



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

BOARD AGENDA

Tuesday, April 11, 2017, 9:00 AM

Consent Calendar Meeting

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Pursuant to Cook County Code of Ordinances, public testimony will be permitted at regular and special meetings of the Board. Duly authorized public speakers shall be called upon at this time to deliver testimony germane to a specific item(s) on the meeting agenda, and the testimony must not exceed three (3) minutes. The names of duly authorized speakers shall be published in the Post Board Action Agenda and Journal of Proceedings as prepared by the Clerk of the Board.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Pursuant to Cook County Code, the Secretary to the Board of Commissioners hereby transmits Consent Calendar Resolutions for your consideration. The Consent Calendar Resolutions shall be published in the Post Board Action Agenda and Journal of Proceedings as prepared by the Clerk of the Board.

17-1987

Sponsored by: PETER N. SILVESTRI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION**HONORING OPERATION NORTH POLE FOR HELPING SICK CHILDREN IN NEED**

WHEREAS, Operation North Pole is a nonprofit organization focusing on helping seriously and terminally ill children and their families during the holiday season; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, Operation North Pole's first fantasy trip consisted of thirty families taking the train to the "North Pole"- a quaint, 3,000-square-foot assembly hall transformed into a winter wonderland for the day's party and visit with Santa Claus; and

WHEREAS, Operation North Pole works with Chicago's major children's hospitals to ensure that the entire family shares in the day's festivities, which include breakfast, a festive train ride, a visit with Santa, winter wonderland fun, entertainment, lavish treats, and personal wish list gifts, providing families with an unforgettable experience amidst very challenging times; and

WHEREAS, every child is treated equally at Operation North Pole, and no child is considered sick on the day of the event; and

WHEREAS, from these modest beginnings, Operation North Pole has grown and now charters a Metra train to transport seventy-five families, and the winter wonderland event is now held in the 28,000-square-foot main ballroom of the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont; and

WHEREAS, Operation North Pole works diligently throughout the year so that it can fulfill children's specific wishes, designating \$300 per child; and

WHEREAS, the scope of Operation North Pole has expanded to include working with Operation Warm and has provided in excess of five thousand new winter coats to children in need; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize and honor Operation North Pole for the important work it does for sick and needy children and for its positive impact on Chicago-area families.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to Operation North Pole in recognition of its good works.

17-2118

Sponsored by: STANLEY MOORE, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NILES SHERMAN

WHEREAS, the members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners are honored to recognize the life and accomplishments of Niles Sherman; and

WHEREAS, On Monday, February 6, 2017, God in His infinite wisdom called to his eternal reward Niles Sherman; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sherman, the oldest of ten children was born on February 8, 1929 to Robert and Amanda Sherman; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sherman was a proud and dedicated career officer for the Chicago Police Department and President of the Brainard Community Action Coalition; and

WHEREAS, Niles Sherman was elected into office as the alderman of the 21st ward in 1979 and the ward committeeman the following year; and

WHEREAS, He served as alderman of the 21st ward until 1987; and

WHEREAS, Alderman Sherman was a fearless activist on behalf of his constituents. He demanded that Chicago government either “Cut us in or cut it out”; and

WHEREAS, his steadfast dedication to serving others is depicted in the career positions that he held along with the numerous awards and commendations that he received. He served as the Democratic State Central Committeeman of the 2nd Congressional District, Assistant Commissioner for the Chicago Department of Water, and Director of the City of Chicago Youth and Correctional services; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board President and the members of the Board of Commissioners would like to extend their deepest condolences and heartfelt sorrow at the passing of Mr. Niles Sherman; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Cook County Board President and the Board of Commissioners

shall recognize and honor Mr. Niles Sherman in celebration of his life, accomplishments, and commitment to the citizens of Chicago; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Niles Sherman.

