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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

WELCOME WEEK PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Blue Star Families annually designates the last week in September as Blue Star Welcome Week; and

WHEREAS, during this week we recognize the more than 600,000 active-duty and transitioning military families who move to new communities each year; and

WHEREAS, the majority of these “permanent change of station” (PCS) moves occur during the summer; and

WHEREAS, only 27% of military family respondents to the 2020 Military Family Lifestyle Survey reported that they feel a sense of belonging to their local civilian community; and

WHEREAS, a sense of belonging is important to the wellbeing and readiness of active-duty military families; and

WHEREAS, we commit to ensuring that military families feel a strong sense of belonging to their local civilian communities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, do hereby recognize the week of September 25th through October 3rd as Blue Star Welcome Week in Cook County, Chicago, Illinois.

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

**COMMEMORATING DAVION GRIFFIN’S SERVICE TO COOK COUNTY AND
RECOGNIZING HIS COMPLETION OF THE 2021 SUMMER ELECTRICAL INTERNSHIP**

WHEREAS, Cook County Bureau of Asset Management has established a summer internship program, with the intention of providing opportunities for talented young individuals in Cook County to gain experience in the skilled trades; and

WHEREAS, Davion Griffin, a bright and hard-working senior at Simeon High School, entered the program in summer of 2021 as an electrical intern; and

WHEREAS, during his time of service, Davion learned the critical skills of electrical safety, circuiting, installation, and lent his positive attitude and readiness to learn to the professional team; and

WHEREAS, his presence and assistance this summer was appreciated by all who had the pleasure to work with him; and

WHEREAS, as described by his mentor, Davion is inquisitive, intelligent, a quick learner, and an asset to the electrical industry; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Cook County shall recognize the Davion Griffin's service to Cook County and bestow upon him the heartiest best wishes for his future professional endeavors; 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 Davion Griffin to commemorate his service.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ALBERT PRITCHETT, JR.

WHEREAS, Almighty God has taken from our midst Albert (Al) Pritchett Jr. a devoted family man and accomplished pioneer in African American governmental leadership in numerous governments in Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Al Pritchett was born in Crawfordsville, Arkansas on September 18, 1932, the oldest of four children, to Albert Sr. and Rebecca Pritchett. In 1936 the family moved to Chicago, settling on 38th and Indiana Avenue. Albert began his education at Wendell Phillips Elementary School and continued at Wendell Phillips High School where he excelled in the classroom and in sports, lettering in track and field and football; and

WHEREAS, after graduating High School in 1950 Al matriculated to Marquette University in Milwaukee Wisconsin where he continued to exude academic excellence and athletic prowess graduating in June of

1955. Al Pritchett was drafted into the US Navy later that year and, while home on leave, he married the love of his life, Gloria Fay Hunter on June 1, 1957. Their union would last 64 years and would see the birth of their daughters Jeanette Marie and Valerie Ann, and

WHEREAS, Al possessed a deep love and affection for family which was displayed endlessly when imparting wisdom and guidance to his grandchildren: Aja Monique Brown, Rebeka Leigh Thomas, Komae Julian Brown, Vivian Marie Thomas, Kaela Simone Brown, and Elan Michele Brown, (In-Law) Jonathan A. Thomas, Jillian A. Thomas & Jason A. Thomas, and his great-grandchildren: Kamyla Marie-Julianne Brown, Braylen Perez Daniels, Kamora Leanne Brown, Bryson Perez Daniels, and Komae Julian Brown Jr., and

WHEREAS, Al Pritchett would begin a 40 plus year career of public service in 1958 with the Chicago Park District; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 1966 under Mayor Richard J. Daley, Albert Pritchett helped to rebuild and revitalize many neighborhoods throughout the City of Chicago during his work as Deputy Director for the Near South Area with the Chicago Committee on Urban Opportunity (CCUO). In 1972, Al Pritchett began a positive working relationship between the City of Chicago and local social service agencies when he became the Director of Delegate Agency Services for the City of Chicago's Model Cities Program--a forerunner of the current city Department of Human Services; and

