



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY
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Virtual Meeting

Consent Agenda

Thursday, June 24, 2021, 10:00 AM

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Sponsored by: BRANDON JOHNSON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING REVEREND ALAN TAYLOR UPON THE OCCASION OF CELEBRATING HIS 18 YEARS OF SERVICE AS MINISTER OF UNITY TEMPLE

WHEREAS, on Sunday, June 27, 2021, the Unity Temple Unitarian Universalist Congregation will be celebrating Reverend Alan Taylor's eighteen years of service; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Alan Taylor's compassionate presence has helped countless many in their individual faith journeys; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Alan Taylor is to be applauded for his steadfast commitment to justice, equity and compassion; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Alan Taylor was called in 2003 to be the Minister of Unity Temple Unitarian Universalist Congregation, and has helped the congregation with significant growth, increased generosity, and expansion of ministries; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Alan Taylor has supported the community with his leadership as the President of the Community of Congregations; Board Member of the Leaders Network; Board member of NAMI Metro Suburban; and Co-Founder of the Oak Park River Forest Walk-in Ministry, which became Prevail and now part of Housing Forward; and

WHEREAS, the faith community of Unity Temple Unitarian Universalist Congregation is truly privileged to have had Reverend Taylor's dedicated leadership for the past eighteen years; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby thank Reverend Alan Taylor for his important and commendable work on behalf of our County and wishes him every continued success in his future endeavors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a ceremonial copy of this resolution be provided to Reverend Alan Taylor, Unity Temple Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Oak Park, Illinois.

[21-3717](#)

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION**HONORING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF EVELYN “EVIE” SHERMAN RADEN**

WHEREAS, Evelyn “Evie” Sherman Raden, a relentless activist for social justice, has died after a long illness. She was 82. Evie was raised in Albany Park by Max and Mary Sherman, who instilled the crucial importance of building communities and fighting for justice; and

WHEREAS, Evie was a two-term alderwoman in Evanston, representing the 4th Ward. She was a long-time resident of Evanston who served as a passionate advocate for many causes before, during and after her two terms, earning a reputation for fearlessly standing up to powerful institutions and people. Her accomplishments on the Council include early advocacy for the Youth Job Center to aid Evanston youth in job placement and career counseling; support for Hecky Powell’s “Neighbors at Work”, a social service agency that provided food, utility, and housing support to needy Evanston residents; successful opposition to a semi-private pact between the City of Evanston and Northwestern to develop a research park west of downtown Evanston; and pushing for citizen input at Council meetings during the “Citizens’ First Speak-Out” time to address the council. When her time as an Alderwoman coincided with a turn to the right in the White House, she became a vibrant, articulate voice, responding locally to conservative policies at the national level; and

WHEREAS, Evie loved solving problems for her constituents as well. But the quality of what set her apart was her absolute refusal to remain quiet. When she thought regular people were being harmed by political decisions, destructive policies or systems, she was fearless in speaking out and battling for change. She could wear people down with her tenacity. “And she was always willing to go it alone, when she felt it was necessary to speak truth to power,” commented her son Tony; and

WHEREAS, Evie was pivotal in many campaigns at the local, state, and national levels. She served as the Executive Director of the Democratic Party of Evanston where she was known for her ability to mobilize people to attend local government meetings and support progressive causes. During her term as Executive Director, she led the efforts in 1992 that elected Bill Clinton and Carol Moseley Braun, the first female and first African American Senator from Illinois. She was an early supporter of Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky; and

WHEREAS, Evie was a convivial, welcoming host whose spirited, delicious dinners convened a diverse array of cultural, political, and social leaders. “At times it seemed like much of the progressive politics of Evanston of that era were plotted at our kitchen table” her son Tony reported; and

WHEREAS, before her political career, Evie was an active participant in the civil rights movement, the fight for the Equal Rights Amendment and other causes. “Demonstrations, rallies, political marches, and campaigns were a constant part of our childhood,” her son Tony recalled, adding: “She had me in a stroller at the protests at the 1968 Convention;” and

WHEREAS, grieving her loss and remembering her indomitable energy and giant heart are her loving

husband of 59 years, Bernard Raden, her cherished son and daughter Tony (Karen) Raden and Lisa Raden, her adoring grandsons Theo and Levi Raden, her brother Mark (Holly) Sherman, her sister-in-law Dorothy Raden, and many friends and colleagues.

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 and contributions of Evelyn “Evie” Sherman Raden, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions she made to the Citizens of Cook County, Illinois; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of same be tendered to the family of Evelyn “Evie” Sherman Raden.