17-2124

Sponsored by: PETER N. SILVESTRI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE MONTCLARE ELMWOOD PARK LIONS CLUB ON ITS 70TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, the Montclare Elmwood Park (MCEP) Lions Club is a diverse group of men, women, and families who share a common vision of making their community a better place; and

WHEREAS, since being founded in 1947, the MCEP Lions have been making a profound impact on people's lives and society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the MCEP Lions live up to their motto of "We Serve" by stocking food pantries, recycling keys and cell phones to benefit battered women and shelters, caring for the elderly, providing programs and services for visually and hearing-impaired people, assisting the youth in the community, and helping combat disease; and

WHEREAS, signature projects of the MCEP Lions include Thanksgiving pie and Christmas food basket distribution, school supply donations, a Reading Carnival, and a scholarship award, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, with 46,000 clubs and 1.4+ million members, Lions International is the world's largest service club organization; and

WHEREAS, Lions International's mission is to empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace, and promote international understanding through Lions clubs; and

WHEREAS, the vision of Lions International is to be the global leader in community and humanitarian service; and

WHEREAS, significant accomplishments in the early years of Lions International include Helen Keller addressing the Lions Clubs International in 1925, challenging Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness"; and

WHEREAS, other early achievements include Lions International being one of the first nongovernmental organizations invited to assist in the drafting of the United Nations Charter. Lions have supported the work of the UN ever since; and

WHEREAS, in the late 1950s, Lions International created the Leo Program to provide the youth of the world with an opportunity for personal development through volunteering; and

WHEREAS, today Lions International's services include environmental causes and disaster relief, and its reach has expanded to more than 200 countries and geographic areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby honor the Montclare Elmwood Park Lions Club on the occasion of its 70th Anniversary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to the Montclare Elmwood Park Lions Club in recognition of its many years of service to the community.

17-2137

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF THE HONORABLE ANTHONY "TONY" YUKICH

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Anthony "Tony" Yukich is celebrating his 100th Birthday on March 17, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Anthony "Tony" Yukich is known lovingly to family, friends, and neighbors as "The Godfather," "The Mayor" and "The Dean Martin of Evergreen Park"; and

WHEREAS, Anthony "Tony" Yukich was raised in the Bridgeport neighborhood of Chicago and was a member of St. Jerome Croatian Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, Anthony "Tony" Yukich married the late Fran and became father to Jim, Bill and the late Bob; and

WHEREAS, Anthony "Tony" Yukich moved to Evergreen Park in 1957 and became an active member of the United Homeowners of Evergreen Park Party in 1960; and

WHEREAS, Anthony "Tony" Yukich was appointed to the Zoning Board of the Village of Evergreen Park in 1964 and was elected Village Trustee in 1967; and

WHEREAS, Anthony "Tony" Yukich worked diligently to secure land on the 9000 block of South Kedzie and establish a park with athletic fields, a walking track, a pond and an ice rink for the families and children of the Village of Evergreen Park to enjoy; and

WHEREAS, In recognition for his hard work on behalf of the citizens of Evergreen Park the Village dedicated the park to Anthony “Tony” Yukich and his wife Fran on April 28, 2001; and

WHEREAS, Anthony “Tony” Yukich has served the residents of the Village of Evergreen Park with honor and distinction for over 50 years; and therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby extend its warmest wishes and congratulations to Anthony “Tony” Yukich on the occasion of his 100th Birthday, and join all who have had the pleasure of his friendship in wishing him still more years of good health and richly deserved happiness, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and an official copy of same be presented to Anthony “Tony” Yukich to commemorate this joyous occasion.

17-2138

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

JOHN WILKINSON, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called John Wilkinson from our midst; and

WHEREAS, John Wilkinson was the dear husband of Mary Wilkinson (nee Ebzery); and

WHEREAS, John Wilkinson was the loving father of Juliet (Ray) Kracik and Angela (Brian) Haggie; and

WHEREAS, John Wilkinson was the proud grandfather of Ellie and Lucy Kracik and Anna, Mara and Coco Haggie; and

WHEREAS, John Wilkinson was the fond brother of Larry (Maureen), Bob (Kathy), Jim (Gina), Tom (Margie) and the late Dan Wilkinson; and

WHEREAS, John Wilkinson was the dear brother-in-law of Joan Ebzery (Tom Dimond) and Bert Ebzery; and

WHEREAS, John Wilkinson was the President of South Loop Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, John Wilkinson was the President of the Great Western Beef Corporation; and

WHEREAS, John Wilkinson touched the lives of many and will be remembered by all who knew him; and

WHEREAS, all who knew him will attest that John Wilkinson 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 and his neighbors; and

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 of John Wilkinson 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 the same be tendered to the family of John Wilkinson, so that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

17-2223

Sponsored by: PETER N. SILVESTRI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL FOR BEING NAMED ONE OF THE BEST INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMS IN THE U.S.

