

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Virtual Meeting

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Thursday, November 4, 2021, 10:00 AM

<u>21-5416</u>

Sponsored by: DEBORAH SIMS, 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 LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING WOORI TAEKWONDO & HAPKIDO ACADEMY

WHEREAS, "Woori" means "You and Me" Woori Taekwondo and Hapkido Academy is a community of martial artists with the same goal, that of striving toward excellence in martial arts and in every aspect of our lives; and

WHEREAS, philanthropy holds a special place of importance in the Woori philosophy; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, November 20, 2021, Woori Taekwondo and Hapkido Academy is sponsoring its 8th Annual fundraising event to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital entitled "Kick for the Cure" and

WHEREAS, Woori Taekwondo and Hapkido Academy is a team of highly motivated and superbly trained individuals dedicated to the development of character and inner peace characterized by integrity and discipline; and

WHEREAS, Jinwon Jang is the school's Senior Master and will be testing for his 6th Degree Black Belt in Taekwondo. Basia Pudysz Allen will be testing for her 5th Degree Black Belt in Taekwondo. Keysean Bonds will be testing for his 4th Degree Black Belt in Hapkido. Christopher Kalinka will be testing for his 4th Degree Black Belt in Taekwondo. Patricia Anderson will be testing for her 4th Degree Black Belt in Taekwondo. Grand Master Kwanpil Kim, Senior Master Jinwon Jang, Master Basia Pudysz Allen, Master Hyomyeong Choi, Master Hogyun Choi, Elizabeth Stack, Keysean Bonds and Instructors will be participating in the 500 Board Breaking to support the cure for cancer. Woori students will also be participating in Low Belts and Black Belts; and

WHEREAS, all proceeds raised from the sale of "Kick for the Cure" event will go to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Over the past 9 years, we have been able to raise and donate a total of \$70,000 to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Cook County Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, commend the Instructors and students of Woori Taekwondo and Hapkido Academy on its fundraising effort "Kick for the Cure" to benefit St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and official copy be given to Woori Taekwondo & Hapkido Academy in honor of their "Kick for the Cure" event on November 20, 2021

<u>21-5536</u>

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING PAULA DRIVER-EVANS FOR HER THREE DECADES OF SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF COOK COUNTY UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Paula Driver-Evans retired from the Cook County Sheriff's Office in 2021; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, Paula Driver-Evans was appointed Undersheriff of Cook County, a command-staff role in the Office that enabled her to utilize her relationships and experience to represent the Sheriff's Office before the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the residents of the County; and,

WHEREAS, Undersheriff Driver-Evans was dedicated to ensuring the good work that the Sheriff's Office does every day was equally represented across Cook County in service to its more than 5 million residents, particularly in neighborhoods and communities that most needed that good work; and,

WHEREAS, in her role, Undersheriff Driver-Evans has been a top-level leader in the Sheriff's Office, commanding a thorough understanding of the ins-and-outs of a department of its size and using that knowledge to best advocate for each and every resident of the County; and,

WHEREAS, in the years preceding her appointment, Undersheriff Driver-Evans worked for several years as an assistant to former Undersheriff Zelda Whittler, where she built many relationships; and,

WHEREAS, Undersheriff Driver-Evans has been a critically important member of the Sheriff's Office since her first day on the job, well before she rose to one of the Office's highest ranks; and,

WHEREAS, because she has done her job so well, she leaves the Office well-suited to continue its work going forward during the lingering COVID-19 Pandemic and the difficulties it has caused; and,

WHEREAS, through her dedication to the Cook County Sheriff's Office and its officers, deputies, and employees, she has played an integral role in public safety across Cook County as well as implementing criminal justice reform in her time at the Sheriff's Office; and,

WHEREAS, throughout her career, Undersheriff Driver-Evans helped establish the Sheriff's Office as a

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leader among 21st Century law enforcement agencies. She is profoundly thanked and honored for her service and dedication; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board President, the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the Cook County Sheriff do hereby recognize Undersheriff Paula Driver-Evans for all that she has contributed to Cook County's more than 5 million residents during her career and wish her well in her retirement; 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 Undersheriff Paula Driver-Evans.