WHEREAS, in 1975, Al Pritchett became the Acting Director of the newly-merged Model Cities/CCUO office, where he was responsible for the overall direction and administration of Chicago's comprehensive human service agency which had relationships with 300 delegate agencies and over 1000 program components; and

WHEREAS, in 1977, Chicago Mayor Michael Bilandic appointed Al Pritchett to the position of Special Assistant to the Mayor, where he coordinated the human service activities of several departments on behalf of the Mayor; and in 1979, he was appointed to the position of Assistant Director of the City of Chicago Department of Public Safety, where he helped City departments prepare swift and effective responses to emergencies and disasters; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, Al Pritchett would begin his service to the County of Cook in the office of Cook County Assessor Thomas C. Hynes as Chief Administrative Officer for the Assessor's Office, providing leadership to the employees of the office and assistance to taxpayers with concerns regarding their properties; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, Cook County Board President Richard J. Phelan would appoint Al Pritchett as Cook County Chief Administrative Officer of Cook County, the second person to hold that position, and the first African American to be appointed to this position in the County's history; and

WHEREAS, Albert Pritchett's tenure as Chief Administrative Officer would continue through the administration of President John H. Stroger, Jr. where he would play a key role in shaping policy on

economic development, human service programs and veterans programs. He led efforts to bring 911 emergency telephone services to all of Cook County; coordinated Cook County's hosting of the 1993 National Association of Counties annual convention; strengthened the Chicago Chapter of the National Forum for Black Public Administrators; advanced Cook County's adaptation of technology and consolidation of the downtown offices of Cook County Government. Al Pritchett's legacy as Chief Administrative Officer was one of fairness, loyalty, attention to detail, efficiency, a commitment to working together and a dedication to effective government working on behalf of all residents of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, Al Pritchett decided to retire from Cook County Government, ending his career in public service-or so he thought. President John Stroger would call upon Al Pritchett again in 2003 to serve as Interim Superintendent of the Forest Preserve District, restoring faith and strong leadership to the organization. In 2006 Cook County Board President Bobbie L. Steele tapped Al Pritchett to serve as her Chief of Staff during her brief tenure in office. Later, Al Pritchett would find himself accepting appointments to a number of boards and commissions that supported everything from the Forest Preserves to the Census count; and

WHEREAS, in retirement, Al Pritchett could enjoy time with the loves of his life-his family and the world of sports. There was time to travel to various parts of the world, to spend time with grandchildren and great grandchildren and time to watch and discuss sports. He regularly attended world championship track and field meets with his wife Gloria and their friends, no distance was too far to travel to see a good meet. He was also an avid supporter of Chicago's sports teams holding season tickets at one time or another to the Bears, Bulls and White Sox.

WHEREAS, his time in public service did not shape Al Pritchett--Al Pritchett shaped his time in public service. At every level of government, from children and young people whom he mentored at the Park District to families and whole neighborhoods who sought out the help of the Model Cities/CCUO Community Centers, to the staff persons he hired, taught leadership skills to and emphasized the importance of loyalty, honesty and dedication to in getting the job done. Al Pritchett's professional legacy is seen in the future success of those individuals who worked for him. Two of his personal staff as Chief Administrative Officer would go on to also become Chief Administrative Officer and another would become Secretary to the Cook County Board; and

WHEREAS, those who worked for him did so not in fear of him, but in fear of disappointing him; they would live by the Elbert Hubbard quote which was on the walls of every office he ever occupied:

"If you work for a man, in Heaven's name work for him! If he pays you wages that supply your bread and butter, work for him, stand by him, and stand by the institution he represents. If put to a pinch, an ounce of loyalty is worth a pond of cleverness. If you must vilify, condemn and eternally disparage - Resign your position"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County on behalf of the residents of Cook County honor the life of love and work led by Albert Pritchett, Jr; that the

Board thank Gloria Fay Pritchett and her entire family for sharing the time of their husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather with Cook County Government-a place he made better for all of us.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE JUSTINIAN SOCIETY OF LAWYERS ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, the Justinian Society of Lawyers will hold its Centennial Celebration on October 21, 2021, at Galleria Marchetti; and

WHEREAS, on October 17, 1921, thirty of the approximately forty Chicago lawyers of Italian descent met and formed the Justinian Society of Advocates (later named the Justinian Society of Lawyers), chartered on October 21, 1921; and

WHEREAS, the early Justinians were both leading members of the bar and civic leaders. Some were World War I veterans; many others were also prominent in business.