WHEREAS, the International Baccalaureate, as featured in *Newsweek*, named Trinity High School in River Forest one of the best International Baccalaureate (IB) programs in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the IB education foundation, founded in Geneva, Switzerland in 1968, aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring young people who help to create a better, more peaceful world through international understanding and respect; and

WHEREAS, IB programs teach students to explore what it is to learn, ask challenging and thoughtful questions, develop a sense of identity and culture, and develop the ability to communicate with people from different countries and cultures; and

WHEREAS, IB programs draw on content from educational cultures across the world, encouraging learning across disciplines and providing students with opportunities for individual and collaborative planning and research; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing, rigorous evaluations of authorized IB schools are part of the IB's commitment to keeping high-quality, consistent academic standards around the world; and

WHEREAS, Trinity became an accredited IB school twenty-four years ago, only the second one in the state to receive accreditation; and

WHEREAS, Trinity's IB program is a two-year course of study with six subject areas: language and literature, world language, history, science, mathematics, and the arts. It also requires an extended essay; a Theory of Knowledge course; and creativity, activity, and service components; and

WHEREAS, in addition to its twenty-nine math and science courses, Trinity offers thirty-two fine arts courses; and

WHEREAS, in the last five years, fifty-six percent of all Trinity graduates received an IB diploma, with its students testing ten percent higher than the national average; and

WHEREAS, Trinity students who choose not to pursue the IB diploma are able to receive an IB certificate for individual courses taken, providing each student, regardless of academic track, with the tools to achieve her highest potential; and

WHEREAS, Trinity's single-gender environment fosters self-esteem, which plays an integral role in educational success; and

WHEREAS, in the last five years, Trinity graduates have been awarded more than \$95 million in college scholarships, cementing Trinity's reputation as an academic powerhouse.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate the teachers, students, and administration of Trinity High School for earning recognition as a top International Baccalaureate program in the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Trinity's principal, Noreen Powers, and president, Sister Michelle Germanson.

17-2254

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

PATRICIA KILROE, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Patricia Ann "Patt" Kilroe (nee Moran) from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Patricia "Patt" Kilroe was the beloved wife of the late Thomas Kilroe; and

WHEREAS, Patricia "Patt" Kilroe was the loving mother of the Hon. Shelia McGinnis (Hon. Terry Smith), Ellen (Joseph) Harmening and the late Thomas and Kevin; and

WHEREAS, Patricia “Patt” Kilroe was the loving “Gaga” to Erin, Ian, Claire, Thomas and Michael; and

WHEREAS, Patricia “Patt” Kilroe was the dear sister of Mary Moran Joiner, Joseph Feldman and Ellen Ryan; and

WHEREAS, Patricia “Patt” Kilroe was the fond aunt of many nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, all who knew her will attest that Patricia “Patt” Kilroe 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; and

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 of Patricia “Patt” Kilroe, 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 the same be tendered to the family of Patricia “Patt” Kilroe so that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

17-2260

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE YOUNG IRISH FELLOWSHIP CLUB OF CHICAGO

WHEREAS, the Young Irish Fellowship Club of Chicago is a social and charitable organization run by volunteers in their 20's and 30's that celebrates the Irish culture; and

WHEREAS, open to young people of all cultural backgrounds, the Young Irish Fellowship Club of Chicago volunteers their time and donates to worthy local organizations to help make an impact on their community; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 42ND anniversary of Forever Green, one of Chicago's largest and longest running St. Patrick's Day celebrations; and

WHEREAS, Forever Green will be held on March 17, 2017 at the Chicago Cultural Center in Chicago and will benefit the Andrew Weishar Foundation, which supports the mission of providing immediate resources to the families of adolescents or young adults battling cancer, and March4Meg, an organization which supports people dealing with melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on

behalf of ourselves and staff, do hereby recognize the Young Irish Fellowship of Chicago for their good works in the community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread upon the permanent Record of Proceedings of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, and that a copy of same, suitably engrossed, be presented to the Young Irish Fellowship Club of Chicago.

