



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

Consent Agenda

Thursday, July 29, 2021, 10:00 AM

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE FLOSSMOOR STATION RESTAURANT AND BREWERY ON THEIR SILVER ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, Flossmoor Station Restaurant and Brewery is celebrating their Silver (25th) Anniversary in a renovated building, and

WHEREAS, in 1906, the Illinois Central Railroad built the century old building as a convenient train station for executives to get away from the routine city life on weekends and for summer stays. This service quickly brought new life to the ever-growing area, which is now known as Flossmoor, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, time eventually rendered the old building obsolete as a train station and the building was deemed unsafe. The building was in desperate need of tender loving care; and

WHEREAS, Flossmoor natives, Dean and Carolyn Armstrong came to the rescue. They could no longer watch the deterioration of the beloved historic building and decided to invest themselves into turning the building back into a charming establishment that the community could once again enjoy; and

WHEREAS, Dean and Carolyn Armstrong added all the modern conveniences, but preserved as much of the building's authentic character as possible; and

WHEREAS, Flossmoor Station Restaurant and Brewery soon became a reality thanks to Dean and Carolyn Armstrong. The communities of Flossmoor and South Chicagoland now have a true public house and community gathering place that Dean and Carolyn Armstrong persisted to achieve;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners are pleased to congratulate Dean and Carolyn Armstrong on the Silver Anniversary of the Flossmoor Station Restaurant and Brewery; and

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, July 9, 2021 be hereby declared as Flossmoor Station Restaurant and Brewery Silver Anniversary Day in the County of Cook; 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 the Dean and Carolyn Armstrong in honor of their ongoing dedication to the Flossmoor community.

[21-4119](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

2021 UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND NATIONAL VIRTUAL WALK FOR EDUCATION

WHEREAS, in 1943, Dr. Frederick D. Patterson, president of Tuskegee Institute suggested to the presidents of other private black colleges that they pool their monies and make a united appeal to the national conscience; and

WHEREAS, on April 25, 1944, the United Negro College Fund (“UNCF”) was incorporated with twenty-seven member colleges as a not-for-profit entity established to assist its member institutions of higher education to raise funds from the public for their mutual support; and

WHEREAS, the importance of the United Negro College Fund, and the historically Black colleges and universities it supports, promotes the value of higher education as well as the traditional values of family and heritage that have made this nation great; and

WHEREAS, over the past seven decades the UNCF has grown to become the nation’s oldest and most successful African American higher education assistance organization in the country by having raised more than \$5 billion and having helped more than 500,000 students not just attend college, but thrive, graduate and become leaders; and

WHEREAS, each year UNCF awards more than 10,000 student scholarships worth more than \$100 million and provides financial support to 37 historically Black colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, the UNCF raises funds by means of various events including a Walk for Education in various cities of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused UNCF to reimagine the Walk for Education to encourage social distancing, the 38th Annual Chicago Walk for Education has been replaced by UNCF’s National Virtual Walk for Education; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 National Virtual Walk for Education is a nationwide fundraising event to help students become active participants of society through a high-quality education; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 National Virtual Walk for Education is being held online, September 18, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Cook County has proudly supported UNCF’s efforts for more than 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle is the honorary chair for the 2021 UNCF

Chicago Virtual Walk for Education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, do hereby recognize and express Cook County's support for the 2021 UNCF Chicago Virtual Walk for Education and commitment to provide assistance and resources to ensure its success; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that under the leadership of the Bureau of Administration, various Cook County departments and agencies will collaborate with UNCF to plan, coordinate, and otherwise support the 2021 UNCF Chicago Virtual Walk for Education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bureau of Administration shall be further authorized to utilize County resources, as necessary, to promote, plan and otherwise support the 2021 UNCF Chicago Virtual Walk for Education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby acknowledge and commend the UNCF for its continued positive impact throughout the United States and express the County's sincere appreciation and gratitude for selecting President Preckwinkle as the honorary chair of the 2021 UNCF Chicago Virtual Walk for Education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to UNCF in expressing Cook County's well wishes for a successful 2021 National UNCF Virtual Walk for Education.

