



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Cook County Building, Board Room, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois

BOARD AGENDA

Wednesday, June 26, 2019, 1:00 PM

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.

[19-3322](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION**RECOGNIZING THE OFFICE OF RESEARCH, OPERATIONS, AND INNOVATION (ROI)
2019 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (NACo) ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WIN**

WHEREAS, in December 2018, Cook County established the Office of Research, Operations, and Innovation (ROI) to improve operational efficiencies, improve services, reduce costs, and enhance customer experiences by utilizing existing County staff; and

WHEREAS, within the first two months of its existence, ROI created the Cook County Innovation Institute (C2I2), a hands-on training program to teach employees a standardized approach for successful process improvement; and

WHEREAS, process improvement tools taught in C2I2 focus on identifying and eliminating waste in processes through creative, innovative solutions; and

WHEREAS, since its inception in December, over 125 employees including Bureau Chiefs, Department Heads, Supervisors, and front-line staff have attended ROI/C2I2 trainings and introductory sessions; and

WHEREAS, as of March 2019, there have been 26 successful innovations implemented by county employees in various offices; and

WHEREAS, ROI's achievements have not gone unnoticed, as the National Association of Counties (NACo) granted Cook County a 2019 Achievement Award in the category of County Administration and Management; and

WHEREAS, started in 1970, NACo's annual Achievement Awards program is designed to recognize county government innovations through effective programs that strengthen services for residents; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, NACo recognized 616 entries from counties and state associations in 32 states.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize and congratulate Research, Operations, and Innovation on their 2019 National Association of Counties Achievement Award Win; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the Office of Research, Operations, and Innovation.

[19-3885](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE WOUNDED AND ILL MEMBERS AND VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES FROM ALL WARS AND PROCLAIMING JUNE 26TH SILVER STAR SERVICE BANNER DAY IN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, the County of Cook has always honored the sacrifice made by the service men and women and Veterans of the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, America's courageous, wounded warriors and their families have made sacrifices that deserve a lifetime of gratitude and should never be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, the Silver Star Service Banner and Flag have been officially designated by the United States Congress to represent the members of the Armed Forces and Veterans who were wounded or became ill in combat in all wars past and present; and

WHEREAS, the Silver Star Service Banner is presented to those wounded or ill Military service members and Veterans who embody the integrity, honor and loyalty of Military service, have inspired us all with their dedication and commitment and make every American proud; and

WHEREAS, the Silver Star Families of America, formed in 2005 to recognize, remember and assist the wounded and ill of our Armed Forces, designed, manufacture and provide Silver Star Service Banners and Silver Star Flags free of charge to those who qualify; the volunteers of this organization worked tirelessly to make it to the official banner and flag to honor the war wounded; and

WHEREAS, the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners are honored to have the opportunity to acknowledge the meritorious efforts of our valiant men and women in uniform and their families and the heroic contributions they have made to our Nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that June 26th, 2019 be proclaimed the 11th annual Silver Star Service Banner Day in Cook County, the official day to honor the wounded and ill service members and Veterans of Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to all eligible service men and women and Veterans in recognition of their bravery and of how much more they have given for our great Country and their fellow citizens.

[19-4040](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE COOK COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE FOR RECEIVING THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR HUMAN SERVICES

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties (NACo) awarded the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office its Achievement Award for the Office's Indigent Burial Program; and

WHEREAS, the Achievement Award honors innovative, effective county government programs that enhance services for residents; and

WHEREAS, the Indigent Burial Program has improved the disposition for all identified and indigent decedents by hiring an indigent coordinator whose sole focus is ensuring their dignified disposition; and

WHEREAS, previously, the indigent disposition process was only handled with burials, often delaying disposition for decedents with costly effects for the constituents of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, the Indigent Burial Program has created a timely and cost-effective program to handle the disposition of the County's most in need. This program is utilized throughout the year despite temperature and weather which had previously hindered the disposition process; and

WHEREAS, the County's unclaimed and indigent veterans are buried with honors at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery through the Indigent Veteran Burial Program. The Medical Examiner has streamlined the eligibility process thus shortening the time an unclaimed veteran remains at the Medical Examiner's office; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Medical Examiner has dedicated a memorial at Mt. Olivet Catholic Cemetery memorializing the indigents, unborn and unknown decedents whose disposition was handled by the Indigent Burial Program; and

WHEREAS, Catholic Cemeteries has not only donated cemetery plots for the burial of unborn children, but continues to show their dedication to constituents of Cook County with a dignified and honorable ceremony for every County burial; and

WHEREAS, awards are given in 18 different categories that reflect the vast, comprehensive services counties provide. The categories include human services, children and youth, criminal justice, county administration, information technology, health, civic engagement and many more.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the 5.2 million people of Cook County, Congratulates the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office on the receipt of the NACO Achievement Award for Human Services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body.

[19-4041](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE COOK COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE FOR RECEIVING THE ANSI-ASQ NATIONAL ACCREDITATION BOARD ISO ACCREDITATION

WHEREAS, the American National Standards Institute - American Society of Quality National Accreditation Board (ANAB) awarded the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office ISO 17020 and 17025 accreditations; and

WHEREAS, the International Standardization Organization (ISO) is an independent non-governmental international organization that develops standards to ensure the quality, safety and efficiency of products, services and systems; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Medical Examiner's office is the first office in the country to obtain ISO/IEC 17025:2017 Accreditation for Forensic testing and laboratory calibration; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Medical Examiner's office is the second office in the country to obtain ISO/IEC 17020:2012 Accreditation for Bodies of Forensic Inspection; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Medical Examiner's toxicology laboratory was awarded for having high standards of impartiality and confidentiality; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Medical Examiner's office demonstrates technical competence in the field

of Forensic Science and Forensic Inspection respectively; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office has a strong commitment to excellence in all areas of medicolegal death investigation and to the service of Cook County's residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the 5.2 million people of Cook County, congratulates the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office on the receipt of the American National Standards Institute - American Society of Quality National Accreditation Board International Standards Organization Accreditation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body.