17-2299

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

EARTH DAY 2017

WHEREAS, Earth Day, April 22, is observed around the world to promote a healthy, sustainable environment, address climate change and protect the Earth for future generations; and

WHEREAS, a clean environment is a foundation for a healthy population and a vital economy in Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Cook County has increased energy efficiency through measures such as updating building control systems and lights, and replacing and modernizing boilers and chillers; and

WHEREAS, the County has invested in renewable energy such as solar electric canopies at the Bridgeview courthouse, solar thermal walls at four Department of Transportation and Highways maintenance facilities to provide thermal energy and heat, and a geothermal heating and cooling system at the Skokie courthouse; and

WHEREAS, as part of promoting a clean environment, Cook County has set a goal of reducing its harmful greenhouse gas emissions 80 percent by the year 2050; and

WHEREAS, by pursuing energy efficiency and renewable energy, Cook County has exceeded its greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs) reduction goals. GHGs from County buildings having decreased by 22 percent in five years since 2010, surpassing the target of a 10 percent reduction from 2010 through 2015; and

WHEREAS, the County's reduction in utility use between 2010 and 2015 has saved taxpayers more than \$5 million in utility costs and reduced the CO2 emissions equivalent to the electricity use of nearly 24,000 homes in one year; and

WHEREAS, Cook County residents are surrounded by 70,000 acres of protected natural space that is preserved by Forest Preserves staff and many dedicated volunteers. These efforts protect native species and their homes. On Earth Day and every day, prairies, woodlands, wetlands and savanna are cared for through various restoration activities and people can learn about the local environment. On April 22 special activities include Earth Day Celebration and Preserves Clean up at Kickapoo Woods, a family

friendly bird walk at Orland Grasslands, Restoration Work day at River Trail Nature Center, Earth Day Nature Play at Crabtree Nature Center; and

WHEREAS, Cook County is taking action to make all of its communities more sustainable and healthy through additional programs promoting shared community solar electric power; recycling and reusing building material from demolitions; promoting transit-oriented and cargo-oriented development as well as alternative modes of transportation to automobiles; assessing and cleaning up contaminated former industrial brownfields; removing harmful lead from homes; promoting energy efficiency for residents, businesses and local government facilities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by President Toni Preckwinkle and the Cook County Board of Commissioners that April 22, 2017 is Earth Day in Cook County.

17-2430

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING MAY 1, 2017 AS NATIONAL LAW DAY

WHEREAS, Law Day is a national day set aside to celebrate the rule of law. Law Day underscores how law and the legal process contribute to the freedoms that all Americans share; and

WHEREAS, Law Day has its origin in 1957, when American Bar Association (ABA) President Charles S. Rhyne envisioned a special day for celebrating the role of law in our society and for cultivating a deeper understanding of our legal system; and

WHEREAS, on February 3, 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower established Law Day by issuing a Proclamation proclaiming it "fitting that the people of this Nation should remember with pride and vigilantly guard the great heritage of liberty, justice, and equality under law which our forefathers bequeathed to us." Every President since has issued an annual Law Day Proclamation; and

WHEREAS, on April 7, 1961, Congress passed a Joint Resolution that designated May 1 as Law Day. The theme of Law Day 2017 is "The 14th Amendment: Transforming American Democracy"; and

WHEREAS, the Fourteenth Amendment, ratified in 1868, greatly expanded the constitutional protections available to all through its clauses guaranteeing due process and equal protection; and

WHEREAS, the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment serves as the vehicle by which many of the protections in the Bill of Rights are enforceable against state and local government actions that infringe upon fundamental liberties; and

WHEREAS, the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment is the source of many constitutional rights including procedural protections providing a safeguard against arbitrary laws or unjust court proceedings and includes substantive protection of fundamental rights that are not specifically

enumerated elsewhere in the U.S. Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Citizenship Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment constitutionally defined national citizenship for the first time and guaranteed that the privileges or immunities of United States citizenship would not be denied to any individual citizen; and

WHEREAS, this Law Day provides an opportunity to understand how the Fourteenth Amendment, one of the most cited constitutional provisions serves as the cornerstone of landmark civil rights legislation and federal court decisions protecting fundamental rights. This transformative amendment is a source of inspiration for all those who advocate for equal justice under law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize May 1, 2017 as National Law Day and its theme of "The 14th Amendment: Transforming American Democracy"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Cook County Law Library will celebrate the Law Day by continuing in its mission of providing legal information resources as a component of access to justice to ensure that all can explore and discover their legal rights.

