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Consent Agenda

Thursday, May 13, 2021, 10:00 AM

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION**MEMORIAL DAY RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is celebrated annually on the last Monday of May, and is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our Nation's service; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Day is a time for the Nation to appropriately remember and honor our American heroes; and

WHEREAS, our service men and women answered the call of duty and made the ultimate sacrifice to maintain the security of our country and the liberties we hold so dear; and

WHEREAS, our Nation is honor bound to remember those who died on distant shores defending our country and our way of life; and

WHEREAS, citizens across Cook County, the State of Illinois and the entire United States will pause to remember the sacrifices of men and women who died in service to our nation; and

WHEREAS, on this Memorial Day, as throughout the year, we pray for the families of the fallen and show our respect for the contributions these service members made to the continuation of American freedom; and

WHEREAS, our grateful Nation honors their selfless service, and we recognize a debt of honor beyond our capability to repay; and

WHEREAS, Americans must never allow ourselves to forget the contributions made by those who served and those who gave their lives to protect the freedom and democracy for our country; and

WHEREAS, it is important to show our gratitude for all our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, Coast Guardsmen, and Merchant Mariners who died in the service of our Nation that we might continue to enjoy the liberties we so deeply cherish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, do hereby recognize Monday, May 31st. 2021, as Memorial Day and pay tribute to those who served and those who died with a sense of honor, duty and dedication for the United

States of America.

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING MARIO'S BARBER SHOP FOR ITS 50 YEARS OF BUSINESS IN PARK RIDGE

WHEREAS, Mario's Barber Shop, located in the Crossroads Shopping Plaza at 1017 N. Northwest Highway in Park Ridge, gave its last haircut on March 15, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Mario's Barber Shop opened in 1969 by its namesake, Mario Magnelli; and

WHEREAS, long-time customers spoke highly of Magnelli, an engaging and happy man, who died in 2007 after running the barber shop for 38 years; and

WHEREAS, the space at this location has been a barber shop dating back to 1955 and was originally known as Lou's Barber Shop; and

WHEREAS, owner Michael Pascolla purchased the barber shop in 2011; and

WHEREAS, stylist Jackie Loconti worked at Mario's for 16 years and was the last of Magnelli's staff still working at the shop; and

WHEREAS, the barber shop was a neighborhood institution that served multiple generations of the same families. No matter how far away clients moved, they always came back to Mario's for their haircuts; and

WHEREAS, Pascolla described the business as an old-fashioned, old-school barber shop, equipped with vintage barber chairs. The phone number hadn't changed since the 1950s, and for decades, stylists booked appointments using the shop's original phone; and

WHEREAS, Mario's Barber Shop was one of the many small local businesses that could not bounce back from the impact the pandemic has had on businesses everywhere.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby honor Mario's Barber Shop for its fifty years in business; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to owner Michael Pascolla as a token of our appreciation for his efforts keeping Mario's Barber Shop the neighborhood fixture it was.

[21-2948](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING EUGENE GUIDICE FOR RECEIVING THE ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR AWARD FROM THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES

WHEREAS, Eugene Guidice was awarded the Advocate of the Year Award by the Private Law Librarians and Information Professional Special Interest Section of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL); and

WHEREAS, this award is made annually to a librarian who demonstrates leadership and excellence in advocating for law libraries and law librarians; and

WHEREAS, Eugene Guidice received high praise for his response to the COVID-19 pandemic for his weekly remote meetings with librarians across the country and internationally to keep the law librarian community connected; and

WHEREAS, during this time, Eugene Guidice sent daily inspirational and motivational communications to more than 200 people to offer hope and a vision for the post-pandemic world. These messages are being published on Amazon in a volume entitled, *Reflections during a Pandemic: Thoughts while Sheltering in Place*; and

WHEREAS, Eugene Guidice was also praised for being the catalyst and moderator for continuing education webinars and for being a presenter at the 2020 AALL virtual conference; and

WHEREAS, Eugene Guidice's career as a law librarian has taken him to several law firms, including Schiff Hardin, Baker McKenzie, and Latham & Watkins; and

WHEREAS, Eugene Guidice is currently the Senior Research Services Training Specialist in the Chicago office of Dentons U.S. LLP; and

WHEREAS, Eugene Guidice holds a Bachelor of Arts from Concordia University, an MBA from DePaul University, and a Master of Library and Information Sciences from Dominican University; and

WHEREAS, in addition to AALL, Eugene Guidice is an active member of the Special Libraries Association, the Chicago Association of Law Libraries, the Illinois Library Association, the Knights of Columbus, and many other organizations; and

WHEREAS, Eugene lives with his wife Colleen in Chicago's Edgebrook neighborhood.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate Eugene Guidice for receiving the Advocate of the Year Award from the American Association of Law Libraries; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to Eugene Guidice as a token of our appreciation for his efforts and accomplishments as a law librarian.