WHEREAS, many of the early Justinians were born in Italy and were brought as children to the United States by their parents; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Justinian Society of Lawyers is to foster a spirit of collegiality through social and professional events and to promote the profession of its members; and

WHEREAS, the Justinian Society's mission, in addition, is participating in civic and community affairs to ensure the enduring respect of the legal system; and

WHEREAS, members of the Justinian Society of Lawyers have held significant and prominent positions, such as president of the Chicago Bar Association and president of the Illinois State Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, The Children's Endowment Fund (CEF) was originally founded in 2002 by the Justinian Society of Lawyers as a charitable and benevolent arm of the Justinian Society of Lawyers and in 2012 became a subdivision of the Justinian Society of Lawyers' Endowment Fund. The mission of the CEF is to assist and aid disadvantaged or disabled children without regard to ethnicity, race, or religion; and

WHEREAS, the Children's Endowment Fund has granted more than \$100,000 to organizations affiliated with bettering the lives of children, including the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Shriners Hospital for Children, and Chicago Public Schools, to name a few.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby honor the Justinian Society of Lawyers as it celebrates its 100-year anniversary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to the Justinian Society of Lawyers as a token of our appreciation for its service to the profession and to the community.

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE OF DONALD WARREN SPARKS

WHEREAS, Donald Warren Sparks was born on June 11, 1929 in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Donald was a lifelong resident of the Hyde Park community and who is remembered and described as a residence photographer on the South Side of Chicago who selflessly made extraordinary contributions to improve the community; and

WHEREAS, Donald's freelance work reflected a long career ranging from the 1950's through the 1970's, covering multiple sports and other artistic and historical subjects, his images included some of the great names in sports, Jackie Robinson, Arthur Ashe and Lee Elder and the arts, Richard Hunt and Henry Lewis as well as people from everyday walk of life;

WHEREAS, Donald 30+ year career as a photographer included operating his own studio, as well as working freelance for publications such as Sport, Ebony and Jet Magazines, one of the first Black photographers to do assignment on a national basis; and

WHEREAS, Donald contributed to a number of books, most notably "With Grief Acquainted" a book of poetry by Stanford Winfield Williamson, which was a part of the Smithsonian exhibit, "Profile of Poverty", one of his images of Buck O'Neil is on the cover of Buck's book, "I Was Right On Time"; and

WHEREAS, Donald has over 100 photos that are in the archives of the Baseball Hall of Fame, the Negro League Museum, and the Roberto Clemente Museum in Pittsburgh; and

WHEREAS, Donald passed away on August 18, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Donald is survived by three sons and a daughter, Michael (Gisele) Sparks, Steven (Nan Andrews) Sparks, Richard Sparks, and Leslie Sparks; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, 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 Donald Warren Spark and honor the life and memory of this

outstanding Cook County resident.

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Sponsored by: FRANK J. AGUILAR, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF JESUS “CHUY” NEGRETE

WHEREAS, at the young age of seven Chuy was already being reared in the steel mill culture of South Chicago; and;

WHEREAS, inspired by playwright and director Luis Valdez, Chuy founded a street theater troupe that included his younger sister Juanita, Santa, and Rosa, which traveled the county presenting satirical folkloric shows at schools, colleges, and other venues; and;

WHEREAS, Chuy performed on numerous radio and television appearances and hosted a weekly bilingual talk and music program addressing issues faced by immigrant workers, broadcast on Loyola University’s FM radio station WLWU; and;

WHEREAS, Chuy was an advocate, folksinger, lecturer, and storyteller through music, especially the corrido, a form of running-verse ballad. With his guitar and harmonica, he wove together songs, poetry and oral histories in English and Spanish to retell Mexican and Mexican American history from pre-Columbian times to the present, revealing the cultures and experiences of Latinos, immigrants, and laborers; and;