17-2453

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS AND CAREER OF REPORTER CHARLES THOMAS

WHEREAS, Charles Thomas is known locally and regionally as the chief political reporter for ABC 7 Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Charles Thomas has served with distinction in that role since 2009; and

WHEREAS, Charles Thomas joined ABC 7 as a general assignment reporter in 1991; and

WHEREAS, Charles Thomas also achieved distinction in journalism as the Midwest reporter for ABC national news for three years prior to joining ABC 7; and

WHEREAS, Charles Thomas began his journalism career as a reporter for KCMO Radio in Kansas City, Missouri, and worked for several local news stations across the country; and

WHEREAS, Charles Thomas reports news for ABC 7 that informs, enhances, and enriches the lives of the citizens of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Charles Thomas has been a cornerstone of the news business in Chicago for 26 years; and

WHEREAS, Charles Thomas is retiring from the news business, but he will continue to work toward the important goal of helping the African American community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners that best wishes are to be extended to Charles Thomas on the occasion of his retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners that the deepest appreciation of the President and Board of Commissioners is to be extended to Charles Thomas for his extensive civic and journalistic contributions to the County of Cook.

17-2482

Sponsored by: STANLEY MOORE, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING HATTIE GREEN FOR HER LONGEVITY OF LIFE IN THE AUBURN GRESHAM COMMUNITY WITHIN THE 4TH DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, Hattie M. Green was born on January 18, 1923 in Canton, Mississippi to the union of Eddie and Mary Lee Escho; and

WHEREAS, Hattie is one of six children. Hattie attended Camon Elementary School and Canton High School in Canton, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Hattie moved to Chicago at the age of sixteen, and continued her education at Chicago State University; and

WHEREAS, Hattie worked for various companies around the Chicago area. Hattie decided to retire from the Seeburg Corporation Company after eighteen years of service; and

WHEREAS, Hattie Green was married to Frank Green for thirty-two years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hattie Green has lived in the Auburn Gresham community within the 4th district for more than fifty-years; and

WHEREAS, Hattie is currently an active block club member with the 8700 So. Bishop Block Club; and

WHEREAS, Hattie was a member of Pilgrim Baptist Church for over 60 years, before she joined Love of Christ Baptist Church in 2011 where she remains an active member; and

WHEREAS, Hattie Green is 94 years of age and the matriarch of her family. She is the longest living of all her siblings and children; and

WHEREAS, Hattie's motto is "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"; and

WHEREAS, Hattie Green is dearly loved by her family, friends and neighbors, for her kindness, generosity, and caring spirit; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, shall honor Mrs. Hattie Green for her commitment and dedication to the Auburn Gresham community within the 4th district.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the cook county clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to be presented to Hattie Green in recognition of this important milestone.

17-2564

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING HARRY J. KLEIN ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BURBANK

WHEREAS, The Honorable Harry J. Klein, Mayor of the City of Burbank, will retire this April after 40 years of admirable and exemplary service to the citizens of Burbank; and

WHEREAS, Harry J. Klein was first appointed Mayor of Burbank in 1991 and was then elected to six consecutive four years terms beginning in 1993; and

WHEREAS, Harry J. Klein served as Treasurer to the City of Burbank for 14 years prior to his service as Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the City of Burbank, a 4.17 square mile community first incorporated in 1970, has benefited immeasurably from the steady and capable stewardship of Mayor Harry J. Klein; and

WHEREAS, the City of Burbank today is a thriving and diverse community in large part due to decades of thoughtful decisions and prudent management that have been the hallmarks of the tenure of Mayor Harry J. Klein and his able team of administrators, and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Harry J. Klein has faithfully served the people of the City of Burbank with dedication and a commitment to public service that exemplifies the finest qualities of civic leadership, and

WHEREAS, Mayor Harry J. Klein has proven above all that his first priority is the quality of life for the residents of the City of Burbank, who know their community is an outstanding place to live, work, and raise a family, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby offer its congratulations to Harry J. Klein on his retirement and thank him for his four decades of service to the City of Burbank, 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 by the Commissioners of Cook County to Harry J. Klein so that his remarkable achievements on behalf of the citizens of the City of Burbank be duly recognized.