<u>21-5841</u>

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

VETERANS DAY RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Veterans Day, formerly known as Armistice Day, was originally proclaimed a holiday on November 11, 1919 by President Woodrow Wilson to honor the end of World War I; and

WHEREAS, November 11, subsequently declared a legal holiday in 1938, was "dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be hereafter celebrated and known as "Armistice Day". In 1954, at the urging of veterans organizations, the 1938 Act was amended by replacing Armistice Day with Veterans Day; and

WHEREAS, from the Revolutionary War to the present day, the contributions made to the United States of America by her citizen soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen who stand in our place to defend the freedoms we enjoy cannot be calculated; and

WHEREAS, the County of Cook has the largest veteran population in this state with 156,000 veterans; and

WHEREAS, the County of Cook has always honored the immeasurable wartime and peacetime contributions and sacrifice of the men and women of the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, Americans still give thanks to veterans for their service on Veterans Day with ceremonies and speeches and at 11 a.m. many Americans observe a moment of silence in remembrance of those who fought and for those who gave their lives to preserve the freedom we now enjoy; and

WHEREAS, the willingness of our citizens who have answered the call to duty to give freely and unselfishly of themselves, in defense of our democratic principles, gives this great Nation continued strength and vitality; and

WHEREAS, even today, members of the military are stationed throughout the world, while their families remain in our communities; and

WHEREAS, families praying for the safe return of loved ones experience everyday life in a very different way than others, as their everyday thoughts and feelings never stray far from those they honor and are proud of for serving this great nation; and

WHEREAS, the willingness of our citizens who have answered the call to duty to give freely and unselfishly of themselves, in defense of our democratic principles; and

WHEREAS, Veterans Day is a day set aside to thank and honor living veterans who served honorably in the military for their service - in wartime or peacetime; and

WHEREAS, the commemoration of this day is a matter of historic and patriotic significance to all American citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize November 11, 2021 as Veterans Day and ask that on this day of honor all citizens express their gratitude to our veterans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, with respect and gratitude, we salute all of our veterans, remembering "all gave some and some gave all" and devote special attention to those veterans who are sick and disabled, and show them through our actions that we remember and honor them.

<u>21-6018</u>

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION HONORING THE CHICAGO FEDERATION OF LABOR FOR 125 YEARS OF FIGHTING FOR WORKER JUSTICE

WHEREAS, the Chicago Federation of Labor was issued its charter by the American Federation of Labor President Samuel Gompers on November 9, 1896; and

WHEREAS, Chicago is the hometown of the American Labor Movement, the site of the Haymarket Affair, the Pullman Strike, the Republic Steel Strike, and more Local 1's than anywhere else; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Federation of Labor has fought for economic, racial, and social justice for workers in Chicago, Cook County, and beyond for 125 years; and

WHEREAS, the CFL organized workers across industries in the 19th and 20th centuries regardless of

race, ethnicity, or nationality; and

WHEREAS, one of the first presidents of the Chicago Federation of Labor was John Fitzpatrick, an innovator whose dedication to justice and passion for organizing sustained the CFL for 40 years; and

WHEREAS, President William A. Lee guided the CFL for nearly four decades after the passing of President Fitzpatrick, navigating a changing world during the civil rights movement and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Federation of Labor merged with the Cook County Industrial Union Council and other local labor councils in 1962; and

WHEREAS, the CFL created and managed WCFL, the "Voice of Labor", from 1926 to 1978, bringing the latest news, information, and entertainment to working people in Chicagoland and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the CFL has published the *Federation News* for more than 100 years, first a newspaper and now a quarterly magazine bringing labor news to local workers; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Federation of Labor has brought freedom fighters and labor leaders from around the world to Chicago, including Cesar Chavez, Lech Walesa, and Nelson Mandela; and

WHEREAS, in recent years the Chicago Federation of Labor has worked to pass increases to the minimum wage, fair workweek and paid sick leave laws, protections to retirement security, and a host of other policies to protect workers; and

