



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

Consent Agenda

Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 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.

[19-0573](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION**THOMAS J. FERRO, IN MEMORIAM**

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Thomas J. Ferro from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Ferro was the beloved husband of Linda (nee Fritz); and

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Ferro was the proud father of Tracy (Jeffrey) Terrana, Melissa (Mark) Miller, Lindsey (Joe) Recchia; and

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Ferro was the loving grandfather of Anthony Miller, Alexis Terrana and Sophia Miller; and

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Ferro was the devoted son of the late Virginia and Joseph Ferro; and

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Ferro was the dear brother of Carol (Ron) Arnashus, Virginia (late Frank) Vulich, Linda (late William) Crot, Richard (Janice) and Robert (Theresa); and

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Ferro was the proud uncle to many nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Ferro bravely served in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Ferro was a dedicated employee of the City of Chicago's Department of Transportation and a member of Hoisting Engineers Local 150; and

WHEREAS all who knew him will attest that Thomas J. Ferro 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

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 Thomas J. Ferro 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 Thomas J. Ferro so that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

[19-0574](#)

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING WORLD AIDS DAY AND AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS in 1989, World AIDS Day was designated as December 1, 1988. Government and health officials, non-governmental organizations, and individuals around the world observe the day, often with education on AIDS prevention and control, and

WHEREAS LGBTQ activists led the effort for recognition by government leaders of the devastation and stigma caused by this disease within their community and beyond; and

WHEREAS AIDS Awareness Month is an opportunity to raise awareness, commemorate those who have passed on, and celebrate successful accomplishments such as increased access to treatment and prevention services; and

WHEREAS, The Cook County Health and Hospitals System is one of the largest providers of HIV/AIDS care in the Midwest and CCHHS Ruth M. Rothstein CORE Center cares for individuals with HIV/AIDS and other infectious diseases; and,

WHEREAS, the Ruth M. Rothstein CORE Center has provided the highest quality care for persons and families affected by infectious diseases, with respect, dignity and compassion, without regard to the ability

to pay; and has ensured a patient-centered and consumer-guided environment; and has sought to better understand and to prevent these diseases through education and research; and

WHEREAS the Ruth M. Rothstein CORE Center has also implemented Project Connect in 2012, a transitional care coordination program to help stabilize the health status of HIV patients who are newly diagnosed; and

WHEREAS the Cook County Board commends the important work of activist and advocacy groups that have worked tirelessly for decades to make progress; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board understands that it is still vital to increase awareness, fight prejudice and improve education and research to help to help HIV/AIDS patients to live longer, more comfortable and independent lives and to prevent the spread of this disease; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board will do everything in its power to help usher in an HIV/AIDS-free generation in Cook County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners commemorates World AIDS Day and Awareness Month.

[19-0628](#)

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

GEORGE HERBERT WALKER BUSH, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called George Herbert Walker Bush from our midst; and

WHEREAS George Herbert Walker Bush was the beloved husband of the late Barbara (Pierce), and

WHEREAS George Herbert Walker Bush was the devoted father of George, Robin, Jeb, Neil, Marvin and Dorothy

WHEREAS, George Herbert Walker Bush enlisted in the United States Navy after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and bravely served as a Navy pilot in World War II until September 1945 and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism under fire during his service; and

WHEREAS, George Herbert Walker Bush began his political career when he became the Republican

Party Chairman in Harris County, Texas and, in 1966, won a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives from Houston's Seventh District, and

WHEREAS, In December 1970, President Richard Nixon nominated George Herbert Walker Bush as the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, and

WHEREAS, In 1974, President Gerald Ford appointed Bush as the U.S. envoy to the People's Republic of China and in 1975 President Gerald Ford asked Bush to serve as the new director of the Central Intelligence Agency; and

WHEREAS, George Herbert Walker Bush ran for president in 1980 and was defeated in the Republican primary by Ronald Reagan, who chose him as his running mate in his successful bid for presidency. During his eight-year tenure as Vice President, Bush headed task forces on deregulation and the war on drugs; and

WHEREAS in 1988, George Herbert Walker Bush was elected President of the United States, defeating his Democratic opponent Michael Dukakis, becoming the first incumbent vice president in 152 years to be elected president; and

WHEREAS, during his presidency, George Herbert Walker Bush helped steer the nation through the perilous period at the end of the Cold War and helped build the coalition that was successful during the first Gulf War; and

WHEREAS, during his presidency, George Herbert Walker Bush signed into law the Americans with Disabilities Act, a civil rights law that prohibits discrimination based on disability; and