17-2600

Sponsored by: PETER N. SILVESTRI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING CATHOLIC CHARITIES ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, Catholic Charities began in 1917 when a group of Catholic businessmen petitioned Cardinal Mundelein to create a central Catholic charity in Chicago to relieve the burden on Catholic parishes, struggling to meet the needs of the booming immigrant population as well as the poor and the sick; and

WHEREAS, during the Great Depression, Catholic Charities was a key partner in a city-wide effort to aid families struggling to survive prolonged unemployment. The agency also became known for caring for orphans and children of unwed mothers as well as the mothers themselves; and

WHEREAS, during the 1960s, Catholic Charities began to provide Head Start services; and

WHEREAS, in the 1980s, Catholic Charities became one of the largest providers of foster care and other child welfare services in the area; and

WHEREAS, through the 1990s and into the 21st Century, Catholic Charities expanded its programming for seniors and built affordable residences for this population; and

WHEREAS, during the same time, Catholic Charities partnered with state and federal programs on a new model for distributing food and social services through Women, Infants, and Children centers in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, along with the new initiatives, Catholic Charities continued to provide emergency assistance, counseling, addiction services, and employment and training; and

WHEREAS, today, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago is one of the largest private, non-profit social service agencies in the Midwest, annually assisting more than one million people

without regard to religious, ethnic, or economic background; and

WHEREAS, every 30 seconds, someone turns to Catholic Charities for assistance. Catholic Charities offers 150 programs at 164 locations across Cook and Lake counties; and

WHEREAS, Catholic Charities has more than 3,000 well trained and dedicated staff who are aided by more than 15,000 volunteers; and

WHEREAS, in the last year alone, more than 250,000 people received food, clothing, shelter, and rent and utility assistance at Emergency Assistance sites in Chicago, Cicero, Des Plaines, Worth, South Holland, Waukegan, and Summit, and nearly 70,000 people were served a warm meal; and

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2017, Archbishop Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Papal Nuncio to the United States, will preside with concelebrants Cardinal Blase Cupich, Monsignor Michael Boland, and Bishop Joseph Perry at a Mass of Thanksgiving in honor of the 100th Anniversary of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago at Holy Name Cathedral.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Board of Commissioners of Cook County do hereby honor Catholic Charities for a century of service--supporting individuals, families, and communities--guided by respect, compassion, competence, and stewardship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to Catholic Charities on the joyous occasion of its 100th Anniversary: a Century of Hope.

17-2613

Sponsored by: STANLEY MOORE, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF JOSEPHINE “MOTHER” WADE

WHEREAS, the members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners are pleased to recognize the dedication and commitment given to the residents of Chicago by Josephine “Mother” Wade; and

WHEREAS, Josephine Wade made a decision at the age of 15 that the way to reach her dreams is to become an entrepreneur; and

WHEREAS, Josephine entered the business world at the age of 21 and quickly established herself as a hard worker and strategic business woman; and

WHEREAS, Josephine Wade pursued her interest in being a restaurateur and mortgage broker for 33 years; and

WHEREAS, after marrying, Rupert Smith, the love of her life, they went on to open Captain's Hard Times Dining at 353 East 79th Street in 1989; and

WHEREAS, their collaboration was so successful that less than four months after opening, they outgrew the 79th Street location and moved to their present location of 436-440 East 79th Street in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Mother Wade always expressed to anyone and everyone her motto: "I always put God first in my life, and my second love, of course, is my family, followed closely by the church and the clergy; and

WHEREAS, Mother Wade is a loyal member of Carter Temple CME Church; and

WHEREAS, Mother Wade express her love for her community by committing her time and energy as a member of the Board of Directors of the Albertina Walker Scholarship Foundation as well as being a member of the Community Advisory Board for Carver High School and the Harold Washington College's Hospitality Program and several national associations; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2017 the intersection of 79th Street and South Vernon Avenue was named in her honor; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Cook County shall recognize Josephine "Mother" Wade tireless service to the citizens of Chicago; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cook County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to be presented to Josephine "Mother" Wade in recognition of this important milestone.