WHEREAS, essential union workers have put their life on the line to keep the City of Chicago and Cook County moving and providing needed supports and services during the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, the CFL played a vital role in ensuring essential union workers had access to the COVID-19 vaccine by the launch of the nation's first vaccination site operated by the labor movement for union workers in partnership with the City of Chicago; and,

WHEREAS, the Chicago Federation of Labor supports its approximately 300 affiliates and their 500,000 union members in Chicago and Cook County; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Federation of Labor maintains the spirit of solidarity that has guided the organization for 125 years, continuing the fight for justice for all workers; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners celebrates the Chicago Federation of Labor as it recognizes the 125th anniversary of its founding and recognizes the CFL for its legacy of activism and solidarity with the working people of Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a ceremonial copy of this resolution will be delivered to the Chicago Federation of Labor.

<u>21-6020</u>

Sponsored by: BRANDON JOHNSON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING MRS. LILLIAN DRUMMOND UPON HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

WHEREAS, Lillian Drummond, a beacon of light and longtime resident of the Austin Community, is a living example to all for her dedication, sacrifice and advocacy; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Drummond, was instrumental in the creation of the Austin Satellite Senior Center, a founding leader of the South Austin Coalition Community Council (SACCC); and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Drummond through her tireless advocacy and leadership with SACCC, assisted the Austin community on several issues, including healthcare, labor, the environment, housing, education, and safety. SACCC has been a strong proponent of citizen involvement in the Austin Community; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Drummond has been a loud voice for utility assistance for families and has faced down powerful mayors and a president to fight for the plights of senior citizens and low-income families struggling to pay their energy bills; and,

WHEREAS, one of Mrs. Drummond's signature achievements was to organize the Affordable Budget Coalition in 1985. The Coalition worked successfully to enact the 12% Energy Assistance Plan, which made heating and lighting available to low-income families; and,

WHEREAS, a strong focus of SACCC has been low income issues related to utilities and energy usage, an area of public policy on which Ms. Lillian Drummond has been especially active and effective; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Drummond has fortified numerous relationships with all levels of government city, county, state and federal officials

WHEREAS, Ms. Drummond famously approached former President Bill Clinton during an appearance by the President in Chicago in 1994, in order to personally register her concerns regarding proposed cuts to the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP); and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Drummond's advocacy was instrumental in the successful passage of the Percentage of Income Payment Plan in 2009. Under that legislation, low-income individuals are allowed to pay only 6% of their income for energy and reconnection, and to continue to stay connected as long as they pay 6% of their income.

WHEREAS, Mrs. Drummond also helped to ensure that the Community and Economic Development Association supervised the funding of the Percentage of Income Payment Plan; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Drummond has been honored by many organizations, including the 2006 Edward Bailey Lifetime Community Service Act, the Illinois Senior Citizen Hall of Fame Award, and an honorary street designation by the City of Chicago; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Drummond, has provided influence, evoked change and her advocacy efforts have reached far beyond her Congress Parkway home; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Drummond to this day continues her battle to better her community; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, does hereby thank Mrs. Lillian Drummond for the important and commendable work on behalf of our County and wishes her many blessings on her birthday; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be tendered to Mrs. Drummond, as a token of the esteem in which she is held by the President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the Cook County Board of Commissioners.

21-6089

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 JULY 21, 2021 AND OCTOBER 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 October 21, 2021, COVID-19 had killed more than 4.9 million worldwide, 732,000 in the United States, 28,344 in Illinois and 11,757 in Cook County; and

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

WHEREAS, as of October 21, 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:

<u>Chicago</u>

Fouzi Eldarzi, Hong Thi Le, George Sitelis, Nancy Marcus, Melly Meza, Muslima Kagzi, Charles Facen, Najob Marcus, Anthony Poole.

Evanston

Nancy M. Toussaint, Nevenka Mitra, Kenneth Wideman.

Glenview

Ninos Chimon, Robert Minton, Richard Schmid, James Hurto, Marlene L. Davis, Arlene Chadwick.