WHEREAS, Chuy passed away on May 27, 2021; and;

WHEREAS, Chuy is survived by his wife Rita Rousseau; sons Joaquín and Lucas Negrete-Rousseau; four sisters: Martha N. Bustos, Juanita Negrete-Phillips, Santa Negrete-Perez and Rosa Negrete Livieri;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners and its President, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby offer their deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family of Jesus “Chuy” Negrete and honor the life and memory of this outstanding Cook County resident.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF DR. PATRICIA EFIOM

WHEREAS, Dr. Patricia Efiom, former Chief Equity Officer for the city of Evanston and former senior pastor of Ebenezer A.M.E. Church in Evanston, died Sunday, September 5, 2021, at the age of 60; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Efiom was a trained diversity, equity and inclusion facilitator with subject matter expertise in racial equity, social justice, and organizational change management. She had a lifelong passion for racial equity and social justice advocacy and was known for her ability to build and maintain relationships across lines of differences. Pat worked across many disciplines including local government, higher education, nonprofit, and corporate. Her love of diverse culture and traditions provided her the opportunity to do equity work across the United States as well as in Jamaica, India, Mexico, and West Africa; and

WHEREAS, as the Chief Equity Officer for the city of Evanston from 2017 to 2020, she led a citywide effort to develop an equity action plan that would embed equity in all city operations. She also established Evanston's Equity & Empowerment Commission. During her tenure, Efiom led a series of community workshops that addressed racial understanding following the highly publicized national Philadelphia Starbucks incident when an employee called the police on two African American men who were waiting in the store but had not ordered anything. "We all come to situations with our implicit biases," Efiom said. "How do we move forward in a way that prevents these things from happening?"; and

WHEREAS, Efiom was instrumental in the early conceptualization of Evanston's reparations program. Ridgeville Park District built on her work in 2020 to create the Ridgeville Park District's first racial equity climate policy. In addition to her job as Chief Equity Officer for the city of Evanston, she founded a diversity consulting firm, Efiom & Associates LLC.; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Efiom is a graduate of Indiana University, Christian Theological Seminary, and Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary where she remained on the faculty until her death; and

WHEREAS, as senior pastor at Ebenezer from 2000 to 2016, Efiom was very active in the community, working with other faith leaders in the 2nd and 5th Wards to address issues of youth violence and other concerns through the Evanston Own It organization; and

WHEREAS, earlier in her career Efiom worked as an administrator at Indiana University, where she received her bachelor's degree in communication and a master's in instructional systems technology; and

WHEREAS, Pat lived in Evanston where she enjoyed spending time with her husband of 40 years and traveling to see her 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 and contributions of Dr. Patricia Efiom, 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 Dr. Patricia Efiom.

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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

ROSEMARIE LIPINSKI, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called RoseMarie Lipinski from our midst, and

WHEREAS RoseMarie Lipinski was the loving and adored wife of 59 years to former U.S. Congressman William O. Lipinski, and

WHEREAS RoseMarie Lipinski was the loving mother of Laura Lipinski (Jim Broeking) and former U.S. Congressman Daniel (Judy) Lipinski, and

WHEREAS RoseMarie Lipinski was the adoring grandmother of Brian and Conor Broeking, and

WHEREAS RoseMarie Lipinski was the daughter of the late Anna (Pasternak) and Frank Lapinski, and

WHEREAS RoseMarie Lipinski was the sister of Alice Grzelinski and the late Walter and Leonard Lapinski, and

WHEREAS RoseMarie Lipinski graduated from St. Xavier University and received her Juris Doctor degree from Georgetown University Law Center, and

WHEREAS RoseMarie Lipinski served as a delegate the Democratic National Convention from Illinois in 1996 and 2004 and was a Presidential Elector from Illinois in 1996 and 2000, and

WHEREAS RoseMarie Lipinski served honorably on the Illinois Court of Claims, and

WHEREAS RoseMarie Lipinski is fondly remembered for her community activism and support for early childhood education, and