[21-2954](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE NEW ROSELAND COMMUNITY HOSPITAL ON BEING THE RECIPIENT OF THE COVID WARRIOR AWARD

WHEREAS, Roseland Community Hospital officially opened in 1924 and provided the community with quality medical and healthcare services for 93 years; and

WHEREAS, Roseland Community Hospital continues to provide medical services to all in need, including neighborhoods close in proximity Fernwood, Lilydale, Princeton Park, Roseland, and a portion of West Chesterfield, with an accumulative demographic population makeup for these neighborhoods being 96.4 percent black; and

WHEREAS, Tim Egan served as Chief Restructuring Officer at Roseland Community Hospital and on Monday, February 10, 2014, was named as the new President and Chief Executive Officer of Roseland Hospital; and

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2017, The Chicago Healthcare Executives Forum recognized and presented Tim Egan with the 2016 American College of Healthcare Executives Regents Healthcare Leadership Award only given to leaders who have provided sustainable change and have a positive impact throughout the community in which one serves; and

WHEREAS, Roseland Community Hospital in 2018 rebranded and its new name became, "*The New Roseland Community Hospital*"; and

WHEREAS, on December 31, 2019, COVID-19 was first detected in China; and

WHEREAS, January 24, 2020, marked the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization on March 11, 2020, declared COVID-19 as a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2020, The New Roseland Community Hospital mobile testing unit was opened at our very own Cook County jail to test employees and help control COVID-19 in our Cook County

facilities; and

WHEREAS, December 1, 2020 was a major upsurge of patients visiting hospitals throughout Chicago; and

WHEREAS, emergency room staff at The New Roseland Community Hospital remained steadfast to the calling of their medical duties. Staff members worked together to address patients' concerns and fears related to the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, Certified Nursing Assistant, Tramelle Thompson, in specific, gave words of encouragement and prayer with a patient having difficulty breathing; Stacy Kincaid administered COVID-19 tests; ICU registered nurses, Subramanya Kirugulige and Janice Fair, were tending to COVID-19 patients in the ER Department; registered nurse, Alma Abad, had a watchful eye on a patient in ICU; and Certified Nursing Assistant, Rashunda Henry, addressed an upsurge of incoming calls to the ER; and

WHEREAS, more than 1.3 million known cases of Illinois residents have tested positive with the COVID-19 virus and more than 21,600 Illinois residents confirmed deaths are directly related to this deadly disease; and

WHEREAS, in order to reduce COVID-19 illnesses, hospitalizations, and deaths, a safe and effective roll-out strategy of the COVID-19 vaccine is a critical component to saving lives; and

WHEREAS, The New Roseland Community Hospital begin administering the vaccine on December 17, 2020, and since that time, 27,260 dosages of vaccine have been given to patients, and a total of 21,485 people have been fully vaccinated; and

WHEREAS, The New Roseland Community Hospital has been revitalized by its new leader and dedicated staff members, who are mission-driven, to provide the highest quality of services that focuses on meeting and exceeding the healthcare needs of Chicago's far South Side neighborhoods; 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 ROSELAND COVID WARRIORS and the many contributions that the community and hospital staff have done in 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 New Roseland Community Hospital.

[21-3018](#)

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

BERNARDA “BERNIE” WONG, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Bernarda “Bernie” Wong from our midst, and

WHEREAS, Bernarda “Bernie” Wong was the loving and adored wife of the late Albert, and

WHEREAS, Bernarda “Bernie” Wong was the loving mother of Jacinta, and

WHEREAS, Bernarda “Bernie” Wong was the dear grandmother of Tiana and Matthew, and

WHEREAS, Bernarda “Bernie” Wong was born and raised in Hong Kong and came to the United States in 1962 to get her degree in social work from Brair Cliff University in Sioux City, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, Bernarda “Bernie” Wong completed her master’s degree in social work from Washington University in St. Louis in 1968; and