<u>Lincolnwood</u>

Petra Braica, Soterios J. Boudouvas, Sami Y. Solaka, Ida W. Zeman, Sam H. Kaplan.

Niles

Ergen Ozturk, Rene S. Enriquez, Felix Jackson, Emilia Teluch, Patricia Howard, Anthony Karras, Irene Veikos, Arlene Schnepf, Manp Badwi, Zeljko Demirovic, Andrvej Zalewski.

<u>Skokie</u>

Javier Figueroa, Leola Cunningham, Minda Signe, Elizabeth Jordan, Suzette E. Reneau, Galina Komskaya, Elmy Ramos Torres.

Wilmette

Eugene Ponzi, Marlene Grant.

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, JULY 21, 2021 AND OCTOBER 21, 2021 and herewith expresses its sincere condolences to their friends, families, and communities.

<u>21-6174</u>

Sponsored by: PETER N. SILVESTRI, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, DEBORAH SIMS and LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

EDWARD PATRICK "COACH" GALVIN, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom called Edward Patrick Galvin from our midst on September 18, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Ed Galvin was the loving husband of Eileen, (nee Day) for 62 years; and

WHEREAS, Ed Galvin was the devoted father of six daughters: Peggy (Bill) O'Reilly, Maripat (Rick) Wooliver, Eileen (John) Healy, Kathy (Rick) Dasko, Joanne (Joe) Siciliano, and Tracy (Dan) Welsh; and

WHEREAS, Ed Galvin was the cherished grandfather of Ryann, Caitlin, Liam, Maggie, Shannon, Katie, Jack, Kaileen, Eddie, Mary Kate, Kasey, Danni, Drew, Joey, Charlie, Danny, Molly, and Maeve and the proud great-grandfather of Liliana, Luca, Bennett, Frankie, Johnny, and Mikey; and

WHEREAS, Ed Galvin was born in Chicago to Irish immigrants, the late Tom and Molly (nee Herlihy) Galvin. Ed was the loving brother of the late Mary (John) Wilkie, the late John (late Betty) Galvin, and the late Thomas (Sarah) Galvin; and

WHEREAS, Ed Galvin grew up on the West Side of Chicago and graduated from Presentation Grammar School and St. Philip High School; and

WHEREAS, upon graduation, Ed Galvin went to college on a full scholarship for basketball at Loyola University in New Orleans where he received a Bachelor of Science in physical education; and

WHEREAS, at Loyola, Ed Galvin set team scoring and rebound records, was MVP for three straight years, was a member of Collier Magazine's All-American Basketball Team, and was drafted by the NBA's Syracuse Nationals (now the Philadelphia 76'ers); and

WHEREAS, instead of entering the NBA, Ed Galvin served in the U.S. Army as a military police officer from 1955 until 1957; and

WHEREAS, Ed Galvin began his Hall of Fame coaching career as an assistant at St. Philip before becoming head coach at St. Rita High School and then at Fenwick High School. He coached ten years at Fenwick and was voted the Chicago Catholic League Coach of the Year for all sports in 1971; and

WHEREAS, Ed Galvin also served as the first men's basketball coach at Rosary College (now Dominican University), then went to North Central College, and finished his forty-year coaching career at the Illinois Math and Science Academy with more than 600 coaching wins; and

WHEREAS, Ed Galvin was selected as a member of five halls of fame: Chicago Catholic League, Chicagoland Sports, Illinois Basketball Coaches Association, St. Rita High School, and Loyola University New Orleans Athletics; and WHEREAS, Ed Galvin served the community of Elmwood Park for several years as the recreation director and as a trustee; and

WHEREAS, Ed Galvin later worked as a trader at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and then established Galvin Marketing with his lifelong friend Dan O'Donnell; and

WHEREAS, Ed Galvin was also known for his golf game and his Irish wit, but trumping all else was his love and devotion to his family.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby extend their deepest condolences to the family and friends of Ed "Coach" Galvin; and

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

<u>21-6180</u>

Sponsored by: BRANDON JOHNSON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE OF MARY MAGDALENE HOLCOMB ON THE OCCASION OF HER 95TH BIRTHDAY