[21-4200](#)

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, 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, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS and LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

MARTYL REINSORF, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Martyl Reinsdorf from our midst, and

WHEREAS, Martyl Reinsdorf was the loving wife of Jerry, and

WHEREAS, Martyl Reinsdorf was the loving mother of Susan, the late David, Michael (Nancy) and Johnathan (Holly), and

WHEREAS, Martyl Reinsdorf was the adored grandmother of nine wonderful grandchildren, and

WHEREAS, Martyl Reinsdorf was the beloved daughter of the late Milton and Vivette (Ravel) Rifkin,

and

WHEREAS, Martyl Reinsdorf was known for her work as a designer with Cloisonné jewelry and helped design the White Sox championship rings after their 2005 World Series title and she designed five of the six rings given to the Chicago Bulls following their championship seasons in the 1990's, and

WHEREAS, Martyl Reinsdorf was a noted philanthropist and created and distributed more than one million coloring books, crayons, markers and toys to hospitals, orphanages, and shelters around the world, and

WHEREAS, all who knew her will attest that Martyl Reinsdorf 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 Martyl Reinsdorf 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 Martyl Reinsdorf that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

[21-4311](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE OF JAMES "JIM" BUCKNER

WHEREAS, Dr. James L. "Jim" Buckner was born on July 29, 1934, in Vicksburg, Mississippi, to the late Clarence and Florence Buckner, a dentist and teacher, respectively; and

WHEREAS, Jim grew up and spent his early years of school in Vicksburg, later attending Virginia State University, then migrating north to Chicago and working on the railroad as a Pullman porter while attending the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where he completed his BS and DDS degrees; and

WHEREAS, Jim became a dentist, following in his father's footsteps; and

WHEREAS, Jim became a highly respected member of his profession with his own practice, also serving as president of the Lincoln Dental Society and operating dental offices at 50th Street and State Street and another at the Harbor Point condominiums near the Columbia Yacht Club; and

WHEREAS, Jim was an accomplished community leader, passionate about the betterment of African Americans and committed to community and economic empowerment; and

WHEREAS, as a young man, Jim was immersed in the civil rights movement, working along Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the Rev. Jesse Jackson. Jim was president of the Chicago Urban League and was deeply involved with Chicago United and Operation Breadbasket, pressing for the hiring of more Black workers in the building trades and Black hiring at major companies. His work on behalf of others included the NAACP and numerous other civic and charitable organizations; and

WHEREAS, Jim was an entrepreneur, opening grocery stores and travel agencies and serving on the boards of the City Colleges and Seaway National Bank, one of Chicago's first and largest Black-owned banks; and

WHEREAS, Jim became a director of Illinois Service Federal Savings and Loan, now known as GN Bank; and

WHEREAS, Jim became a soccer enthusiast after his two sons showed interest in the game, coaching teams in the South Side chapter of the American Youth Soccer Organization and later, travel teams who played throughout the Chicago area and in tournaments statewide; and

WHEREAS, Jim became a licensed soccer referee by the U.S. Soccer Federation, and as years passed served as a referee assignor for schools through the South Side. In this latter role, Jim recruited, trained and mentored dozens of young and not-so-young soccer referees; and

WHEREAS, after surviving a heart-attack a decade ago, nothing could stop Jim from experiencing everything he wanted to do, from skydiving to obtaining a motorcycle license; and

WHEREAS, Jim loved traveling, and was able to visit virtually every continent including trips to the Amazon Basin, Ghana, Italy, South Africa, as well as going whitewater rafting in the Grand Canyon; and

WHEREAS, Jim, a longtime Bronzeville resident, passed away in his home on June 7, 2021, at the age of 86; and

WHEREAS, Jim is survived by his partner Kimberly Eddington-Nance, sons Jordan (Lotus) and Justin, and daughter Ja'Saun), as well as several grandchildren, nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Jim's passing is mourned by his many friends from innumerable walks of life, and those he uplifted, coached and mentored for decades, from business colleagues to young soccer players and aspiring referees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family of Dr. James "Jim" Buckner, and honor the remarkable life and memory

of this outstanding Cook County resident.

[21-4327](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

ANGELO CAPUTO, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom called Angelo Caputo from our midst on June 16, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Angelo Caputo was the beloved husband of the late Romana (nee Berlen); and

WHEREAS, Angelo Caputo was the devoted father of Nat, Caterina (Giuseppe) Ruffolo, and Antonella (Robertino) Presta, and was the loving grandfather of eleven and the great-grandfather of five; and

WHEREAS, Angelo Caputo, founder of Caputo's Fresh Markets, was born January 1, 1932, in Mola Di Bari, a seaside village on Italy's southeast coast; and

WHEREAS, the son of Natale and Caterina, Angelo Caputo was fortunate to have been brought up in a family environment with deep family values built on sacrifices and hard work; and