WHEREAS, Bernarda “Bernie” Wong worked as a social worker in Chicago’s Chinatown community; and

WHEREAS, Bernarda “Bernie” Wong and a small group of dedicated Chinese American friends came together to bridge the gap in services for Chinese Americans in Chicago and formed the Chinese American Service League in 1978; and

WHEREAS, Bernarda “Bernie” Wong became President and CEO of the Chinese American Service League; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Bernarda “Bernie” Wong, the Chinese American Service League became the largest, most comprehensive, social service agency in the Midwest dedicated to serving the needs of Chinese Americans; and

WHEREAS, Bernarda “Bernie” Wong was instrumental in growing the Chinese American Service League into an organization with 500 multilingual and multicultural staffers that offers vital physical, economic, mental, and social support services; and

WHEREAS, the hard work and dedication of Bernarda “Bernie” Wong helped numerous Chinese American Service League clients become thriving members of the greater Chicago community; and

WHEREAS, Bernarda “Bernie” Wong was the first Asian American appointed to the boards of United Way of Chicago and the Chicago Public Library; and

WHEREAS, Bernarda “Bernie” Wong chaired the Chicago mayor's advisory council on Asian affairs; and

WHEREAS, Bernarda “Bernie” Wong was a founding board member of the National Asian Pacific Center on Aging and the Chinese Immigrant Service Agencies Network International, a network of social services organizations; and

WHEREAS, Bernarda “Bernie” Wong developed relationships with elected officials including mayors, governors, and presidents to advocate on behalf of the residents of Chicago’s Chinese American community and immigrants of all nationalities across Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Bernarda “Bernie” Wong was awarded the Champions of Change award by President Barack Obama and Chicago’s Woman's History Month Legacy Award; and

WHEREAS, all who knew her will attest that Bernarda “Bernie” Wong was a kind and compassionate woman, virtuous of character and gentle in spirit, admired and respected by her many friends and neighbors, and dearly loved by her family, now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and many friends of Bernarda “Bernie” Wong, 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 Bernarda “Bernie” Wong that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

[21-3022](#)

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, DONNA MILLER, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, 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**JAMES A. "JIM" BUSCHBACH, IN MEMORIAM**

WHEREAS Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called James A. Buschbach from our midst, and

WHEREAS James A. Buschbach was the beloved husband of Joan (nee) Horton, and

WHEREAS James A. Buschbach was the loving father of Cindy (the late Ralph) Maynard, Christine Buschbach, Cathy (Michael) Hanus, and Jim (Joanna) Buschbach, and

WHEREAS James A. Buschbach was the cherished grandfather of Ron (Wendy), Heather (Michael), Veronica, Deborah (Jeff), Patricia, Sebastian, James (Jackie) Steven and Jenny, and

WHEREAS James A. Buschbach was the proud great grandfather of Joe, Julia, Alexis, Renee, and James (LBJ), and

WHEREAS James A. Buschbach was the dear brother of Thomas (the late Sue) Buschbach, and the late Dottie and Hal Larson, and

WHEREAS James A. Buschbach was the fond brother-in-law of Joel (Marjorie) Horton and Glynola Higdon, and

WHEREAS James A. Buschbach served as an Oak Lawn Park District Commissioner; and

WHEREAS James A. Buschbach served on the Advocate Christ Medical Center Governing Council; and

WHEREAS James A. Buschbach was a member and past president of the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS James A. Buschbach was a member of the Oak Lawn Community Partnership Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS James A. Buschbach was instrumental in the founding and success of Children's Museum in Oak Lawn; and

WHEREAS James A. Buschbach was a member and past president of the church council at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church; and

WHEREAS James A. Buschbach was a founding member and the first Chairman of the Oak Lawn Park Foundation that began in 1991; and

WHEREAS James A. Buschbach served as an Oak Lawn Parks Foundation Trustee; and

WHEREAS all who knew him will attest that James A. Buschbach was a kind and compassionate man, virtuous of character and gentle in spirit, admired and respected by his many friends and neighbors, and dearly loved by his family, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and many friends of James A. Buschbach 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 James A. Buschbach that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION HONORING MAYOR ARLENE JURACEK'S COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SERVICE

WHEREAS, Mayor Arlene Juracek retires after a successful career in the private sector and public service; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Juracek is a graduate of the Illinois Institute of Technology with a bachelor's degree in mechanical/aerospace engineering and earned a master's degree in management from Northwestern University; and