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

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORABLE ADLAI EWING STEVENSON III, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Adlai Ewing Stevenson III from our midst, and

WHEREAS Adlai Ewing Stevenson III was the beloved husband of Nancy (nee Anderson), and

WHEREAS Adlai Ewing Stevenson III was the loving father of Adlai IV (Barbara Linger), Lucy (Christopher Neher), Katherine (Larry Kramer), and Warwick (Winifred Stevenson), and

WHEREAS Adlai Ewing Stevenson III was the cherished grandfather of Adlai Stevenson V, Katherine Neher Johnston, Maxwell Kramer, Benjamin Kramer, Toby Bahrmassel, Jonas Bahrmassel, Olivia Bahrmassel and Liam Bahrmassel, and

WHEREAS Adlai Ewing Stevenson III was the beloved son of Adlai Stevenson II and Ellen Borden, and

WHEREAS Adlai Ewing Stevenson III the dear brother of John Stevenson and Borden Stevenson, and

WHEREAS Adlai Ewing Stevenson III attended Milton Academy in Massachusetts, Harrow School in England, Harvard College and received a law degree in 1957 from Harvard Law School, and

WHEREAS Adlai Ewing Stevenson III served as a lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean War and served in the Marine Reserves until he was discharged in 1961 as a captain, and

WHEREAS Adlai Ewing Stevenson III served in the Illinois House of Representatives from 1965 to

1967; and

WHEREAS Adlai Ewing Stevenson III served as Illinois State Treasurer from 1967 to 1970; and

WHEREAS Adlai Ewing Stevenson III was elected to the United States Senate in a 1970 Illinois special election to fill the balance of the term of Senator Everett Dirksen who died in office, and

WHEREAS Adlai Ewing Stevenson III was reelected to the United States Senate in 1974 and served as the first Chairman of the Senate Ethics Committee and Chairman of a Special Committee which led the first major reorganization of the Senate since the early 19th century, and

WHEREAS a member of the US Senate, Adlai Ewing Stevenson III co-authored essential energy measures that included legislation to establish the Department of Energy, fuel efficiency standards, emergency natural gas pricing and projects for development of alternative energy sources, and

WHEREAS after leaving the US Senate, Adlai Ewing Stevenson III ran for Governor of the State of Illinois and was active in business and cultural relations with East Asia. He served as President of the U.S. Committee of the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council, Co-Chair of the East Asia Financial Markets Development Project, President and Chairman of the Japan America Society of Chicago, Chairman of the Midwest U.S. Japan Association, a member of the U.S. Korea Wisemen Council, the Advisory Board of the Korea Economic Institute and member of the U.S. Committee of the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific, and

WHEREAS Adlai Ewing Stevenson III founded and served as the Chairman of the Adlai Stevenson Center on Democracy which was formed to enhance the global understanding and practice of democracy, and

WHEREAS all who knew him will attest that Adlai Ewing Stevenson III 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 Adlai Ewing Stevenson III 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 Adlai Ewing Stevenson III that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

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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 THE 75th ANNIVERSARY OF THE EVANSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER 7, 2021 EVANSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA DAY IN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2021, the Evanston Symphony Orchestra (ESO) will perform a concert to celebrate its 75th anniversary. ESO's Mission statement affirms that "The Evanston Symphony Orchestra uses the power of music to lift the human spirit. We engage and enrich the community by coming together to perform, inspire and educate." The ESO works to provide diverse, enjoyable, and accessible musical entertainment that enriches the audience, orchestra, and community. It encourages development, diversity and wider participation of audiences; and

WHEREAS, in a 2016 blogpost from the National Endowment for the Arts, Ann Meier Baker, NEA Director of Music and Opera, wrote about Community Orchestras in the United States. "Community music-making has long been a part of the arts-and-culture fabric in the United States. From the very earliest days of the country, amateur musicians have come together to form ensembles for the love of music. Community orchestras-ensembles of musicians who are not paid to play-are an important part of this community music-making ecosystem in the U.S. These are small-budget organizations with free or low-cost performances, whose members come from different professions, educational backgrounds, ages, and political and religious traditions. In addition to the benefits for those who play in the ensembles, community orchestras add to the richness of their communities as a whole;" and