WHEREAS, shortly after arriving to Chicago, Angelo Caputo enlisted in the Army. While on furlough, he returned to Italy and reconnected with Romana Berlen, whom he soon married; and

WHEREAS, in 1958, Angelo and Romana Caputo opened their first store, "Caputo's New Farm Produce and Italian Specialties," at the corner of Harlem and Wrightwood in Elmwood Park; and

WHEREAS, the Caputos stood out from their competition as they offered quality fruits and vegetables and the freshest meats and seafood at great prices combined with their unique personal service; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Angelo Caputo grew the family-owned business to employ more than 1,600 people at stores in Addison, Bloomingdale, Carol Stream, Elmwood Park, Hanover Park, Naperville, and South Elgin; and

WHEREAS, Angelo never fully retired, continuing to source new products and visit suppliers whenever he had the opportunity; and

WHEREAS, Angelo leaves a legacy of service and innovation, and Caputo's has won awards from the Illinois Food Retailers Association and from Progressive Grocer; and

WHEREAS, Angelo Caputo was a true legend who created opportunities for many and was renowned as

an inspiration and a teacher.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family of Angelo Caputo; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to the family of Angelo Caputo so that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

[21-4360](#)

Sponsored by: BILL LOWRY, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE APPOINTMENT OF CHICAGO FIRE COMMISSIONER, ANNETTE NANCE-HOLT

WHEREAS, Commissioner Nance-Holt was born and raised on the south side of Chicago within the Maple Park Community where she attended Chicago Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Nance-Holt obtained a Bachelors of Arts - BA in Business Administration and Management from Chicago State University and a Masters of Science - MA in Public Administration and Fire & Emergency Management in 2018 from Anna Marie College. Additionally, Commissioner Nance-Holt pledged Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, in December 1990, Commissioner Nance-Holt began her career as a firefighter within the Chicago Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, through her 31-year career, Commissioner Nance-Holt has steadily advanced within the Chicago Fire Department as a Firefighter, Lieutenant, Captain, Battalion Chief, and Deputy District Chief; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, Commissioner Nance-Holt founded a nonprofit, Purpose Over Pain, after the tragic shooting of her 16-year-old son, Blair Holt, on a CTA bus as he was protecting a fellow classmate from gunfire. The organization focuses on providing a variety of resources, including support groups, to parents who have lost their children to gun violence. Purpose Over Pain is committed to mentoring youth and working to change the narrative in communities of color; and

WHEREAS, subsequently, Commissioner Nance-Holt founded the Blair Holt Peace Alliance c/o Blair Holt Memorial Foundation that is committed to providing youth, parents and the community with essential life-skills-components including information, resources, and education necessary to stem and reduce all forms of violence; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, Commissioner Nance-Holt became the first woman and first black woman to serve as First Deputy Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, in June 2021, Commissioner Nance-Holt was approved as the first woman and first Black woman to serve as Commissioner of the Chicago Fire Department; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED I, BILL LOWRY, COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONER of the 3rd DISTRICT, do hereby stand, and salute the phenomenal life, career, accomplishments, and appointment of Commissioner Annette Nance-Holt; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a suitable copy of this Resolution will be presented to Commissioner Annette Nance-Holt and her family; and

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

[21-4367](#)

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), LARRY SUFFREDIN, 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 THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE HONORABLE BERNARD J. HANSEN

WHEREAS, Bernard J. Hansen (Bernie to everyone he met), 76, a former Chicago alderman from the 44th Ward who specialized in constituent services, died Sunday of complications from diabetes in Chandler, Arizona, where he had retired. He served as alderman from 1983 until 2003, through the administrations of four mayors: Jane M. Byrne, Harold Washington, Eugene Sawyer and Richard M. Daley; and

WHEREAS, a Lakeview native, Mr. Hansen went to Hawthorne grade school and Lane Tech High School. His mother Fern was a nurse, and his father Bernard was a factory worker, according to his family. He met Annette, his wife of 56 years, at Waveland Bowl when they were teens. "I bowled for St. Ben's and he bowled for Lane," Annette shared. Young Bernie was a dynamic high school baseball and football player who once got a lesson from pro football Hall of Famer George Blanda. After a head injury on the field, doctors feared he would be permanently impaired, his wife said, but he recovered and subsequently attended the University of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, before he was alderman, he was a longtime ward superintendent who prided himself on knowing the details of every street and alley in his ward. "They used to call him the 'alley' alderman," said

Alderman Tom Tunney, Bernie's handpicked replacement as alderman. "He cared about the blocks, the alleys, the economic development and safety. He was an old-school politician who later in life became much more progressive as the community changed."