[19-4210](#)

Sponsored by: ALMA E. ANAYA, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING ALIVIO MEDICAL CENTER ON THEIR 30th ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, As a result of a passionate vision, strong partnerships and the crucial need for bilingual bicultural medical providers for the uninsured and undocumented, Ms. Carmen Velásquez founded Alivio Medical Center in 1989 as a bilingual bicultural, nonprofit community health center; and

WHEREAS, Alivio Medical Center has provided access to quality bilingual, bicultural, and cost-effective healthcare for 30 years; and

WHEREAS, all patients at Alivio Medical Center are treated with the principles that healthcare is a basic human right and every person should have access to quality, affordable health coverage; and

WHEREAS, Alivio Medical Center has been committed to driving the development and advancement of services to Cook County communities; and

WHEREAS, patient services, advocacy, education and research and evaluation have been at the cornerstone of Alivio Medical Center's work; and

WHEREAS, Alivio Medical Center creates an environment of care and respect across their clinics; and

WHEREAS, the National Quality Leader Award and the Health Center Quality Leader Award were granted to Alivio Medical Center as part of Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Quality Improvement Awards; and

WHEREAS, Alivio Medical Center exceeded national clinical quality benchmarks, including Healthy People 2020 goals, in chronic disease management, preventive care, and perinatal/prenatal care; and

WHEREAS, as the only health center in Illinois who achieved the best overall clinical performance among all health centers, Alivio Medical Center placed in the top 30% of the adjusted quartile rankings for clinical quality measures nationally in HRSA rankings; and

WHEREAS, HRSA's Quality Improvement Awards recognize the highest performing health centers nationwide as well as those health centers that have made significant quality improvement gains from the previous year; and

WHEREAS, Alivio Medical Center's commitment to providing care that is accessible linguistically and culturally, and affordable financially has made a positive impact on the health of Cook County communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Cook County Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate the founders, providers, staff, and supporters of Alivio Medical Center on their 30th Anniversary; and

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 Alivio Medical Center in honor of its noble work and remarkable impact.

[19-4019](#)

Sponsored by: SCOTT R. BRITTON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

HONORING THE HISTORIC ZIMMER HARDWARE FOR THIER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PALATINE COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, Zimmer Hardware was founded by Albert Zimmer in 1883; and

WHEREAS, Albert Zimmer was born in the Village of Wheeling in 1856; and

WHEREAS, Albert Zimmer apprenticed as a Tinsmith; and

WHEREAS, Zimmer Hardware moved from its original location at the corner of Bothwell and Slade streets in downtown Palatine to its ultimate location on Brockway Street; and

WHEREAS, Albert Zimmer and his family lived in an apartment above the hardware store; and

WHEREAS, after Albert's death, his stepdaughter Lydia Wienecke and her nephew Howard Freeman took over ownership of the hardware store; and

WHEREAS, the Zimmer family continued to operate the store until 1972; and

WHEREAS, Zimmer Hardware prided itself as a local, hometown hardware store with a wide variety of products for all types of do-it-yourself projects; and

WHEREAS, Zimmer Hardware was known for narrow aisles with hardware items from floor to ceiling and two iconic, if not functioning, gumball machines at the front entrance; and

WHEREAS, in addition to typical hardware store offerings, Zimmer Hardware offered special services such as glass and acrylic cutting, glass repair, screen repair, key cutting and pet specialty products; and

WHEREAS, Zimmer Hardware carved out its own niche in a world dominated by big box retail stores thanks to the personal service they provided; and

WHEREAS, Zimmer Hardware was named one of the “Retailers of the 20th Century” by the Illinois Retail Merchants Association in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Zimmer Hardware was a staple in the neighborhood, often assisting generations of families; and

WHEREAS, Zimmer Hardware was lauded by customers as having friendly staff, attentive customer service, extensive product knowledge and a wide variety of home improvement items; and

WHEREAS, according to the Palatine Historical Society, Zimmer Hardware was the oldest continuous business in the Village of Palatine; and

WHEREAS, Zimmer Hardware operated for 136 years in the community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby honor Zimmer Hardware for their contributions to the Palatine community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of the Resolution be tendered to the Zimmer family as a means of communicating our thanks and well wishes.

[19-4209](#)

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, 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

CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT OF MICHAEL T. TIERNEY AS DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS, CHICAGO JOURNEYMAN PLUMBERS LOCAL UNION 130 UA

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Michael T. Tierney has retired as the Director of Political and Municipal Affairs of the Chicago Journeymen Plumbers Local Union 130 UA; and

WHEREAS, Michael Tierney began his career in 1975 as a laborer in the City of Chicago's Water Department, was promoted to Foreman in 1986 and four years later received another promotion as an assistant Superintendent of Water Distribution; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, Michael Tierney became the District Superintendent of Water Distribution and Sewers for the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, Michael Tierney became the Director of Political and Municipal Affairs for the Chicago Journeymen Plumbers Local 130 UA; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Journeymen Plumbers Local Union 130 UA, with over 6,100 members is one of the largest straight-line plumbing locals in the United Association (UA) which represents 350,000+ building tradesmen across the United States and Canada; and

WHEREAS, Michael Tierney represented all Chicago Journeymen Plumbers Local 130 employees at the City, County and State levels; and

WHEREAS, Michael Tierney's lifelong work has been important to protecting the health of Cook County residents and those in the surrounding communities by providing the highest quality plumbing craftsmen to ensure clean water and proper waste water removal; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby extend its warmest wishes and congratulations to Michael T. Tierney on the occasion of his retirement and join all who have had the pleasure of his friendship in wishing him still more years of good health and richly deserved happiness with his wife, children, grandchildren, family and friends; 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 Michael T. Tierney to commemorate this joyous occasion.