[21-3718](#)

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING THE NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY WOMEN’S FENCING TEAM

WHEREAS, with a third-place finish in the NCAA National Fencing Championship, the Wildcats made history for Northwestern University and its Fencing Team. In his five years as head coach at Northwestern, Zach Moss has propelled the Wildcats to national prominence; and

WHEREAS, the Wildcats have become a fixture in the NCAA Top 10. The Cats took a sixth-place national finish in the 2019 campaign. Their 2021 record of 17-9, 0-0 Big Ten, surpassed its ranking from two years ago, making history at the same time by achieving an all-time best third-place finish; and

WHEREAS, led by three All-Americans: freshman saber Sky Miller, senior foil Justine Banbury, and sophomore foil Anna Biasco, the team saw six fencers, the second time in program history, qualify for the NCAA championships, the maximum allowed to represent one school; and

WHEREAS, Biasco and Banbury finished seventh and eighth in foil, respectively. Miller finished second overall in saber, the best individual finish in program history. NU’s other three competitors all finished in the top 15 for their respective weapons. Sophomore Ilsa Hoffman finished 14th in saber, while junior épée Julia Falinska finished 13th and sophomore épée Blodwen Bindas finished 15th; and

WHEREAS, the Cats’ success on a national stage followed a tumultuous season. With much of the season canceled due to COVID-19, the team played less than half of a season’s usual matches. The Wildcats struggled early on, going 2-4 in the season’s first invitational. However, the team steadily

improved, losing only one match to teams not named “Notre Dame”. NU played the last matches of the season in Columbus, facing off against Ohio State and Denison University in two matches apiece. “It was a late add to our schedule, so we weren’t really planning for it,” Moss said. “But it was a great opportunity to get some more experience and help us get primed for NCAA championships.” The Cats had their best weekend of the year at Ohio State, sweeping both Denison and the Buckeyes to clinch a share of the Central Collegiate Fencing Conference title, and that momentum carried the Cats into the NCAA championships; and

WHEREAS, Miller had a stellar season to start her college career, posting winning records nearly every weekend and turning out a dominant 3-0 performance in the Cats’ second meeting with Notre Dame. With three years left on the team, Moss said he thinks the freshman from Durham, N.C. has the potential to be the team’s first-ever individual champion; and

WHEREAS, Sky Miller, who is also the niece of Cook County Commissioner Donna Miller, said she hopes to carry that momentum into next season as well. “This is our best performance and we were not working with our full capacity,” she said. “So, I see it going very far in the future;” and

WHEREAS, this Honorable Body wishes to congratulate Cook County’s own Northwestern University Women’s Fencing Team on their outstanding season and impressive finish at the NCAA 2021 National Fencing Championships;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County, celebrates the accomplishments of the Northwestern University Women’s Fencing Team; 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 same be tendered to Northwestern University, Northwestern Fencing Coach Zach Moss, and to the team members.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIVES OF COOK COUNTY 13TH DISTRICT RESIDENTS WHO DIED FROM COVID-19 BETWEEN MAY 2, 2021 AND JUNE 13, 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 June 13, 2021, COVID-19 had killed more than 3.8 million worldwide, 598,000 in the United States, 25,000 in Illinois and 10,800 in Cook County; and

WHEREAS, between May 2, 2021, and June 13, 2021, 23 residents who lived in the 13th District of Cook County died from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as of June 13, 2021, COVID-19 had killed more than one thousand 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

Jose Gomez-Vega, Enrique Herrera and John Stanley.

Evanston

Felipe Vallarta and Anthony Sturkey.

Glenview

Elizabeth Dwyer and Perry Nakachi.

Morton Grove

Elizabeth Kotebinan, Gerald A. Arkus and Astar Toma.

Niles

Polina Shlosberg, James Ezenwa, Lily Thi Le and Abel Mora Perez.

Skokie

Roma Tato, Ishak Younan, Jeffrey Henderson, Jose Fernandez, Afzal Kazi, Behzad Chemel-Amiran, Tom Omachi and Wardia Nona.

Winnetka

Norman Simons.

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 MAY 2, 2021 AND JUNE 13, 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.

[21-3794](#)

Sponsored by: KEVIN B. MORRISON and TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING PRIDE MONTH IN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex and Asexual (LGBTQIA+) Pride Month is celebrated each year in the month of June; and

WHEREAS, Pride Month was initially inspired by the 1969 Stonewall Uprising and works to achieve equal justice and opportunity for LGBTQIA+ Americans, as well as recognize the impact that LGBTQIA+ individuals have had on society locally, nationally, and internationally, and

WHEREAS, the Stonewall Riots were a series of demonstrations in which members of the LGBTQIA+ community protested police raids and harassment; and

WHEREAS, the Stonewall Riots marked the beginning of the modern LGBTQIA+ rights movement; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQIA+ movement and its allies have fought hard to give the community the right to marry, to start families, to fight discrimination, hate speech and hate crimes the work still continues, and

WHEREAS, the annual Chicago Pride Parade is now iconic and one of the largest Pride events in the country in which residents throughout Cook County and the nation have the opportunity to celebrate and stand as one with the LGBTQIA+ community, their families, and friends; and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2021 we will also celebrate 6 years when the Supreme Court of the United States ruled all fifty states perform and recognize the marriages of same-sex couples; and

WHEREAS, the LGBTQIA+ community is an important contributor to the diverse and vibrant communities across Cook County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, hereby proclaim the month of June 2021 to be PRIDE MONTH IN COOK COUNTY; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby recommit to strengthening the advancement of equality for the LGBT community of Cook

County.