17-2637

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING LEGENDARY ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL COACH GENE PINGATORE ON HIS 1,000 CAREER WINS IN ILLINOIS HISTORY

WHEREAS, Gene Pingatore has admirably served since 1960 as an educator, mentor, and head basketball coach of St. Joseph High School in Westchester, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Gene Pingatore was born in Cicero, Illinois, currently the 16th District of Cook County, and attended St. Mel's High School where he played on the 1954 City Championship team; and

WHEREAS, upon graduation from high school, Gene Pingatore received an athletic scholarship and played basketball for Loyola University of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, Gene Pingatore returned to Chicago in 1960 and served nine years as an assistant under Pat Callahan, prior to taking over as head coach for the St. Joseph Chargers during the 1969-70 basketball season; and

WHEREAS, throughout his 48-year career at St. Joseph High School, Gene Pingatore has led the Chargers to 27 East Suburban Catholic Conference Championships, two Catholic League North titles, 32 regional titles, 13 sectional titles, six top-four finishes, and two state championships-in 1999 (Class AA) and 2015 (Class 3A); and

WHEREAS, Gene Pingatore has coached numerous NCAA and professional basketball players, including three notable McDonald's All-Americans: Deryl Cunningham '89, Daryl Thomas '83, and NBA great Isiah Thomas '79; and

WHEREAS, Gene Pingatore added another milestone to his legendary career on February 11, 2017, when he won his 1000th career IHSA game with a 81-71 victory over St. Rita in the first round of the Chicago Catholic League Tournament; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Federation of State High School, Gene Pingatore became only the 15th boys' basketball coach in the United States to achieve 1,000 victories; and

WHEREAS, Gene Pingatore is the winningest coach in Illinois high school basketball history and first to reach 1000 wins; and continues to inspire so many young men to excel in athletics, academics, and as leaders in their communities;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby offer its congratulations to St. Joseph High School Head Basketball Coach Gene Pingatore on the occasion of becoming the first boys basketball coach in Illinois history to reach 1,000 wins; 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 by the Commissioners of Cook County to Gene Pingatore to recognize his remarkable achievements and dedication to St. Joseph High School.

17-2638

Sponsored by: STANLEY MOORE, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING INEZ DELOIS SMITH WILBON FOR HER LONGEVITY OF LIFE IN THE SOUTH SHORE COMMUNITY WITHIN THE 4TH DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, Inez Delois Smith Wilbon was the fourth of twelve children, born to Willie and Rebecca Smith in Arkansas City, Arkansas

WHEREAS, On July 12, 1923. Inez graduated from East Carroll Parish High School.

WHEREAS, Inez relocated to Chicago in 1943, and begin working at Hump Hair Pin Company.

WHEREAS, In 1945 Inez married Johnnie Wilbon, and inherited other wonderful children in addition to their daughter Evelyn.

WHEREAS, In 1952 Inez went to work for Schulz and Burch Biscuit Company and retired after 33 years of service.

WHEREAS, Inez is an active member of New Nazareth Baptist Church, and has been a member for 61 years.

WHEREAS, Inez was crowned Prom Queen of New Nazareth Baptist Church in 2013, and will forever hold this title. She lives and is an active member in her community for 61 years.

WHEREAS, Inez comes from a family of entrepreneurs, that was spearheaded by her father's teachings.

WHEREAS, Inez has a wonderful group of grandchildren who cares for her, and she loves them dearly. She calls her eldest grandchild Harold Wilbon her right hand. He is there for her every beck and call.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, shall honor Mrs. Inez Delois Smith Wilbon for her commitment and dedication to the South Shore community within the 4th district.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Cook County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to be presented to Inez Delois Smith Wilbon in recognition of this important milestone.

17-2652

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN MEMORY OF JAMES W. RYAN

WHEREAS, James W. Ryan's long legal career was exceptional for many reasons; he was one of the longest serving Assistant States Attorneys, one of the longest serving Staff Attorneys for the Circuit Court of Cook County, but it was his integrity and wisdom that made him a treasured member of the bar and the community. When he died at the age at age 81 he left behind a devoted family, countless friends, colleagues and a community enriched for having known him; and

WHEREAS, while a leader at the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, James Ryan set the highest standards for integrity. During his long tenure as a Cook County Assistant States Attorney he was uniformly regarded as one who deeply respected the office and will long be remembered for his thorough work and his high ethical standards and professionalism. Above all, he will be remembered as a model

of kindness and affability; and

WHEREAS, James W. Ryan enjoyed a lengthy and distinguished legal career. He was genuinely admired and respected by his fellow lawyers and gave generously of his time to better the profession; he was an active member of the Chicago Bar Association for over fifty years. He served on the Domestic Relations Committee where he was appointed secretary, vice chair and chairman. For over a decade he was a member of the Chicago Bar Association's Legislative Committee and was Chairman of the Domestic Relations Legislative Committee. He served on the Screening Committee that appointed Guardian Ad Litem for twelve years; and