WHEREAS, in community orchestras, members come together to create something of beauty with one another that no one individual can create on his/her own. Performances are very effective at what social scientists refer to as "bridging" between people of different cultures, backgrounds, and experiences. In addition, playing in a community orchestra is strongly correlated with qualities that are associated with success throughout life. Greater discipline, teamwork, arts patronage, and civic involvement-from volunteering and donating to voting-are just a few of the attributes fostered by performing in a community orchestra. The Evanston Community Orchestra encompasses all of these values; and

WHEREAS, the Evanston Community Orchestra was established in 1945 as an offshoot of the Northwestern University Orchestra, when returning GIs and others looked for an outlet for their musical talents. Lucille and Jack Ryan, along with Timothy Fetler, as conductor, were the founders. The orchestra officially became the Evanston Symphony Orchestra in 1961 with its incorporation as an Illinois not-for-profit organization; and

WHEREAS, the ESO has seen a number of transitions in leadership. Mr. Ryan, associated with NBC in Chicago, persuaded the NBC radio organist, Elwyn Owen, to become the full-time conductor after Mr. Fetler graduated from Northwestern University. In 1962, Frank Miller, principal cellist with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra became the ESO's conductor, bringing his expertise of working with the great Toscanini and Pablo Casals. He groomed the amateur musicians into the highly accomplished, community orchestra that it remains today. In 1985, Dr. Lynn Schornick succeeded Frank Miller whose health had declined. In 2003, Lawrence Eckerling succeeded Dr. Schornick. Maestro Eckerling was selected by popular vote after the orchestra tried out four different conductors. He has remained the Music Director since. In 2007 and 2014, he won the Illinois' Conductor of the Year award; and

WHEREAS, the 1960s saw the ESO become one of the main social fixtures of Evanston cultural life. Its centrality to the community has grown in the intervening years. The first Evanston Symphony Holiday concert was held in 1970. It has now become an annual tradition, performed in concert with many other wonderful music groups from Evanston. In 2015, the Evanston Symphony Holiday Concert debuted its very own Gospel Choir, under the direction of Reverend Ken Cherry. The audience that year exceeded 1,000. The Gospel Choir has performed with the ESO every holiday since 2015; and

WHEREAS, the ESO is committed to sharing the joy and inspiration of music with young children. In 1996, the ESO introduced *KidNotes* at its performances, special program notes for young children, to encourage families to attend concerts. 'Play Me a Picture! Paint Me a Tune!' was introduced in 1997. This music-to-visual-art competition was held in conjunction with Evanston middle schools. In 2005, ESO began 'Music in Your World,' a free music education program for District 65 Head Start and Pre-K students. Some of these students have gone on to study music throughout their lives, as a result of these early classes. In 2018, 'Music In Your World' is expanded to include children 0 - 3 years from District 65's Family Center; and

WHEREAS, in 1972, the ESO hosted its first Youth Competition. In 1998, the Young Artists' Competition was won by the very talented young Julie Fischer, an Evanston resident who matured into a professional violinist and is now ESO's concertmaster. In 2019, the ESO played its first Young Persons concert with a side-by-side concert with students from Evanston's middle schools; and

WHEREAS, the ESO also creates a space for musician's creative output. In 1996, the ESO commissioned and performed its first world premiere, *Overture with Fanfares*, by Don Draganski, an Evanston resident and composer. In 2013, the ESO celebrated "Evanston 150" with another world premiere by composer Mark Gresham, called *Evanston Fanfare*; and

WHEREAS, the ESO is an award-winning orchestra, not just for its excellent quality musical performances, but also for its community engagement. In 2015, the ESO won the Evanston Mayor's Award for the Arts for the second time. The first time was in 2003. The ESO won Illinois Council of Orchestras' 'Orchestra of the Year Award' in years 1996, 2003, 2010, and most recently, in 2017. In 2020, the ESO won the Illinois Council of Orchestras' 'Community Relations of the Year' award. The Illinois Council of Orchestras is a statewide organization of 188 professional and community orchestras.