WHEREAS, Mary Magdalene Holcomb was born October 10, 1926, in D'Lo, Mississippi, to the parents of Willie and Linnie Barnes; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Holcomb's mother and father did grueling work as field hands picking cotton in the 1930's. Tragically, her father died of heat stroke when she was 13 years old; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Holcomb's mother, Ma Linnie, re-married to Mr. James Burrows. Mrs. Holcomb had 4 siblings, Mr. Estus Barnes, Mrs. Gertrude Stenhouse, Mr. Lonnie Barnes, and Mrs. Gertis Anderson; and,

WHEREAS, Mary Magdalene Holcomb met and married Herbert Holcomb in her hometown of D'Lo, Mississippi in 1940 while he was on leave from the U.S. Army. She then moved to Oak Grove, Louisiana until he finished his tour of duty with the military in World War II. They later migrated to Chicago, to be near other family and friends; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Holcomb is a woman of faith and was baptized at the age of 13 while living in D'Lo,

Mississippi. When she moved to Chicago, she joined the Union Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend Little and has remained a lifelong faithful member of the church. She has a favorite scripture, Psalms 34, that she can still recite from memory to this day; and,

WHEREAS, Mary Holcomb was a full-time mother and homemaker while raising her children. Following the death of her husband, she worked various jobs including as a nurse's aide until she retired in 1990 from Oak Park Oasis Skilled Nursing Facility; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Holcomb is the mother of eight children Eloise Betty Jefferson, Herbert Holcomb Jr., William Holcomb, Sherry Smith, Mary Holcomb, Billy Holcomb, Bessie Holcomb, and Patricia Huggins. Being the sole surviving child to Mary, Patricia who now resides in Texas travels regularly and faithfully to Chicago to care for her mother. Mary Holcomb is the grandmother of 22 grandchildren including Lynne Turner, Interim Secretary to the Cook County Board of Commissioners, 50 great-grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. She has long enjoyed large gatherings for holidays and Sunday dinners with her family, siblings, and in-laws; and,

WHEREAS, Mary Holcomb has been a proud resident of Austin for the last 51 years. She loves her family, the community of Austin, and Cook County District 1; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, does hereby thank Mrs. Mary Holcomb for her life of faithful service and wishes her many blessings for her 95th birthday; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be tendered to Mrs. Holcomb, as a token of the esteem in which she is held by the President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the Cook County Board of Commissioners.

<u>21-6168</u>

Sponsored by: PETER N. SILVESTRI, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, DEBORAH SIMS and LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE UNION RIDGE HUSKIES GIRLS' SOFTBALL TEAM FOR TAKING FIRST PLACE IN THE LEYDEN-NORWOOD ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

WHEREAS, the Union Ridge Huskies compete in the Leyden-Norwood Athletic Conference, which is made up of ten junior high/middle schools; and

WHEREAS, the Union Ridge athletic program is designed to foster the development of young student athletes by focusing on character building, teamwork, sportsmanship, fundamentals, and academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, in season, athletes maintain a demanding practice and competition schedule, as well as weekly study sessions and academic monitoring; and

WHEREAS, the Union Ridge Huskies girls' softball team was undefeated and took first place in the Leyden-Norwood Athletic Conference for the first time in twenty years; and

WHEREAS, the Union Ridge Huskies girls' softball team finished the regular season undefeated with a 9-0 record; and

WHEREAS, the Union Ridge Huskies girls' softball team played liked professionals, providing spectators with great plays all-around, including spectacular fielding, hitting, and base running; and

WHEREAS, even when a win seemed unlikely, the Union Ridge Huskies girls' softball team did not get discouraged and fought back, playing its best to turn the game in its favor; and

WHEREAS, the coaches of the Union Ridge Huskies girls' softball team, Lisa and Alyssa Malicki, as well as the manager, Thomas Rasche, deserve kudos for their guidance and inspiration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate the Union Ridge Huskies girls' softball team for taking first place in the Leyden-Norwood Athletic Conference; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to the Union Ridge Huskies girls' softball team as an expression of our esteem.