[19-4226](#)

Sponsored by: BILL LOWRY, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE CHOSEN FEW DJ'S

WHEREAS, in 1977, Wayne Williams founded the Chosen Few DJs who are a music collective of skilled musical arrangers. The Chosen Few were among the first wave of DJs and producers in Chicago to create the House music sound; and

WHEREAS, the original group consisted of Wayne Williams, Jesse Saunders, Tony Hatchett, Alan King, and Andre Hatchett. The Chosen Few played their unique brand of soulful dance and house music to large crowds throughout the city. The Chosen Few's expert melodious creativity sparked a global movement; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, the Chosen Few DJs, added the talented, meticulous, and poised Kim Parham, the only non-DJ member of the crew, who organizes the Chosen Few Picnic & House Music Festival. The Chosen Few Picnic & House Music Festival draws more than 40,000 fans to Chicago each year; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, The Chosen Few added Terry Hunter. In 2012, The Chosen Few added Mike Dunn, bringing the total number of talented DJs to seven; and

WHEREAS, the Chosen Few hosts events in cities across the United States and perform at festivals around the globe such as the Amsterdam Dance Event in Amsterdam, The Netherlands Winter Music Conference, and Suncébeat Festival in Tisno, Croatia; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I, BILL LOWRY, COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONER of the 3rd DISTRICT, do hereby stand, and salute these musical technicians known as The Chosen Few DJs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution will be presented to Chosen Few DJ's; and

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

[19-4203](#)

Sponsored by: DONNA MILLER, DEBORAH SIMS, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), ALMA E. ANAYA, 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, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE HONORABLE JOHN A. OSTENBURG FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE VILLAGE OF PARK FOREST

WHEREAS, John A. Ostenburg was first elected as Mayor of Park Forest, Illinois, in 1999 and was re-elected without opposition in 2003, re-elected in 2007, 2011 and 2015, and is the longest serving mayor in the history of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, John A. Ostenburg began his long history of service to the Park Forest community not long after moving there serving on the Board of Directors of the Birch Street Townhomes Cooperative since 1983 and is currently the Vice-President; and

WHEREAS, John's public service began in 1985 when he became a Trustee of Park Forest, serving from 1985 to 1990 and from 1997 to 1999, and between his terms as Trustee, John served as State Representative of the 80th House District from 1992 to 1995; and

WHEREAS, John made a significant impact on the Park Forest community and was instrumental in diversifying the Village Board, both in race and gender, through careful appointments to fill multiple Trustee vacancies including: Bonita Dillard, Mae Brandon and Georgia O'Neill; each of whom was elected several times by the Park Forest residents; and

WHEREAS, John's visionary approach resulted in numerous initiatives and successes for Park Forest including: Park Forest being an All-American City finalist in 2000 and 2006, being a Chicago Tribune Top 100 workplace in 2010, the implementation of the award-winning Park Forest Sustainability Plan in 2012, a 3-STAR designation in 2014 and the SolSmart "Gold" designation in 2015, and was the recipient of the Distinguished Budget Award and Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting for more than 20 consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, John's leadership influence expanded far beyond the boundaries of Park Forest as he was heavily involved at the regional, state and federal levels, serving on various posts at the appointment of the Cook County Board President and the Illinois Municipal League; he is the immediate past President of the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association, was Chairman of the Board for the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, a member of the South Suburban Health Advisory Council, and is one of 15 Directors of the Cook County Land Bank Authority; and

WHEREAS, he has also served as Chair of the Chicago Southland Housing & Community Development Collaborative; served on the Community & Economic Development Committee of the National League of Cities (NLC) and the Co-Chair of the Race Equity & Leadership initiative in the NLC; and

WHEREAS, John was an unwavering proponent of regionalism, equality, diversity and environmentalism and well known to use the mantra of leaders “locking arms” in response to issues impacting communities of the Southland, and was the recipient of the Diversity 2009 Award from Diversity, Inc., “In Recognition of Exceptional Leadership on Issues of Diversity, Unity, and Equality in the Chicago Southland”; and

WHEREAS, John was an advocate of civic engagement and resident involvement in decision making processes, conducting numerous community surveys, dozens of neighborhood meeting, and hundreds of resident appointments were made to the various volunteer boards; and

WHEREAS, beyond public service, John Ostenburg’s career included teaching at elementary and secondary school levels before becoming affiliated with several institutions of higher learning; He taught journalism and communications courses in addition to serving in the posts of Director of Alumni Affairs and Sports Information Director at Lewis University, Executive Director of the College Foundation at Prairie State College, and Director of University Relations at Governors State University; and

WHEREAS, his professional career also included multiple posts with the Chicago Teachers Union (CTU), spanning three different presidents of the CTU he served as Editor of the Chicago Union Teacher, Communications Department Chair and lastly as Chief of Staff; and

WHEREAS, besides being a teacher and overseeing various collegiate departmental posts, John served as a journalist with various news publications including the *Illinois State Journal* in Springfield, the *Joliet Herald-News*, *The Times* of Hammond, Indiana, the Crescent Newspaper chain, the *Lockport Free Press* and the Herald-News Community Newspapers in central Illinois; and

WHEREAS, in addition to all of the above, John found time to volunteer with the Rotary Club, the League of Women Voters and the American Civil Liberties Union, among many others; and

WHEREAS, after providing 4 decades of effective, ethical and fair service and leadership to Park Forest, John A. Ostenburg decided to retire at the end of his final term as Mayor in May of this year;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby offer its deepest appreciation to John A. Ostenburg for his many years of dedicated service to the country, the Village of Park Forest and Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we wish John great health and much happiness in his retirement from public service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and a suitable copy be presented to John A. Ostenburg as a symbol of our respect and

esteem.

[19-4206](#)

Sponsored by: DONNA MILLER, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), ALMA E. ANAYA, 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, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE CHICAGO WOMEN'S GOLF CLUB (CWGC)

WHEREAS, The Chicago Women's Golf Club (CWGC) was founded in 1937 by a group of African American women who loved the game of golf including Anna Mae Black Robinson, Cleo Ball and Vivian Pitts, and over the 82-year history of the club has had over 3,500 members; and

WHEREAS, Anna Mae Black served as the founding president in 1937 and held the office for three terms until the end of 1939, and was also elected the fourth vice president of the United Golfers Association (UGA) at its 1944 annual meeting; and

WHEREAS, Anna Mae Robinson, Ella Williams, and Birdie Philpott petitioned the Cook County Board of Commissioners for privileges to play at the Pipe O' Peace Golf Club, and after many appeals, permission was finally granted to the CWGC to use the Pipe O'Peace facilities and the course became the official CWGC tournament site in 1952; and

WHEREAS, The Pipe-O-Peace Golf Course was established as the CWGC home course, and was later named The Joe Louis Golf Course in honor of Joe "The Champ" Louis AKA "The Brown Bomber" and became one of the Cook County Forest Preserves golf courses; and

WHEREAS, Anna Mae Robinson also saw a need to recognize African American golfers of the era and began a campaign for a UGA Hall of Fame; Through her undaunting efforts the UGA/National Afro-American Golfers Hall of Fame was established in 1959, as a tribute to all minority golfers, and Anna Mae, herself a professional golfer, was inducted into the National Afro-American Golfers Hall of Fame in 1962, and the Chicago Women's Golf Club was inducted in 2016 in Atlanta Georgia; and