On receiving these awards, Music Director, Lawrence Eckerling said: "It is always an honor to be recognized by one's peers in the arts community. This award belongs not only to our superb musicians but to our hundreds of loyal patrons."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County hereby declares November 7, 2021 to be Evanston Symphony Orchestra Day throughout Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County, honors the Evanston Symphony Orchestra and all of its members and the supporters who have kept it alive, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions they have 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 Evanston Symphony Orchestra.

[21-5278](#)

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF PASTOR ZOLLIE WEBB

WHEREAS, Pastor Zollie Webb, long-time pastor of Friendship Baptist Church in Evanston, Illinois has died; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Webb was an important religious and community leader in Evanston. In addition to serving as the Pastor of Friendship Baptist Church for 34 years, he also served on the African American Ministerial Alliance, where he forged deep relationships among the forty African American churches in Evanston; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Webb's death came only days after his church hosted Evanston's first public meeting on a Restorative Housing program for African American residents or their descendants who were harmed by past discrimination policies implemented by the city of Evanston. This was the first aspect of the City's local reparations initiative; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Webb was employed by the city of Evanston for 25 years in multiple capacities. He retired from the position of Community Outreach Coordinator in the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services. In 2017, the city of Evanston honored Webb with an honorary street name designation for Foster Street between Hartrey Avenue and Emerson Street; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Webb was deeply committed to improving the lives of young people. He personally served as a foster parent for 54 young men. He served as the National Youth Director of the national

Baptist Convention USA; and

WHEREAS, as a leader of Evanston Own It, an organization of Black religious leaders founded in 2015 to foster community and stop violence in the community, Pastor Webb organized and developed the Evanston Sings gospel music concert that takes place at Evanston Township High School year. The funds raised by this concert are donated annually to help support the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment program. As of 2019, the annual concerts had raised more than \$35,000; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Webb was no stranger to loss himself. Gun violence hit close to home when his great nephew was fatally shot at a Red Line station. The heartache was particularly acute given Pastor Webb's history of working tirelessly for years to prevent exactly this tragedy from happening to young men from Chicago and Evanston; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Webb will be sorely missed not only by his family, church family and the people who loved him and by the many families and individuals he helped behind the scenes, never seeking self-promotion or adulation; 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 the work and contributions of the Pastor Zollie Webb, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions he 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 the Pastor Zollie Webb.

[21-5291](#)

Sponsored by: DENNIS DEER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING OFFICER THERESA McBETH FOR HER COMMITMENT AND SERVICE IN THE LAWNDALE AND WEST GARFIELD COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, Officer Theresa McBeth was born to Cendy McBeth and Harold McBeth on January 7, 1969, she is the oldest of her siblings. Officer McBeth is a mother of two children, Migdellia and Malik, one granddaughter Kennedy; and

WHEREAS, she attended Jensen Scholastic Academy elementary school and graduated from Metro High School in 1987. She attended Malcolm X College in 1991 and Chicago State University in 2000.

WHEREAS, she joined the Chicago Police Department on February 28, 2000. During that time, Officer McBeth joined the United States Military, and went to Iraq in 2004 and served an 18-month tour there.

She retired from the military in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Officer Theresa McBeth has had many careers over time, but being a police officer is one that was chosen for her. She has a compassionate spirit for serving, and helping others in her community; and

WHEREAS, Officer Theresa McBeth understands the conditions that many youths face, especially living in underserved communities. Throughout her career her objective has been to reach and mentor as many children lives as possible; and

WHEREAS, she became a youth officer with the Chicago Police Department, she taught chess at the police stations to youth and has created a partnership with the Chicago Hope Center so that the youth in the community would have a safe place to play; and

WHEREAS, Officer McBeth has hosted tea parties for seniors and youths to connect, and the seniors loved it; and