WHEREAS, prior to her public service, she had a productive career working in the energy sector rising to Vice President of Energy Acquisition; and

WHEREAS, additionally, Mayor Juracek previously served as the Director of the Illinois Power Authority overseeing energy and power procurement; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Juracek proudly served the Village of Mount Prospect as a Village Trustee from

2007-2013 and as Mayor from 2013-2021; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Mount Prospect saw significant commercial and industrial growth during her tenure; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Juracek's leadership extended beyond the village as a Leadership Greater Chicago Fellow, a member of the Illinois Finance Authority board, chair of the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission and vice chair of the Northwest Municipal Conference; and

WHEREAS, Cook County and the Cook County Board of Commissioners have had the honor of working with Mayor Juracek and the Village of Mount Prospect and she has proved to be a wonderful partner; and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this resolution are presented to Mayor Arlene Juracek.

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION HONORING TRUSTEE SHARMIN SHAHJAHAN'S COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SERVICE

WHEREAS, Village of Hanover Park Trustee Sharmin Shahjahan dedicated herself to public service during her term as Village Trustee; and

WHEREAS, Trustee Shahjahan served the Village of Hanover Park prior to her term when she was appointed to lead the Hanover Park Cultural Inclusion & Diversity Committee in 2010. She continued that work and served as the Board Liaison during her Trustee tenure; and

WHEREAS, prior to her public service, she had a productive career working in the private sector with a background in finance; and

WHEREAS, Trustee Shahjahan's leadership capabilities have been clear during her tenure serving in leadership roles on School District U-46 School Improvement Program Community Partner, School District U-46 Citizens' Advisory Council Finance Committee, National League of Cities Vice Chair Human Development Committee, National League of Cities Race, Equity, and Leadership Committee, National League of Cities Board Member of Women in Municipal Government, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Age-Friendly Collaborative, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Environment Committee, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Diversity Task Force, Women Empowerment Campaign, and United Nations Women

Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Trustee Shahjahan worked tirelessly during the COVID-19 pandemic to provide real help to her constituents including providing vital resource cards, procuring PPE, and leading an effort to half water shut-offs and debt collection; and

WHEREAS, Trustee Shahjahan approached her role with an openness to constituents and other stakeholders making local government accessible for all; and

WHEREAS, Cook County and the Cook County Board of Commissioners have had the honor of working with Trustee Shahjahan and the Village of Hanover Park and she has proved to be a wonderful partner; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor Village of Hanover Park Trustee Sharmin Shahjahan for her commitment to public service; and

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

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION HONORING SUPERVISOR MIKE SWEENEY'S COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SERVICE

WHEREAS, Elk Grove Township Supervisor Mike Sweeney dedicated himself to public service during his tenure serving Elk Grove Township; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Sweeney served as Elk Grove Township Clerk from 2005 to 2013 and served as Elk Grove Township Supervisor from 2013 to 2021; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Sweeney is a lifelong resident of Elk Grove Township and resides in Des Plaines with his wife and kids; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Sweeney obtained his Masters and a Ph.D. in Political Science from Northern Illinois University and teaches as an adjunct professor at several area institutions; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Sweeney effectively delivered resident services of the Township during his tenure including property tax and employment assistance, adult and family counseling, youth services, passport application processing, hunting and fishing licenses, voter registration services and more; and

WHEREAS, Cook County and the Cook County Board of Commissioners have had the honor of working with Supervisor Sweeney and Elk Grove Township and he has proved to be a wonderful partner; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor Elk Grove Township Supervisor Mike Sweeney for his commitment to public service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this resolution are presented to Supervisor Mike Sweeney.

[21-3135](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION HONORING SUPERVISOR AMY NYKAZA'S COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SERVICE

WHEREAS, Barrington Township Supervisor Amy Nykaza dedicated herself to public service during her tenure serving Barrington Township; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Nykaza served as Barrington Township Assessor from 2006 to 2016 and served as Barrington Township Supervisor from 2016 to 2021; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Nykaza has had a successful career in the private sector in addition to her public service; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Nykaza effectively delivered resident services of the Township during her tenure including property tax assistance, transportation services, senior services, a food pantry, emergency assistance for residents, voter registration services and more; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Nykaza has been particularly helpful in working with the 15th District Office on issues of property taxes and economic development; and

WHEREAS, Cook County and the Cook County Board of Commissioners have had the honor of working with Supervisor Nykaza and Barrington Township and she has proved to be a wonderful partner; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor Barrington Township Supervisor Amy Nykaza for her commitment to public service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this resolution are presented to Supervisor Amy Nykaza.