WHEREAS, The CWGC elected Anna Mae Robinson as their thirteenth president in 1960; she served another three terms from 1960 to 1962, and during this tenure she was able to gain the support of the Borden Milk Company as a sponsor for the CWGC National Invitational Golf Tournament, their first corporate sponsor, but not their last; and

WHEREAS, CWGC has a rich history of African American golfers playing in its tournaments; In the earlier years, most of the male and female African American professional golfers played in their Annual Memorial Tournaments, which were sanctioned by the UGA; and

WHEREAS, in 1954, under the direction of Agnes Williams, CWGC established a junior division, the Bob-O-Links as a 501(c)3 organization which is committed to the development and growth of Chicago area boys and girls, ages 8 through 17; and

WHEREAS, through the game of golf, the Bob-O-Links' program focuses on character building, discipline, self-esteem, education, grit and integrity; and

WHEREAS, CWGC members golf throughout the City of Chicago, Cook County and Northwest Indiana locally; however, members play golf throughout the United States and some internationally; and

WHEREAS, the application process to become a member begins each February, and the club looks for ladies with a commitment to adding diversity and inclusion to the game of golf by learning to play and actually play the game; and

WHEREAS, today, the CWGC has 60 members and is an Affiliate of the USGA, UGA, MGA, and NIWGA with a purpose of encouraging more women and children to play golf, teaching proper golf course etiquette, providing professional golf lessons from a certified golf pro, supporting junior golf (the Bob-O-Links), taking an active role in supporting the community and competing at the highest level; and

WHEREAS, the current President of CWGC is Ciji Henderson currently serving her 4th term and presides over several tournaments including: The Annual Memorial Warm-Up tournament, the Annual Anna Mae Robinson Open Tournament, the Jeanie Williams Championship Tournament, the Bob-O-Link's Junior Golf Club and Junior tournament; and

WHEREAS, last year, The Chicago Women's Golf Club and the Bob-O-Links partnered with Kappa Alpha Psi-Chicago Alumni Chapter at their Back to School event in Chicago's Woodlawn community, providing over 100 students with back to school resources and encouraging their interest in golf; and

WHEREAS, during the holiday season, the Chicago Women's Golf Club partnered with Meals on Wheels Chicago to host "Let's Do Lunch Bingo", which was held at the Southwest Senior Center in Chicago IL, where members of CWGC enjoyed giving back to the community and sharing meaningful moments with our senior citizens;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby proudly honor The Chicago Women's Golf Club, as well as current President Ciji Henderson, Elected Officers, Board of Directors and Members and thank them for their steadfast service to the community, the City of Chicago and Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy be presented to The Chicago Women's Golf Club as a symbol of our respect and esteem.

[19-3974](#)

Sponsored by: STANLEY MOORE, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE AND CAREER OF WILLIAM “BILLY” BONAPARTE, JR.

WHEREAS, William “Billy” Bonaparte, Jr. was called home to be with the Lord on May 25, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Billy Bonaparte, Jr. was born on December 11, 1942 in Chicago, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Billy Bonaparte, Jr. was the second oldest of six children and accepted Christ at an early age; and

WHEREAS, during his childhood, Billy Bonaparte, Jr.’s father, William Bonaparte, Sr., instilled into him a strong work ethic. Billy also developed a deep understanding of the world through his love of reading and books; and

WHEREAS, Billy Bonaparte, Jr. completed high school and then entered the U.S. Army. During this time, he proudly served as a Field Engineer; and

WHEREAS, after his military service, Billy Bonaparte, Jr. began his career working as the first African American PBX Installer at Illinois Bell. He led a successful career at Illinois Bell and then AT&T. Billy was promoted to multiple managerial and executive level positions until his retirement from Corporate America in 1986; and

WHEREAS, shortly after leaving Corporate America, Billy Bonaparte, Jr. created Bonaparte Connections, a company that supplied communication connectivity services. He led Bonaparte Connections until 1991 and then formed Bonaparte Connections. Under his leadership, Bonaparte Connections became the largest African American owned electrical contractor in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, true to his Chicago roots, Billy Bonaparte, Jr. was a champion for diversity and inclusion, opening doors for many African Americans in the business community; and

WHEREAS, Billy Bonaparte, Jr. was recognized for his professional accomplishments from Who’s Who in Chicago Business, Chicago United’s Leaders of Color, Ernest & Young’s Entrepreneur of the Year, and Minority Enterprise Development Council Award. He was inducted into the Entrepreneurs Hall of Fame by the University of Illinois at Chicago and recognized by Crain’s Chicago Business as the 24th Largest Minority Owned Business in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Billy Bonaparte, Jr. believed in the value of education and served as one of the founding board members of ACE Technical Charter High School. His generous gift of \$250,000 led to the creation

of a state-of-the-art library and media center. He also was instrumental in reconstructing his former elementary school Gillespie Elementary library. The library was renamed “William Bonaparte, Jr. Library” in his honor; and

WHEREAS, Billy Bonaparte, Jr.’s most significant accomplishment was the special relationship that he held with his children, grandchildren, and great grandchild; and

WHEREAS, Billy Bonaparte Jr. was an avid photographer and travel who enjoyed food, art, jazz, and music; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County takes great pleasure in honoring and celebrating William “Billy” Bonaparte, Jr’s life and his many contributions bettering the lives of and 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 William “Billy” Bonaparte, Jr.