WHEREAS, Officer Theresa McBeth has a unique gift with children, and it has become her passion to help the youth even while living and raising her children in the same environment that she serves as a police officer. Many community-based organizations welcome her values and ideas, on how to support and mentor youth in the neighborhoods that they serve.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I, Dennis Deer, Cook County Commissioner 2nd District on behalf of President Toni Preckwinkle, the Cook County Board of Commissioners and on behalf of the over five million residents of Cook County, on this date September 23, 2021 do hereby recognized for her Outstanding Commitment to the youths in the Lawndale and West Garfield Community, and so wish **Officer Theresa McBeth** every continued success in his future endeavors, and may a copy of this resolution be tendered herewith.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to **Officer Theresa McBeth.** and a copy is spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

PROSTATE AWARENESS MONTH RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, countless individuals, communities, community organizations, health organizations, health

advocates, and health professionals observe the National Prostate Health Month (NPHM), also known as National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in September; and

WHEREAS prostate cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer-related deaths among men in the United States and the most commonly diagnosed non-skin cancer; and

WHEREAS, prostate cancer is the most common form of cancer affecting American men, and nearly 12% of men in the United States will receive a diagnosis of prostate cancer in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, prostate cancer symptoms can include, but are not limited to, trouble urinating and pelvic pain, and other symptoms. However, many men diagnosed with prostate cancer never experience symptoms; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 9 men in the United States will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in their lifetimes and 1 in 41 men in the United States will die from prostate cancer; and

WHEREAS, as of 2021, approximately 174,600 men will receive a diagnosis of prostate cancer. More than approximately 31,600 men will die from the disease; and

WHEREAS most men who receive a prostate cancer diagnosis will receive the diagnosis at age sixty-five (65) years old; however, men can and do receive prostate cancer diagnoses earlier; and

WHEREAS individuals at the greatest risk for prostate cancer include African American men, men over the age of sixty-five (65) years old, and men with family histories of prostate and/or other cancers; and

WHEREAS African American men are at the highest risk for the disease with a rate of 1 in 6 men. African American men are 2.2 times more likely to die from the disease than similarly situated white men; and

WHEREAS, on September 1, 2021, the National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month commenced; and

WHEREAS hospitals, healthcare and treatment centers, medical organizations, and foundations such as, the Chicago Prostate Cancer Center, and the Prostate Cancer Awareness Foundation, continue to treat patients, conduct, and/or fund research to combat prostate cancer. This ongoing research and work will further improvements in prostate cancer prevention, early detection, and treatment; and

WHEREAS, educating people in the United States, including health care providers, about prostate cancer and early detection strategies is crucial to saving the lives of men and preserving and protecting families; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the County of Cook, Illinois shall hereby, recognize the month of September as Prostate Cancer Awareness month; and

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

[21-5303](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF REALTOR GABE CAPORALE

WHEREAS, Gabe Caporale grew up on Taylor Street, went to St. Mel High School, and graduated from Northern Illinois University; and

WHEREAS, Gabe Caporale began his career in real estate in 1971 as an agent with DeMoon Realty in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, in 1983, Gabe Caporale started Caporale Realty Group in Elmwood Park; and

WHEREAS, Caporale Realty has proven to be a successful and well-respected agency in the Village of Elmwood Park and the surrounding area for fifty years; and

WHEREAS, Caporale Realty continues to thrive, providing expertise to people buying and selling property; and

WHEREAS, Gabe Caporale is a long-time resident of Elmwood Park and has always been an enthusiastic volunteer in various civic organizations; and

WHEREAS, Gabe Caporale is a past president of the Montclare-Elmwood Park Chamber of Commerce and the Oak Park Area Association of Realtors; a retired member of the Elmwood Park Library Board; and a current member of the Knights of Columbus, the Columbian Club of Chicago, the Lions Club, the Kiwanis Club, and the Elmwood Park Plan, Zoning, and Development Commission; and

WHEREAS, Gabe Caporale has received recognition for his many contributions, including the Oak Park Board 2018 Distinguished Member Award; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his professional expertise, Gabe Caporale has been known for his sense of humor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate Gabe Caporale on his 50th year as a realtor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be tendered to Gabe Caporale as a token of our appreciation for his contributions as a realtor and beyond.