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION HONORING SUPERVISOR LANGLOTZ-JOHNSON'S COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SERVICE

WHEREAS, Palatine Township Supervisor Sharon Langlotz-Johnson dedicated herself to public service during her tenure serving Palatine Township; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Langlotz-Johnson served as Palatine Township Trustee from 2009 to 2013 and served as Palatine Township Supervisor from 2013 to 2021; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Langlotz-Johnson has had a successful career in the private sector in addition to her public service; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Langlotz-Johnson effectively delivered resident services of the Township during her tenure including property tax assistance, transportation services, senior services, a food pantry, emergency assistance for residents, voter registration services and more; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Langlotz-Johnson has been particularly helpful in working with the 15th District Office on issues of property tax assistance and economic development; and

WHEREAS, Cook County and the Cook County Board of Commissioners have had the honor of working with Supervisor Langlotz-Johnson and Palatine Township and she has proved to be a wonderful partner; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor Palatine Township Supervisor Langlotz-Johnson for her commitment to public service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this resolution are presented to Supervisor Langlotz-Johnson.

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION HONORING ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER RESIDENTS IN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, the month of May is recognized as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, Cook County celebrates the vast contributions made by Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in our communities; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge and celebrate the contributions of Asian Pacific Americans in our District's social, economic, and democratic success, as well as its role in making Cook County a great place with diverse culture; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge and celebrate the contributions of the particular individuals named below, who have made great contributions and selfless efforts and helped develop a great working relationship with the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, we honor, Yin Kean, Executive Director of Thinking Beyond, an organization that provided vital resources during the COVID-19 pandemic including masks, test kits, and informational fliers to several AAPI organizations including Shree Swaminarayan Temple & Cultural Center in Streamwood, Malaysian Community in Chicago, Thai American Association in Chicago, Korean Cultural Center of Chicago, Bharatiya Senior Citizens of Chicago, a Sikh Religious Center, and the American Association of Retired Asians. Her work during the pandemic reached hundreds of AAPI Cook County residents; and

WHEREAS, we honor, Sunil Shah, founder of Federation of Indian Associations, Chicago and a successful insurance business entrepreneur based in Greater Chicago District; and

WHEREAS, we honor, Neil Khot, founding Member of Federation of Indian Associations, Chicago, founder and CEO of Rely Services Inc., a global information technology and BPO organization and President of Woodfield Office Condo Association; and

WHEREAS, we honor, Dr. Anuja Gupta, a physician and real estate developer by profession, Co-Founding Member of Women's Empowerment Campaign Chicago (WE), a networking & empowerment platform for Indian & Southeast Asian women entrepreneurs in Chicago and Managing Partner of Verandah Retirement Community, a senior living facility in Schaumburg Township designed to uniquely serve both Indian & American lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, we honor, Dr. Umang Patel, MD, an Internal Medicine Specialist, with over 25 years of

experience providing care in Chicagoland area. Dr. Patel recently donated a large sum to provide relief and medical supplies to India; and

WHEREAS, we honor, Dr. Sreenivas Reddy, a board-certified Diagnostic Radiologist with fellowship training in Vascular and Interventional Radiology from Rush-Presbyterian- St. Luke's Center, Chicago. He is a member of Society of Interventional Radiology, American College of Phlebology and Radiological Society of North America and he is a very active member of Chicago Medical Society and Illinois State Medical Society (ISMS); and

WHEREAS, we honor, Annu Khot, an attorney by education to now the Managing Partner of Rely Services and an investor in local healthcare and cannabis businesses; and

WHEREAS, Cook County's strength is in its diversity and these individuals are an example of that; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor the individuals listed above for the outstanding work they do in Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this resolution are presented to the honorees listed above.