WHEREAS, up long before sunrise every day, he would drive through the ward to personally check on things that were of concern to residents. "All that before he headed into the office at 6:00 a.m.," said State Sen. Sara Feigenholtz. "He knew every pothole and every alley and every street in Lakeview. He did so much for so many people. Even if you were outside of the ward, he would take care of you. He was a true public servant", said his son David; and

WHEREAS, though Bernie was elected to the City Council in 1983 with roots in the late Mayor Richard J. Daley's political machine he was always open to change. When Harold Washington was elected mayor, Mr. Hansen regularly voted with the opposition bloc of aldermen; but he was one of the first to actively support Mayor Washington on any policy that benefitted the City; and

WHEREAS, Bernie's love of his community lead to his progressive advocacy that included passage of what he called his greatest accomplishment, the anti-discrimination Human Rights Ordinance. He regularly backed measures promoting gay rights, including providing health care and other benefits for the partners of city workers involved in same-sex relationships some 18 years before the U.S. Supreme Court ruled on the legality of same-sex marriage. His support for human rights legislation was a matter of "treating people the way they wanted to be treated ... whether they're Black, white, brown, pink or purple. Whatever," Hansen was quoted as telling the local Kiwanis Club in 2016. "Bernie spent nearly two decades serving the City Council working tirelessly to serve his constituents while taking a strong stance for human rights. His work undoubtedly made our city a better place," observed Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot; and

WHEREAS, Bernie was alderman during the battle over installing lights for night games at Wrigley Field. With any community issue he always supported citizen participation and encouraged vigorous debate. He backed retrofitting factories as lofts in addition to recycling requirements for businesses and residents. He pushed for crackdowns on Wrigley Field ticket scalpers and the rowdiness he said was linked to Medusa's, once an all-ages Lakeview juice bar and famed nightlife spot; and

WHEREAS, "No one was better at getting things done than Bernie and the communities he served were better for it. He taught me that public service is what we each owe our communities," noted U.S. Rep. Mike Quigley. "Bernie taught me that policy only matters when it works at the street level," Quigley said. Others mentored by Hansen were former state Senate President John Cullerton, current state Sen. Sara Feigenholtz and former DNC Chair David Wilhelm.

WHEREAS, Bernie was "the definition of a great public servant" who displayed "street smarts, political wisdom, a wicked sense of humor" while also being a "die-hard Cubs fan. Bernie turned this neighborhood around and made it the safer and more desirable ward it is today," Feigenholtz said; and

WHEREAS, when he retired from the City Council for health reasons in 2003, he picked Tom Tunney as

a replacement, making Tunney the city's first openly gay alderman. "He oversaw transformational changes in our neighborhood and helped build the thriving community we share today," Tunney posted on Twitter. "His wisdom and humor will be missed but the 44th Ward family is strong thanks to his leadership"; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his service as an alderman, President William Clinton appointed Bernie to serve as one of four U.S. commissioners to the Great Lakes Fishery Commission from 1994 to 2000. The Great Lakes Fishery Commission is a bilateral treaty organization of the United States and Canada responsible for fisheries management research and recommendations and for sea lamprey control of the Great Lakes fisheries. This was a perfect assignment for Bernie whose 44th Ward borders Lake Michigan. When it was the United States turn to Chair the Commission, Bernie was elected Chair because of his great knowledge of Great Lake fishing; and

WHEREAS, Hansen is survived by his wife, Annette, sons Paul and David and two 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 life and contributions of the Honorable Bernard J. (Bernie) Hansen, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions he has made to the Citizens of Cook County, Illinois; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to the family of Bernard J. (Bernie) Hansen.

[21-4368](#)

Sponsored by: BILL LOWRY and DONNA MILLER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING PERRI IRMER, PRESIDENT & CEO OF DUSABLE MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

WHEREAS, President Irmer, was born and raised in Hyde Park, holds a Professional Bachelor of Architecture degree from the Illinois Institute of Technology and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Chicago Law School; and

WHEREAS, in September 2015, President Irmer began her service as President & CEO of the DuSable Museum of African American History. President Irmer has since been dedicated to advancing the DuSable Museum as a center for African and African American arts and culture, as a center for thought leadership and as a vehicle for community advancement; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, President Irmer, reignited collaborations with the French Embassy including inviting French Artist, Nicolas Henry, to curate a photography exhibit that narrated the adventures of