[19-3977](#)

Sponsored by: STANLEY MOORE, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF EDDIE L. JONES, II

WHEREAS, Eddie L. Jones, II was called home to be with the Lord on May 27, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Eddie L. Jones, II was born in Cotton Plant, Arkansas to Eddie L. and Rosie L. Jones on March 27, 1952. He moved to Chicago with his family in 1956 where he spent his childhood and teenage years in Chicago’s Bronzeville neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Eddie L. Jones, II graduated from Wendell Phillips High School in 1970 and attended Western Illinois University where he obtained a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration in 1974; and

WHEREAS, after college, Eddie L. Jones, II led a successful 30-year career at IBM. He was recognized as a company leader in auditing of internal processes and training and managerial development. Upon his retirement, he founded All Points Security; and

WHEREAS, Eddie L. Jones, II was a dedicated member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. He was initiated in 1971 through the Eta Eta Chapter at Western Illinois University and then later served as the president of the Iota Delta Lambda Chapter. He also served as president of the Chicago Urban League Metro Board, chairman of the March and Dimes, and chairman of the Iota Delta Lambda Educational

Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Eddie L. Jones, II was recognized in the community for his philanthropic efforts. In May 2018, he received the Iota Delta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Golden Anniversary Achievement and Legacy Award in recognition of his years of outstanding professional and community service; and

WHEREAS, one of Eddie L. Jones, II most cherished accomplishments in life was being selected to carry the U.S. Olympic Torch in 1996 and his trip to Africa with the White House Advance Team under President Bill Clinton; and

WHEREAS, Eddie L. Jones, II was most known as a prominent face and force in City and State politics; and

WHEREAS, Eddie L. Jones, II enjoyed spending time with his family and playing baseball and golf. He is survived by his children, Iesha James, Matthew Jones, Meghan Jones, and his four grandchildren; 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 does hereby honor and celebrate the life of Eddie L. Jones, II and his many contributions bettering the lives of all residents in 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 Eddie L. Jones, II.

[19-4084](#)

Sponsored by: KEVIN B. MORRISON and SCOTT R. BRITTON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING ANISHA PATEL FOR HER INCREDIBLE FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

WHEREAS, Anisha Patel is a parent, the CEO of her own company, and a fellow with the Think Tank on Global Education at Harvard; and

WHEREAS, Anisha was elected to the Arlington Heights Elementary District 25 school board in April 2019; and

WHEREAS, Anisha started a fundraising campaign called “Your Support Matters to Unaccompanied Youth Migrants”; and

WHEREAS, Anisha and a group of women garnered financial support from nearly 150 different donors; and

WHEREAS, Anisha raised close to \$35,000 for Viator House of Hospitality and Bethany House of Hospitality, two safehouses for young immigrants seeking asylum in the Northwest Suburbs; and

WHEREAS, the proceeds from the fundraiser will be given as scholarships to residents and as emergency funds for their families who may be facing danger in their home countries; and

WHEREAS, Anisha is a Muslim immigrant from Malawi, Africa who observes Ramadan, a month of fasting, reflection, and giving; and

WHEREAS, many residents of the safehouses are also observing Ramadan; and

WHEREAS, Anisha, along with her team, organized a dinner during Ramadan, starting at dusk so attendees could break their fasts surrounded by a supportive community; and

WHEREAS, Anisha hopes to eliminate stereotypes and the hatred that the Muslim community faces by creating supportive and loving safe spaces; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Board of the Cook County Commissioner would like to recognize Anisha Patel for her dedicated efforts to raise funds and create a welcoming community for unaccompanied youth migrants; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution is presented to Anisha Patel.

[19-4229](#)

Sponsored by: SEAN M. MORRISON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN HONOR OF VETERAN RICHARD A. OLUND'S SERVICE IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY DURING WORLD WAR II

WHEREAS, Richard Olund was drafted in 1943, just before he was to graduate from Tilden Technical High School in Chicago, where he was a member of St. Basil Parish in the Wrightwood neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, he was assigned to the Army Medical Corps. as a medical technician, and trained in Portland, Tennessee, and Fort Devens, Massachusetts, before being sent to the 108th Evacuation Hospital in Manchester, England; and

WHEREAS, Richard Olund landed on Utah Beach in Normandy, France on July 18, 1944, the day the 3rd Army officially went into action; and

WHEREAS, he was originally assigned to General George Patton's 3rd Army formation, before being transferred to the 7th Army and later the 9th Army, as he made his way through England, France,

Belgium Holland, Germany and Austria during his service, which ended in 1946; and

WHEREAS, an avid photographer to this day, Rich's prized possession throughout his tour of duty was a small camera brought from home. Throughout his tour of duty, and especially in the ten months he was in Europe after the war, Rich took a lot of photographs, and still has many of them; and

WHEREAS, as a surgical technician and, later, a dental technician, he knew how to develop X-ray photos, and often used the same supplies to develop his photos; and

WHEREAS, one of the many photographs is of Rich at Hitler's Eagle's Nest, the mountaintop chalet in Berchtesgaden, Germany, that served as a Nazi retreat, while others are of churches and other buildings damaged in Allied bombings; and

WHEREAS, Rich is compiling an album of his wartime photos with descriptions and more recent photos of the damaged buildings, which have been restored; and

WHEREAS, soon after he returned, Rich married his wife, Dorothy, and together they raised two daughters, Victoria and Claudia; and

WHEREAS, after leaving the war and attending television engineering school, Rich went on to have a 40-year career with General Electric's television laboratory in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Rich is seldom without the World War II Army veteran cap that his granddaughter, Rachel, gave him. Listed on it are almost all of the countries he spent time in during the war - England, France, Holland, Germany and Italy; and

WHEREAS, Rich recently returned to Europe for the first time since the war to participate in the 75th Anniversary Commemoration of D-Day on June 6. This time, as a guest of the National World War II Museum on its 75th Anniversary Cruise to Europe. The cruise made stops in Rotterdam, the Netherlands and Bruges, Belgium, before making stops along the coast of France, starting in Dunkirk, Calais and Le Havre, and then on to the Normandy region, beginning in Honfleur before visiting the beaches code-named Utah, Omaha, Juno, Gold and Sword. Many world leaders were present at the official commemoration on June 6, including President Donald J. Trump, who addressed those in attendance; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Cook County Board of Commissioners thank Rich Olund and all those members of the Greatest Generation for their selfless service to our country; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of the Honorable Body, and an official copy be tendered to Richard Olund in sincere appreciation and acknowledgement of his dedicated service to our great nation.