WHEREAS, George Herbert Walker Bush took steps in his later life to focus on healthcare through the founding of The George and Barbara Bush Endowment for Innovative Cancer Research at MD Anderson Cancer Center and to support communities affected by natural disasters including Haiti and Texas; and

WHEREAS George Herbert Walker Bush's public service has been characterized by decency, intelligence and integrity, and through all his endeavors, he has complemented his honesty and compassion with a refreshing sense of humor and humility, and

WHEREAS all who knew him will attest that George Herbert Walker Bush was a kind and compassionate man, virtuous of character and gentle in spirit, admired and respected by all whom he served in public office, 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 George Herbert Walker Bush, 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 George Herbert Walker Bush, that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

[19-0554](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING EARLY WALKER

WHEREAS, Early Walker is the owner of W&W Towing of Cook County. He built his company from the ground with just one used tow truck; and

WHEREAS, over the past ten years W&W Towing has grown its fleet of trucks and has become a company renowned for his generosity to the poor and less fortunate; and

WHEREAS, Early Walker has been on the frontline to help some of the most unfortunate victims of gun violence throughout the Chicago Metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, Early Walker has provided children who have lost their parents to gun violence with extravagant Christmas shopping sprees; and .

WHEREAS, it is during these difficult times that Early Walker has brought numerous smiles to the faces of these children in an attempt to offset the pain associated with these senseless tragedies; and

WHEREAS, Early Walker has also provided over 25,000 turkeys to families who have struggled to provide themselves with adequate food for Thanksgiving. In addition, he recently took ten families to a local WalMart and allowed each family to spend up to \$200.00 on groceries for the Thanksgiving holiday; and

WHEREAS, however in times of national crisis, Early Walker rose to the occasion and responded. During the initial announcement of the Flint, Michigan Water crisis, Early Walker purchased over 30,000 bottles of water and personally transported them to the affected areas of Flint; and

WHEREAS, during the horrific hurricane of Houston, Texas, Early Walker partnered with suburban municipalities in the collection of water, non-perishable items as well as clothing. He then traveled to the most damaged areas of Houston and personally delivered the items; and

WHEREAS, of course many have applauded him for providing a seventeen year old Cancer stricken girl with the opportunity to attend her senior prom. The young girl had a lasting wish while hospitalized to just return to her high school and attend the traditional event. Early Walker provided all her prom needs such as her dress, limousine, make-up hair stylist and other necessities free of charge; and

WHEREAS, Early Walker has partnered with Police agencies by using his personal monies as cash reward for the capture of criminals who have gunned down innocent victims; and

WHEREAS, this is just a small snapshot of the wonderful contribution in which Early Walker has provided the residents of Cook County; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners commend Mr. Early Walker on his kind and giving spirit throughout the south suburbs and to other states for all that he does.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and official copy be given to Early Walker.

[19-0006](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING CICERO POLICE OFFICER LUIS DUARTE FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE AND HEROISM

WHEREAS, Officer Luis Duarte has served with the Cicero Police Department since 2015 with the utmost skill, dedication and professionalism; and deserves proper recognition for his heroism in protecting the public on September 13, 2018; and

WHEREAS, on September 13, 2018, Officer Duarte and his partner, Officer Jamarie Coleman, of the Cicero Police Department were on patrol and attempted to conduct a routine traffic stop near 34th Street and Cicero Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the driver of said vehicle refused to stop and continued southbound on Cicero, eventually stopping in rush-hour traffic, and exited his vehicle while armed with a handgun firing several rounds towards Officers Duarte and Coleman; and

WHEREAS, Officer Duarte was shot by the assailant several times, sustaining life-threatening injuries as he responded to the shooter; and

WHEREAS, Officer Coleman then engaged the armed assailant, who was a previously convicted felon with a felony warrant out of California, and after an exchange of gunfire in which the armed assailant was struck by Coleman's return fire, the armed assailant was placed into custody; and

WHEREAS, numerous other officers arrived on the scene and began treating Officer Duarte's numerous gunshot wounds, applying tourniquets to Officer Duarte's extremities to stop the profuse bleeding; and

WHEREAS, trauma surgeons at Mt. Sinai Hospital treated Officer Duarte and helped save Officer Duarte's life; and

WHEREAS, the County Board finds it appropriate to specially recognize this noble and courageous man and police officer, and all police officers and first responders for their heroic actions on September 13, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby honor Officer Luis Duarte for his heroism, both as an officer of the Cicero Police Department and as a member of society, and thank him for helping to make Cook County a better and safer place to live, work, and raise a family; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to Officer Luis Duarte as an expression of his courage, bravery and heroism to the Citizens of Cook County.