Jean-Baptiste Pointe DuSable; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, President Irmer reopened “Roundhouse” and “Palais de Tokyo”, which enjoined Chicago and French artists; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, President Irmer partnered with the French Embassy to commemorate the heroic story of the 370th Infantry Regiment of Illinois, under the command of French General Vincendon with French forces as it became the most decorated American unit of World War I; and

WHEREAS, in June 2021, President Irmer collaborated with the French Consulate on the Centennial of Bessie Colman who became the first Black woman to receive an international pilot’s license in France (at le Crotoy), which is currently on display at DuSable; and

WHEREAS, on June 28, 2021, President Irmer was awarded the medal of Chevalier des Arts et Lettres, France’s highest cultural honor, by Phillippe Etienne, Ambassador of France to the United States; and

WHEREAS, President Irmer was honored due to her significant contribution to furthering the arts and culture in France, Chicago, and throughout the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I, BILL LOWRY, COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONER of the 3rd DISTRICT AND DONNA MILLER, COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONER of the 6TH district, do hereby stand, and salute the presentation of this prestigious award to President Perri Irmer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this is where you ask for further action or where you ask for ceremonial copies of your resolution to be sent to the person or organizations being memorialized

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED: a copy of this Resolution will be filed within the **Office of Cook County Commissioner Bill Lowry 3rd District and Cook County Commissioner Donna Miller 6th district**.

[21-4369](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE WORK OF AQUINAS LITERACY CENTER AND 25TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, was founded in 1996 by the Adrian Dominican Sisters- a Catholic Religious Institute of Dominican Sisters- in response to the needs of immigrants to learn English as a second language through individualized tutoring; and

WHEREAS, from humble beginnings in the basement of the Our Lady of Good Counsel Convent, Aquinas Literacy Center has served McKinley Park and surrounding communities for twenty-five (25) years; and

WHEREAS, Aquinas Literacy Center is known as a place of hope for the immigrant population as they strive to help every individual who walks through our door; and

WHEREAS, Aquinas Literacy Center takes a holistic teaching approach and provides English as a Second Language (ESL) participants with weekly tutoring sessions, conversation groups, writing workshops, book clubs, computer-based instruction, and computer literacy; and

WHEREAS, Aquinas Literacy Center's goal is to enable learners to transform their lives by acquiring skills to become successful parents, productive workers, and responsible residents; and

WHEREAS, the Aquinas Literacy Center programs are free of cost and facilitated by trained volunteer tutors; and

WHEREAS, the Aquinas Literacy Center moved to its new location at 1751 W. 35th St., Chicago, Illinois in 2017. The new facility has allowed the organization to expand its mission of helping neighborhood residents learn English and gain other necessary skills; and

WHEREAS, during the pandemic, Aquinas Literacy Center did not stop serving their participants and moved their literacy training, volunteer tutor development, and organization's events online; and

WHEREAS, Aquinas Literacy Center's atmosphere of mutual teaching and learning brings together diverse people of various ages, cultures, and socioeconomic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the program's motto "Each one, Teach one" highlights their one-on-one learning experience of care and compassion through using a proven method and following a curriculum, students learn the English language in a step-by-step process; and

WHEREAS, Aquinas Literacy Center awards the Sister Claudia Hinds Scholarships annually to outstanding graduates with the goal of helping the graduates continue their education; and

WHEREAS, Aquinas Literacy Center proudly ensures that their graduates are ready to self-advocate, to obtain gainful employment, and to achieve their dreams; and

WHEREAS, Aquinas Literacy Center is dedicated to continuing their efforts to serve the public and provide their valuable services for many years to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Cook County Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate the staff, volunteers, and supporters of Aquinas Literacy

Center on their 25th 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 Aquinas Literacy Center in honor of its outstanding achievements and 25th anniversary.

[21-4374](#)

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIVES OF COOK COUNTY 13TH DISTRICT RESIDENTS WHO DIED FROM COVID-19 BETWEEN JUNE 14, 2021 AND JULY 21, 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 July 21, 2021, COVID-19 had killed more than 4.1 million worldwide, 600,000 in the United States, 25,000 in Illinois, and 11,000 in Cook County; and

WHEREAS, between June 14, and July 21, 2021 five residents who lived in the 13th District of Cook County died from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as of July 21, 2021 COVID-19 has killed 1,013 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

Juan Sanchez Galicia and Robert Schroeder.

Niles

Youssef Sada.

Skokie

Rafael Santana.

Winnetka

Gebre Wolde.

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 JUNE 14, 2021 AND JULY 21, 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.