[19-3771](#)

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

HONORING PASTOR LEONARDO D. GILBERT 25TH MINISTERIAL ANNIVERSARY & 60TH BIRTHDAY

WHEREAS, Leonardo Gilbert was born in Chicago and raised in the church by godly parents Leon and Marie Gilbert. He was baptized in 1971 at the Michigan Ave Church of Christ, which was later known as the Sheldon Heights Church of Christ; he has attended this congregation all his life and has been preaching at it full time since 1995; and

WHEREAS, Leonardo Gilbert loves to learn and educationally, he is a product of the Chicago Public Schools, Lindblom Technical High School (class of 1977), Michigan Christian College (A.A), Harding University (B.A in Biology with a minor Chemistry and B.A. in Bible), North Park University (M.N.A. Master of Non Profit Administration). He has studied Board Governance at Harvard University. Currently, he is pursuing graduate studies in global non-profit management and has studied in Seoul, South Korea; Hong Kong; Guangzhou, China; Buenos Aires, Argentina; Cape Town, South Africa; Istanbul, Turkey; Athens, Greece; and Barcelona, Spain; and

WHEREAS, Bro. Leonardo Gilbert has been serving as the full-time minister of the Sheldon Heights Church of Christ since 1995 after the passing of Bro. Samuel L. Jordan, Bro. Gilbert has been preaching since 1978. After graduating from Harding University in 1981, Gilbert accepted several positions at the Sheldon Heights Church of Christ, including youth minister, educational director, evangelism director, and later assistant minister. He enthusiastically served in these roles until becoming full-time minister in 1995. Bro Leonardo Demetrius Gilbert is a visionary, missionary and community leader, and servant of God, who loves and works fervently for God. His motto is I have been “Saved to Serve.”; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Gilbert is founder and chairman of IAMM, founder and previous chairman of the Greater Roseland-West Pullman Food Network, and founder and Chairman of the National Teachers Workshop; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Gilbert helped led coalitions in disaster relief hurricane Katrina in 2005 and in Haiti 2010. In 2009, he helped lead anti violence strategies in collaboration with Chicago Public schools that led to the “Safe Haven” program which is a collaboration between schools and church. The children at the Sheldon Heights site won 1st place in the junior achievement program and were given their awards by Mayor Rahm Emanuel of Chicago. Although no longer funded by the Chicago Public Schools, Gilbert continues to offer a Safe Haven after school program and summer program to the help keep the youth of the community safe; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Gilbert's past experiences included serving as the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Greater Chicago Food Depository Board of Directors, President of the Advisory Board for the Roseland Mental Health Center, Advisory Board Member for the City of Chicago Department of Public Health-Mental Health Division, Vice Chair of the Chicago Citywide Youth Directors and Counselors (CYDC) and Member of Fenger High School Local School Council; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Gilbert is currently serving in the following capacities: Chair of the Midwest Youth Conference, Vice Chair of the 34th Ward Ministers Alliance, Pastors United for Change P.U.C., Vice Chair of the Midwest Lectureship, Director of Outreach for the National Church of Christ Crusade, as well as a Board member of the Far South Side CDC, TCA Health Clinic, Chair Kennedy Jordan Manor and Board Member of Southwestern Christian College; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Gilbert, who is humble in spirit and has extraordinary vision for achieving the difficult, is sought out to assist other individuals and groups with strategic planning, organizational structure, financial planning and advisement, as well advisory assistance and implementation of several programs and initiatives in the church and in the community.

WHEREAS, As a devoted family man, Pastor Gilbert, a husband, father, grandfather and uncle, is a rock to his family, always striving to pass on a legacy of excellence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on behalf of Toni Preckwinkle, President of the Cook County Board, the Board of Commissioners and its 5.4 million residents of Cook County do hereby congratulate Pastor Leonardo D. Gilbert on your 25th Ministerial Anniversary and 60th Birthday.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to Pastor Leonardo D. Gilbert on his auspicious occasion.

[19-3902](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF KENNETH L. VALLOW

WHEREAS, God in his infinite wisdom called Kenneth L. Vallow from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth L. Vallow was born on December 3, 1946 to William "Buck" Vallow and Effie (Hathaway) Vallow; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth was drafted into the Army, where he served as a Military Police Officer at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. After two years of service, Kenneth returned home and continued working in civil service; and

WHEREAS, While employed with a trucking company, Kenneth also joined the East Hazel Crest Police Department, as well as the East Hazel Crest Fire Department as a volunteer fireman. Kenneth's career spanned 49 years as a police officer with the East Hazel Crest Police Department, and 28 years as a fireman with the East Hazel Crest Fire Department. Kenneth held the titles of patrolman, Detective, Evidence Technician, Criminal Investigator, Field Training Officer and Chief of Police during his career with the East Hazel Crest Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth Vallow completed two stints as the Chief of Police; from 1979 until 1984, and from 2016 until his death; and.

WHEREAS, Kenneth L. Vallow was a devoted husband for nearly 50 years to Joanne (Pushala), beloved father to his sons Kenneth (Barbara), Keith (fiancé Jessica), Kristopher (Jillian) and Kevin (Lisa). Additionally, Kenneth was idolized and adored by his grandchildren Scotty, Justin, McKenna, Landon, Jaxon, Dominic, Jocelyn, Nolan, Camden, Kaylee and Kendal and great grandchild Evelyn, brothers William (Carol) Vallow, Thomas (Janice) Vallow, Timothy (Marsha) Vallow and Gerald Vallow; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth L. Vallow's physical presence may no longer be with us, we shall remember his strong work ethic, knowledge, dedication, loyalty and love have been passed on to his children and grandchildren, so that many more generations may flourish. Many people who have crossed Kenneth's path say how lucky they were to have known him, while others felt privileged to call him a friend or family member.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on behalf of Toni Preckwinkle, President of the Cook County Board, the Board of Commissioners, and its 5.4 million residents of Cook County do hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy of the family of Kenneth L. Vallow; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to the family of Mr. Kenneth L. Vallow in his honor and be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body

[19-4149](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING DR. SHEILA HARRISON-WILLIAMS FOR 34 YEARS OF EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP SERVICES

WHEREAS, Dr. Sheila Harrison-Williams was born in Clarksdale, Mississippi, to Lorraine Harrison, raised on the Westside of Chicago, attending Chicago Public Schools graduating from Westinghouse Area Vocational High School; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Harrison-Williams earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Northeastern Illinois University (Chicago), majoring in Special Education and Elementary Education; Master of Arts Degree from Northeastern in Educational Administration; Degree of Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership from Northern Illinois University (DeKalb); post-graduate work at Northeastern and Northern Illinois Universities, achieving an Early Childhood Education Certificate from Northeastern and Chief School Business Official Certification from NIU; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Harrison-Williams is currently completing her fifteenth year as Superintendent of Hazel Crest School District 152½ in Hazel Crest, Illinois. Prior to Hazel Crest, Dr. Harrison-Williams served as Superintendent of Fairmont School District 89 in Lockport, Illinois for two and a half years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Harrison-Williams is an active member of the following organizations: the American Association of School Administrators; the Illinois and the National School Boards Association; the Illinois Association of School Business Officials and the Suburban Superintendents Association; She is a life member of the National Alliance of Black School Educators (NABSE) and served on the Executive Board as treasurer since 2015; and