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON, BARRINGTON PARK DISTRICT, AND BARRINGTON AREA UNIT DISTRICT 220 SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, The Village of Barrington is a finalist for the 2021 Governor's Hometown Awards presented by the Serve Illinois Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service; and

WHEREAS, since 1983, the Governor's Hometown Awards (GHTA) program gives formal recognition to those who contributed to projects that improved their community's quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Serve Illinois, the Governor's Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service, ties GHTA to its mission to improve Illinois communities by enhancing volunteerism and instilling an ethic of service throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, Barrington is being recognized for its Dreamway project, an environmental improvement initiative along Flint Creek between Langendorf Park and Barrington High School; and

WHEREAS, the project includes removal of invasive species, especially trees, and installation of native plants; and

WHEREAS, the project includes removal of low quality trees after an assessment of a certified arborist. Following that, there will be restoration of the area to a more native state; and

WHEREAS, native plant experts have selected the best options for this specific area, taking into account what was native to the Barrington area prior to human intervention as well as what has the best chance of survival considering our current environment; and

WHEREAS, this project and the innovative approach show tremendous dedication to improving their community and leadership in environmental improvements; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor the Village of Barrington, Barrington Park District, and the Barrington Area Unit District 220 Schools for the distinction of becoming a finalist for the 2021 Governor's Hometown Awards; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this resolution are presented to the Village of Barrington, Barrington Park District, and Barrington Area Unit District 220 Schools.

[21-3140](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION HONORING DISTRICT 214'S INNOVATIVE STUDENT SERVICES

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic caused challenging circumstances for schools and students; and

WHEREAS, school administrators, teachers, and school staff worked tirelessly to continue to provide quality schooling and support for their students; and

WHEREAS, District 214 was committed to providing innovation solutions to support their students; and

WHEREAS, as classes began to return to in-person learning and a hybrid model of teaching was adopted, District 214 wanted to provide flexibility and access for students to attend classes and activities; and

WHEREAS, District 214 Purchasing and Transportation Supervisor Nicole Hansen approached the challenge of students needing to only come to in-person for part of the school day in a unique way; and

WHEREAS, District 214 decided to run buses regularly throughout the day on fixed routes that would allow for students to get to and from school with a flexible schedule; and

WHEREAS, the new approach, inspired by public transportation, runs 65 shuttles to serve about 12,000

students in an area of almost 70 square miles; and

WHEREAS, this cost-neutral alternative was so creative that it won a Tyler Award, given by the company that provides software to make this approach possible; and

WHEREAS, the innovative spirit of this project and dedication to meeting their students' needs represents the commitment and compassion that District 214 has for providing the very best opportunities for their students, even in the most challenging of times; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor District 214 for their perseverance and ingenuity during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this resolution are presented to District 214 leadership and District 214 Purchasing and Transportation Supervisor Nicole Hansen.

[21-3142](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION HONORING MADELINE PAINTER AND SKYE SONNABEND ON ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

WHEREAS, Madeline Painter and Skye Sonnabend of Arlington Heights have reached the rank of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, Madeline and Skye made history by completing this achievement as part of the first class of female Eagle Scouts in the country; and

WHEREAS, they are among the first 1,000 girls nationwide to achieve the rank; and

WHEREAS, they are among the first 14 female Eagles in the Pathway to Adventure Council, which takes in more than 20,000 Scouts across Cook and Lake counties and Northwest Indiana; and

WHEREAS, to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, one has to take on leadership roles within the troop and their community; earn a minimum of 21 merit badges that include first aid safety, civics, business, and the environment; and complete a large community service project; and

WHEREAS, across the nation only 6% of Scouts achieve this impressive distinction; and

WHEREAS, Madeline's community project focused on leading Scouts and volunteers in removing invasive plants and replacing it with native plants; and

WHEREAS, Skye's community project focused on leading her fellow Scouts in building raised garden beds at Viator House of Hospitality that supports young asylum-seekers; and

WHEREAS, these projects and overall commitment to their communities show tremendous dedication and leadership; and

WHEREAS, Cook County is grateful for the work of young people to improve and lead within their communities; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor Madeline Painter and Skye Sonnabend on their significant achievement of reaching the rank of Eagle Scout; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this resolution are presented to Madeline Painter, Skye Sonnabend, and Troop 32.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIVES OF COOK COUNTY 13TH DISTRICT RESIDENTS WHO DIED FROM COVID-19 BETWEEN MARCH 9, 2021 AND MAY 1, 2021, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a deadly infectious disease that has swept across our County, state, nation and world; and

WHEREAS, anyone can contract COVID-19, regardless of race, color, sex, age, religion, disability, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, or gender identity; and

WHEREAS, as of May 1, 2021, COVID-19 had killed more than 3.2 million worldwide, 500,000 in the United States, 24,000 in Illinois and 10,500 in Cook County; and

WHEREAS, between March 9, 2021, and May 1, 2021, 42 residents who lived in the 13th District of Cook County died from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as of May 1, 2021 COVID-19 has killed 1,008 residents who lived in the 13th District of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, each of the departed leave family, friends and communities in mourning; and

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called the below 13th District residents from our midst:

Chicago

Bernadet Alguzzie, Dan Miranda, Donna Garber, Edwardo Lopez, Francisco Prudencio, Hamideben Khorjiya, Juan Carlos Castro Gonzalez, Mansoor Ali, Merly Grenee, Nicholas Glaser, Rosalia Vargas, Saeeda Farooqi and Trung Ly.