WHEREAS, James W. Ryan was an expert in child support and domestic relations who helped fashion legislation that protected children and brought justice to Cook County Courtrooms; and

WHEREAS, James Ryan will be dearly missed by his family, friends, and neighbors. His loss will be felt acutely by his wife, Theresa. Along with so many other relatives and friends, the community mourns the loss of James Ryan; 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 James W. Ryan, 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 Ryan.

17-2662

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING MAYOR SHERMAN JONES

WHEREAS, Sherman Jones was elected Mayor of the Village of Broadview in 2009 and was re-elected in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Jones stepped down from his position in April 2017; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, the Village of Broadview has experienced many successes; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Jones led the Village through a major budget overhaul and eliminated deficits of nearly \$4 million; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, the Village pursued innovative financial opportunities to cover much of the cost of a new fire truck and ambulance; and

WHEREAS, many of the Village's departments were overhauled to be more efficient and cost taxpayers less money; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Jones launched the initiative to resurface 13th Avenue, which for many years went without maintenance and was a problem for the people of Broadview; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Jones has worked tirelessly for the people of Broadview and has benefitted all of Cook County through his good work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Board of Commissioners that Mayor Sherman Jones is honored and thanked for his dedication to the people of Broadview and Cook County.

17-2663

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING MAYOR FRANK PASQUALE

WHEREAS, Mayor Frank Pasquale was elected mayor of the Village of Bellwood in 2001; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Pasquale stepped down from his post in April 2017; and

WHEREAS, prior to his election, Mayor Pasquale served as a Memorial Park District commissioner for 20 years and as a village trustee for six years; and

WHEREAS, even before he served in elected office, Mayor Pasquale was a dedicated public servant having worked in education for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Pasquale has notched many accomplishments for the Village of Bellwood; and

WHEREAS, among the most important of those accomplishments was the construction of an over pass on 25th Avenue that enables vehicles to pass without being tied up by railroad traffic; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Pasquale has also led an innovative program to build bigger homes in the village to attract new residents to Bellwood; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Pasquale has led a life devoted to the residents of the Village of Bellwood and the

people of Cook County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Board of Commissioners that Mayor Frank Pasquale is honored and thanked for his 40 years of public service.

17-2692

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING MAYOR SAM PULIA

WHEREAS, Sam Pulia was elected Mayor of the Village of Westchester in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Pulia stepped down from his post in April 2017; and

WHEREAS, prior to his election, Mayor Pulia served as president of Westchester School District 92.5; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Pulia is a decorated police veteran who has served as deputy chief of the Westchester Police Department and as chief of the Willow Springs Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Pulia traveled to New York City after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks to aide local police officials with security and search and recovery efforts; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Pulia graduated from the prestigious Northwestern Staff and Command School, serving as class president; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Pulia has spent his life dedicated to the people of Westchester and Cook County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Board of Commissioners that Mayor Sam Pulia is honored and thanked for his years of service.

17-2717

Sponsored by: RICHARD R. BOYKIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION**HONORING RAY OVERTON**

WHEREAS, Ray Overton was born October 27, 1926 to Arthur L. Overton and Osca C. Presley; and

WHEREAS, in February 1952, Ray married Wilma Wilks of Colp, Illinois. He was drafted into the U.S. Army eight months later and was discharged two years later with an Honorable Discharge; and

WHEREAS, in 1956, he and his wife gave birth to their first daughter, Armintha, and in 1960 their second daughter Princess was born. After his wife passed away in 1961, Ray became his daughters' primary caregiver; and

WHEREAS, in 1961, Ray successfully started Ray Overton Studios, as a Commercial Artist in the basement of his home. He remained in business for over 50 years and was still creating promotional advertising, sign art, lettering and graphic designs until he passed; and

WHEREAS, Ray was dedicated to his community, serving as Block Club President for 25 years; and bowled in as many as five bowling leagues at one time. He was an excellent bowler, captain, league secretary and president.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners to celebrate the life of Ray Overton and the sincere appreciation of the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners is extended to the family of Ray Overton.