WHEREAS, in June 2011, Dr. Harrison-Williams co-founded the HWC Executive Leadership Institute, designed to provide a more in-depth preparation program for those who aspire to become superintendents; and

WHEREAS, July 1, 2018, Dr. Harrison-Williams assumed the role of President of the Illinois Association of School Administrators, where she has served for the past 12 years as an At-Large Governing Board Member and an Officer; She is the first African American to serve as President of this organization in 73 years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Harrison-Williams has received several awards and recognition as an educational leader, the most recent being the recipient of the 2018 IASA South Cook Superintendent of Distinction Award; 2018 Commissioner Richard Boykins 4th Annual Trailblazer Award; 2016 Reaching Back Foundation's Phenomenal Woman in Education Award; 2014 Kings Daughters Ministry Dream Makers Award; 2012 Chicago Defender "Women of Excellence" Award; Co-recipient of the 2012 AASA Dr. Effie H. Jones "Humanitarian" Award and the 2011 NABSE Joseph E. Hill "Superintendent of the Year" Award.

WHEREAS, as a devoted educator, Dr. Sheila Harrison-Williams has been married to her husband Ulysses Williams for 35 years, mother of Sir Charles and Ulyssa, grandmother of Siriah, Talijah, Sir Charles II and Aliyah, Mother in-law to Dominique.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on behalf Toni Preckwinkle, President of the Cook County Board and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate Dr. Sheila Harrison-Williams on her retirement and for the commendable service and leadership she has provided throughout her tenure; 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 Dr. Sheila Harrison-Williams to celebrate this auspicious occasion.

[19-4156](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF MRS. ELIZABETH BRASHER

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Elinor Morton Brasher was born on September 9, 1956 in Evanston, Illinois. She was the only child born to the late James Thomas Morton Jr. and Constance Lorraine Hairston Morton, longtime mayor of the city of Evanston; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Evanston Township High School, she attended Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia for one year, before returning to complete her undergraduate studies at National College of Education (now National-Louis University) where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Human Services; and

WHEREAS Elizabeth married her longtime high school friend Robert Lee Brasher. They had two daughters: Elizabeth Keziah and Constance Mariah. Although they divorced, Elizabeth and Robert remained close friends until his death in April 2000; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth spent most of her career in higher education administration. She worked at Northwestern University for just under 30 years in the Institute for Learning Sciences and as Assistant Director of the Infrastructure Technology Institute (ITI). In these positions Elizabeth managed a multitude of areas including budgets and grants management, human resources, building management, and event planning. She cherished her time in the ITI department and became great friends with her former supervisor and mentor, the late Dave Shultz. At the time of her passing Elizabeth was a member of Northwestern's Office of Equity. As Program Administrator she worked diligently to support the university's mission of fostering an environment in which all members of the community were free from discrimination and harassment. It was immensely important to her that she be a leader in these efforts and provide compassion and guidance to those in need; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth was a deep-rooted and active member in the Evanston community. She served as a member of many community boards and organizations. These include serving as President of First Night Evanston, Incorporated (2006-2008), President of the Mental Health America of the North Shore (2008-2010), and a member of the Board of Directors of Evanston's YWCA/North Shore (2010-2018) where she served as Chairperson for the Racial Justice Committee. In addition, **Elizabeth** was an Advisory Board Member of the Forrest E. Powell Foundation and the Shorefront Legacy Center. She was also a proud member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, since 1977; and

WHEREAS, her proudest contribution was serving as campaign chairman for her mother's fourth and final run for mayor of Evanston in 2005. Both Elizabeth and Lorraine expressed great joy at working together and it was a successful partnership. Mayor Morton easily won the election, receiving an astounding 73% of the vote; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth's parents instilled in her the importance and sanctity of family, the value of education, and the responsibility of service to others and community. She worked tirelessly to uphold and instill these same values in her children. She is remembered by her family and friends as kind, generous, and a pillar of strength, sharing her mother's traits of an infectious laugh and magnetic smile. Friends and colleagues also regarded her as a sounding board for advice and guidance, always offering a helping hand or hug whenever needed. Most especially, Elizabeth became a "second mama" to many of her daughters' friends, welcoming them into her home whenever they needed a good meal, a good talk, or even a good party; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth's legacy is forever rooted in her service to family, community, and friendship. She is survived by her two daughters Elizabeth Keziah Brasher of Atlanta, GA and Constance Mariah Brasher of Niles, IL. She is also survived by first cousins Lois Pace Hairston Turner of Winston-Salem, NC; Vera Stepp (Henry Edward Stepp) of Winston-Salem, NC; Denise Burger of Wasilla, AK; Marion Elizabeth Winfrey of Boston, MA; Tom Baric of Plano, TX; Sol William Winfrey of Freehold, NJ; and Johnny Winfrey of Freehold, NJ; many other second and third cousins; and a host of close friends.

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 **ELIZABETH ELINOR MORTON BRASHER**, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the years of service she gave 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 **ELIZABETH ELINOR MORTON BRASHER**.

[19-4157](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING OF THE OPENING OF THE ELLEN GLASSER GLOBAL (EGG) CENTER AT SULLIVAN HIGH SCHOOL

WHEREAS, Sullivan High School has had renewed energy under the leadership of Principal Chad Adams; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan High School serves a large and diverse student body with nearly 40% of its student body born outside of the United States and well over 40 languages spoken there; and

WHEREAS, these refugee and immigrant students gravitated to the former library as a place to lounge and engage in small group activities. These students often felt that the library offered them a “safe space” to get away from the stress of conforming to an unfamiliar, new environment; and

WHEREAS, the library became the center for the English learning program and was used for individual and small group work; and

WHEREAS, the library had not been staffed for many years and was in major need of a facelift with torn carpeting and unmatched older furniture; and

WHEREAS, Principal Adams and English Learning Director, Sarah Quintenz reached out to Michael Glasser and the recently formed “Friends of Sullivan” group for help; and