Evanston

Beverly Finley-Gardner.

Glenview

Curtis Canavino and Igor Goltsman.

Lincolnwood

Rita Miller.

Morton Grove

Dong Ma, Richard Kramer and William Sher.

Niles

Bibi Odeesho, Christ Tountas, Curtis Hinton, John Wozniak, Larry Bohl, Louis Chan and Sam Shamuel.

Northfield

Joanne Bairstow

Skokie

Arthur Khano, Diane Kiely-Franco, Helen Kayaloglou, Henderson Jackson, Howard Heim, Lorraine Weinberg, Maureen MacLennan, Mikhail Erman, Mohammad Khan, Rabia Qadri, Ramiz Ljumani and Syed Ahmed.

Wilmette

Michael Gordon.

Winnetka

Oliver Lim.

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 lives of the **COOK COUNTY 13TH DISTRICT RESIDENTS WHO DIED FROM COVID-19 BETWEEN MARCH 9, 2021 AND MAY 1, 2021** and herewith expresses its sincere condolences to their friends, families and communities.

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

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING MEGHAN RICE FOR RECEIVING THE GOLDEN APPLE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

WHEREAS, Meghan Rice is a kindergarten teacher at Willard Elementary School in Evanston, Illinois. Willard is part of Evanston/Skokie School District 65. On May 3, 2021, she received the prestigious Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching, one of only ten teachers in Illinois to be so honored this year; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rice was selected out of a record-setting 708 nominations of Pre-K to third-grade teachers. “These outstanding teachers transform the lives of students, schools, and communities over the course of their careers. Their resilience and perseverance in this past year - and their career - has been nothing short of amazing,” said Golden Apple President Alan Mather; and

WHEREAS, in announcing the award, Golden Apple noted that Rice builds a classroom of respect and inclusion and looks for ways to expand her capacity as an educator to support and uplift the livelihoods of the children and families that she serves. To ignite student interest, she shares a connection to bridge their previous learning or lived experiences. For example, her students relate to the classroom mascot Mabel the Elephant and she’ll use Mabel in an example to share a teaching point - using words, gestures, and visual charts. She is intentional in including multiple learning modalities to help support both language acquisition and the application of skills. She sees her students thrive when they know what they are doing and why they are doing it. Rice worked to ensure her school’s literacy curriculum was culturally responsive and relied on that framework to build a system to support both monolingual and bilingual K-2 teachers, especially with the shift to remote learning during the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, when asked about what motivated her during the pandemic, Rice responded the resilience of children and the “connectedness” that she feels with her students. She acknowledged mornings when it was hard to get out of bed but knew not just that the students needed her, but that she needed them as well. She describes her magic power as being able to help children feel loved, even when she couldn’t be with them in person. She knows and incorporates the value of making learning fun through singing, dancing, and playing; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rice is also an independent recording artist. She loves to sing and makes up songs from the things the students are learning in class. When she is working on her own music, she brings it to class and during free times, asks the students if they like the melody or whether she should sing something this way or another way. When she uses their suggestions, the music becomes theirs; and

WHEREAS, Rice received the award from Golden Apple representatives in a surprise meeting at the school with her fellow teachers, administrators, staff, District 65 Superintendent Devon Horton, and Illinois state representative Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz. Her husband, Marques Rice, and five-year-old son Jaxon, who will start kindergarten in the fall, were also on hand to share the celebration; and

WHEREAS, as a 2021 Award recipient, Ms. Rice will join the ranks of Master Teachers supporting the increased workforce and improved teaching in our schools. Award recipients become Fellows of the Golden Apple Academy of Educators, a community of educators who play an important role in preparing the next generation of teachers in the Golden Apple Scholars and Accelerators programs; 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, honors Meghan Rice, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions she has made to her students and education community and, by extension, 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 Ms. Meghan Rice.