, that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

**14-5290**

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

## **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

### **RECOGNIZING HONOR FLIGHT CHICAGO**

**WHEREAS**, Honor Flight Chicago was founded in 2008 to recognize World War II veterans from the Chicagoland area by flying them to Washington, D.C. for an all-expense-paid day of honor, remembrance, and celebration. Most importantly, this day of honor includes a visit to the World War II memorial in the Nation’s capital; and

**WHEREAS**, the first flight took place on June 11, 2008 and included only 105 seats on a commercial flight, which was less than the full capacity of the plane; and

**WHEREAS**, from that first flight in 2008, Honor Flight Chicago’s operations have quickly expanded, with over 5,000 veterans flown to date and eight flights taking place from Midway Airport annually; and

**WHEREAS**, despite all these efforts, there are still an estimated 20,000 World War II veterans in the Chicagoland area who have not yet experienced their day of honor; and

**WHEREAS**, many World War II veterans have, due to age and other factors, not physically been able to travel to Washington, D.C. since the memorial built in their honor opened in 2004. These flights offer veterans what may be their only opportunity to see the memorial and experience their day of honor; and

**WHEREAS**, Honor Flight Chicago has two remaining flights scheduled this year on October 1, 2014 and October 29, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, Honor Flight Chicago is currently only flying World War II veterans, but is accepting application from Korean and Vietnam War veterans for future flights.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby commend Honor Flight Chicago for the service they provide to Cook County's veterans; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners will help publicize the extraordinary work of Honor Flight Chicago and encourages all eligible veterans to apply for their day of honor; 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 Honor Flight Chicago in recognition of their efforts.

**14-5318**

**Sponsored by:** JESÚS G. GARCÍA, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING MILTON GARZA AND HOMERO GUTIÉRREZ FOR THEIR COURAGEOUS ACTIONS THAT LED TO THE ARREST OF AN ATTEMPTED SEXUAL ASSAULT PREDATOR**

**WHEREAS**, the McKinley Park and Brighton Park neighborhoods experienced several attempted sexual assaults in the area during Summer 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 31, 2014, a woman, who was leaving the 35th and Archer Orange Line stop in the McKinley Park neighborhood, was knocked down to the ground by an alleged predator; and

**WHEREAS**, a sexual assault crime was prevented by two concerned citizens who chased off the attacker; and

**WHEREAS**, a week later, on the morning of August 8, 2014, Milton Garza, 17, and Homero Gutiérrez, 21, lifelong residents of Brighton Park, heard the yells of Milton Garza's sister, Zulma Garza, outside of Burroughs Elementary School and rushed to her aid; and

**WHEREAS**, the suspect, who had been following Zulma Garza and is also believed to have attempted the assault on July 31st, quickly fled and was pursued by Milton Garza and Homero Gutiérrez, who promptly alerted the Chicago Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, Milton Garza and Homero Gutiérrez spotted the individual almost two blocks away as he knocked down another woman and attempted to assault her sexually; and

**WHEREAS**, Milton Garza and Homero Gutiérrez chased off the suspect once again and gave a precise description of the alleged attacker to the authorities; and

**WHEREAS**, Milton Garza's and Homero Gutiérrez's courageous actions led to the arrest and identification of the alleged predator later that day and possibly prevented future sexual assaults in the McKinley Park, Brighton Park and surrounding neighborhoods.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby thank Milton Garza and Homero Gutiérrez for their persistence and courageous actions that led to arrest of a suspected sexual assault predator and thereby making their community a safer place.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** this text be spread upon the proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to Milton Garza and Homero Gutiérrez with our sincere gratitude.

**14-5315**

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE JACKIE ROBINSON WEST U.S. NATIONAL CHAMPION LITTLE LEAGUE TEAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Jackie Robinson West Little League team was founded by Joseph Haley in 1971; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of Jackie Robinson West is to bring children into a structured program environment intensely supported by adult volunteers where the values of leadership, team work and self-discipline are strongly emphasized; and

**WHEREAS**, with courage and grace, 13 young ballplayers, have attracted the attention of the Nation, inspiring the children of Cook County to use sports as a viable option to make positive impact on their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Jackie Robinson West became the first African American team from Chicago to reach the Little League World Series in three decades; and

**WHEREAS**, the last Chicago team to qualify for the World Series was West in 1983; and

**WHEREAS**, using a combination of power hitting, aggressive base running, dominant pitching and strong defense, Jackie Robinson West would defeat teams from Lynwood, Washington; Cumberland, Rhode Island; Pearlman, Texas and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to advance to the United States Championship Game; and

**WHEREAS**, in the Championship Game, Jackie Robinson faced a rematch with the Mountain Ridge Little League team from Las Vegas, Nevada, having suffered a previous loss to them in the opening round. The game started quickly, with both teams scoring three runs in the first inning. Jackie Robinson scored another run in the second inning added three more in the fifth and ended the game on a double play to win the U.S. Championship by a final score of 7-5; and

**WHEREAS**, despite falling in the World Series Championship to the team from Seoul, South Korea, Jackie Robinson West had already established themselves as champions in the minds and hearts of residents of the City of Chicago, Cook County, and the entire country; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County is the proud home of DJ Butler, Lawrence Noble, Jaheim Benton, Ed Howard, Cameron Bufford, Brandon Green, Darion Radcliff, Marquis Jackson, Joshua Houston, Eddie King, Prentiss Luster, Pierce Jones, Trey Hondras, all once and future baseball stars; and

**WHEREAS**, the spirit and resolve that Jackie Robinson West demonstrated throughout the tournament reminds us all that the greater the challenge, the greater the triumph, and the greater the glory.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate the Jackie Robinson West Little League Team, their coaches, JRW organizers and volunteers and sponsors on winning the U.S. Little League National Championship; 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 members and coaches of Jackie Robinson West Little League in honor of their exemplary commitment remarkable accomplishment.