WHEREAS, Friends of Sullivan raised money to support this request. With that money and the help of generous volunteers, including student volunteers, the room was transformed with new carpeting and state of the art furniture to create a space of dignity and respect befitting the hardworking students who come to the Center to learn how to make their way in this new world; and

WHEREAS, the library is to be renamed the **ELLEN GLASSER GLOBAL CENTER** in honor of Ellen Meyer Glasser, an immigrant herself, who came to the United States in 1945. Her family fled Germany after Kristallnacht and first moved to Chile where she attended the English School. In 1945, she moved to the United States with her older sister. She graduated from Lakeview High School and subsequently attended college at the University of Illinois. She later taught nutrition classes in both English and Spanish at Michael Reese Hospital, languages she learned during her years in Chile; and

WHEREAS, Ellen Meyer Glasser is the mother of Rogers Park builder, Michael Glasser; his brother Ralph Glasser; their two sisters, Pam Weston and Debbie Butler; and the grandmother of eleven grandchildren.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County honors the work of Principal Chad Adams, English Learning Director Sarah Quintenz and the Friends of Sullivan, along with the volunteers who helped create the Ellen Glasser Global Center, which will give years of service 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 Principal Chad Adams, the Sullivan High School community, and the family of Ellen Meyer Glasser.

[19-4158](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF ALBERT LEON MAMPRE

WHEREAS, Albert Leon Mampre, the last living medic from World War II's Easy Company has died at the age of 97. Easy Company was part of the 2nd Battalion of the 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment of the 101st Airborne Division. It was made famous by the Stephen Ambrose book and HBO series, "Band of Brothers"; and

WHEREAS, Al Mampre was awarded a Bronze Star and two Purple Hearts for his service. He survived two sniper bullets after venturing into an active battle scene to lie down next to a wounded Lieutenant. Dutch civilians came to their rescue and took them to the relative safety of a Dutch home where they were treated for their injuries; and

WHEREAS after his recovery, Mr. Mampre served at regiment headquarters during the Battle of the Bulge in Bastogne, France. Mr. Mampre became a medic because, as he put it, he was good at "pluggin' holes, not makin' holes." He reflected that he had learned many of the skills required to be a medic in his training as a Boy Scout, except for giving shots, which he learned by practicing on oranges. The training was mostly common sense. "Guy's got a hole in his chest? Put your hand over it so it doesn't suck air. Basic stuff"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mampre was among 35,000 paratroopers and glider troops who rained from the sky over Europe in Operation Market Garden. He recalled taking refuge in a doorway to evade German

machine gun fire. While he waited, the door opened a crack and the woman inside handed him a spoonful of cherries. He never saw her face or knew who she was; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mampre was known among his fellow soldiers as funny, kind, humble, and an engaging storyteller. He never liked the word “hero” and never saw himself as one. He was genuinely selfless. Everyone loved being around him; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mampre grew up in Oak Park, the son of immigrants from the Armenian diaspora. His mother Viola came from Baghdad. His father Nishan came from Turkey. His father repaired rugs and farm equipment to support his family. Young Al “was always taking care of people.” At 4, he’d alert adults about the wanderings of a forgetful elderly neighbor who was a Civil War veteran. “The colonel’s running away!” he’d warn. Later, he had a paper route and sold the *Saturday Evening Post* and *Ladies Home Journal*. He attended Oak Park High School and pursued ministerial studies at Ohio Northern and Hardin-Simmons University in Texas before enlisting in the army; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mampre married the former Virginia Joboulian a month after he came home from the war in 1945. They were childhood friends. She was only 7 when they first met at an Armenian picnic, but reportedly she told her parents that she was going to marry him one day. They were married for 63 years until her death in 2009.

WHEREAS, Mr. Mampre subsequently studied psychology at Pepperdine University in California and later added anthropology to his studies at UCLA and the University of Chicago. He spent his career in management working for International Harvester and operating a family psychology practice in Evanston where the Mampres raised their daughters Virginia and Susan Mampre and Elizabeth Celebucke, who died in 2011; and

WHEREAS, in his later years, Mr. Mampre did public speaking and raised money for veterans and police and fire departments. He traveled for pleasure and wartime anniversaries in Belgium, England, France, Germany, Luxembourg, and the Netherlands. He has twice been called upon to throw out the ceremonial first pitch, for the White Sox in 2013, and more recently before a game between the Washington Nationals and Tampa Bay Rays.

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 **ALBERT LEON MAMPRE**, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the years of service he gave to this country and 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 **ALBERT LEON MAMPRE**.

[19-4164](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE HON. CHARLES MONROE MAY

WHEREAS, the Honorable Charles Monroe May, Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County was born in Shreveport, Louisiana on March 16, 1927. He was the youngest of six children born to Mamie Morrell and Reverend John Henry May; and

WHEREAS, in 1958 Charles married Julia Chavez. and from that marriage their only child, Jennifer Lynn May, was born; and

WHEREAS, Charles graduated from Crispus Attucks High School in Indianapolis, Indiana after first attending Evanston Township High School. He attended Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee until drafted into the Army during WWII where he achieved the rank of Sargent. At Fisk, he joined the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, later becoming a lifetime member of the organization. After his military service, he continued his education at Fisk University where he received his undergraduate degree. He then went to DePaul University College of Law in Chicago, Illinois where he received his Juris Doctorate; and

WHEREAS, after completing his Law degree, Charles became a partner in various law firms in Chicago. He also served as an Assistant State's Attorney for several years before he was appointed Associate Judge in 1985. He maintained this position at the Cook County Juvenile Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County until his retirement; and

WHEREAS Judge May changed the course of many children's lives for the better through his total involvement in their cases; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his love for family and the law, Charles loved playing golf and traveling. His life theme should have been "Have golf clubs, will travel" as he always looked for a golf course wherever he went. His many destinations included The Bahamas, Mexico, Hawaii, Canada, California, Florida, and Nevada. He particularly enjoyed his last two trips visiting friends in Belize; and

WHEREAS, Judge May was preceded in death by his wife, Julie, and his parents and siblings. He leaves to cherish his memory his beloved daughter Jennifer (Mark L.) Lund; nephew Horace "Kris" (Elida) Graves; and friend Katrina (Eric) Butler.

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 **HON. CHARLES MONROE MAY**, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the years of service he gave 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 **HON. CHARLES MONROE MAY**.