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Consent Agenda

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, Black History Month provides an opportunity for the residents of Cook County to reflect and recognize the rich culture, history, and contributions of African Americans; and

WHEREAS, When Carter G. Woodson established Negro History week in 1926, he realized the importance of providing a theme to focus the attention on the important developments that have been made to highlight the achievements and raising the awareness of African Americans; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 Black History theme is “Black Health and Wellness.” This focus will celebrate the contributions and breakthroughs of African American professionals as well as speaking to the cultural richness of those “nontraditional” health and wellness practitioners; and

WHEREAS, Black Health and Wellness not only includes one’s physical body, but also the emotional and mental health. Understanding Black health and wellness is broader and more nuanced than ever. We will forever be determined to create a platform to shine a light on the multiple facets of Black health and wellness through education and activism as we move forward holistically for the betterment of ourselves, our bodies, our relationships, our communities, and our planet; and

WHEREAS, “There is no American history without African American history for it is embedded in everything we think of as American history,” said Sara Clarke Kaplan, executive director of Antiracist Research & Policy Center; and

WHEREAS, Given the current racial climate, the racial reckoning that began in the wake of George Floyd’s murder, this is an opportunity to learn;

WHEREAS, we must always reflect on the various contributions and accomplishments made by African Americans to build and grown Cook County, and the United States of America; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby honor Black History Month.

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING THE BLACK McDONALD'S OPERATORS ASSOCIATION OF CHICAGO AND NORTHWEST INDIANA'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, The Black McDonald's Operators Association of Chicago and Northwest Indiana is a local chapter of the National Black McDonald's Operator Association; and

WHEREAS, The National Black McDonald's Operators Association is committed to helping African American Communities by providing educational resources, promoting tolerance and acceptance, and empowering the people they serve through the state and local chapters of Black McDonald's Operator Associations; and

WHEREAS, The Black McDonald's Operators Association of Chicago and Northwest Indiana are active participants in communities across Cook County, sponsoring back-to-school drives like the longstanding Bud Billiken Parade and Education Resource Scholarship program and the BMOA Scholarship for the United negro College Fund; and

WHEREAS, Black McDonald's Operators Association of Chicago and Northwest Indiana engage Cook County's neighborhoods and embody the true spirit of family and community; and

WHEREAS, Members of the Black McDonald's Operators Association of Chicago and Northwest Indiana include; Akins Akinagbe; Doris Boulrege; Vincent Hale; Derrick Lott; Marvin Spence; Cheryl Taylor, Derrick Taylor; Yolanda Travis; and Tonnette Williams; and

WHEREAS, On December 21, 1968, Herman Petty of Chicago opened his first restaurant on Chicago South Side at 6500 South Stony Island Avenue, making him the first African American McDonald's franchisee; and

WHEREAS, McDonald's partnership with Herman Petty helped to open doors and gave hope to a generation of ambitious African American businessmen and women seeking a piece of the American Dream. By the end of 1959, there were twelve African American owned and operated McDonald's restaurants, mostly located in the Midwest Region; and

WHEREAS, In 1972 the National Black McDonald's Operators Association was formed, through the sharing of ideas, problems, and concerns amongst Owner/Operators; and

WHEREAS, The founding members of the National Black McDonald's Operators Association who held its first convention of the organization in May 1972 and was presided over by Herman Petty, who had the

foresight to see the need for such an organization. The founding members include Sherman Claypool of Milwaukee, Wayne Embry of Milwaukee, Andrew Davis of Chicago, John Perry of Chicago, Mallory Jones of St. Louis, Noel White of Chicago, Lester Hairston of Chicago, Cloris Dale of Kansas City, Andrew Murrell of Kansas City, Walter Pitchford of Chicago, Benjamin Davis of St. Louis, and Edward Wimp of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Tenacity and courage of these African American entrepreneurs and pioneers laid the foundation for what has become the most successful group of African American entrepreneurs in the United States today and has paved the way for the National Black McDonald’s Operators Association and the Black McDonald’s Operators Association of Chicago and Northwest Indiana to be partners and leaders, dedicated to providing resources across their communities in an effort to help build stronger neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, In May of 2022, the National Black McDonald’s Operators Association will celebrate it’s 50th year anniversary; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby express our gratitude to the Black McDonald’s Operators Association of Chicago and Northwest Indiana, a chapter of the National Black McDonald’s Operators Association for their continued service to Cook County’s your and communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution will be presented to the Black McDonald’s Operators Association of Chicago and Northwest Indiana.

[22-1771](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING DELORIS MEBAIN, FORMER NBC 5 VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

WHEREAS, Deloris Mebain was born on January 1,1948 in in the historic Ida B. Wells homes on Chicago’s Southside; and

WHEREAS, Deloris was a lifelong resident of Cook County, who selflessly made extraordinary contributions to improve the community; and her beloved seniors of Pioneer Gardens; and

WHEREAS, Deloris is a veteran journalist working more 20 years at NBC-5. After stints in the sales and editorial departments at NBC 5, she would finish the last half of her career as the stations Vice President of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, Deloris spearheaded Emmy award winning station projects including vital community issues, race relations, health, and education. Deloris also coordinated editorial programs and public service efforts to tackle literacy, winter coat drives and homework hotline. Her outreach efforts led her to host a meeting for the young southside activist named Barack Obama; and

WHEREAS, Deloris has received more than 100 awards from community and civic organizations including National Black Public Relations Society, Chicago Association of Black Journalist, and Chicago Chapter of the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences; and

WHEREAS, Deloris recruited volunteers for Junior Achievement and countless other causes including painting and redecorating the children's clinic at Cook County Hospital; and

WHEREAS, In February of 2000 Deloris would step out on faith and leave her well secured job at NBC 5, to start her own PR Firm, Mebain Media Group; and

WHEREAS, Deloris was devoted member of South Park Baptist Church, where she served as usher, church clerk, supervisor of the youth and young adult ushers and Director of the youth ministries; and

WHEREAS, Deloris passed away on January 24, 2022, after her battle with COVID; and

WHEREAS, is survived by her daughters, Tonya Mebain and Tracy Zackery, granddaughters, Alexis, and Alicia, along with a host of family and friends; 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 Deloris Mebain and honor the life and memory of this outstanding Cook County resident.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

PROSPECT HEIGHTS MAYOR NICHOLAS HELMER, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom called Prospect Heights' Mayor Nicholas Helmer from our midst on January 26, 2022, at the age of 79; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Helmer was born in Yugoslavia to parents Fabian and Anna Helmer; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Helmer immigrated to America at age 10, knowing no English; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Helmer graduated from Loyola University's Mundelein College; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Helmer married his high school sweetheart Gail Ann, to whom he was married for 57 years; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Helmer was the loving father of Nick Helmer Jr. (Megan Feeney) and Rebecca (Anthony) Jacob and the doting grandfather of Kelly Ann Helmer, Kathryn Elizabeth Helmer, Nicholas Jacob, and Jillian Jacob; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Helmer served as a newspaper reporter, photographer, and radio broadcaster for the United States Army in France, as well as transport coordinator for supplies, personnel, and machinery during France's de-occupation; and

WHEREAS, passionate about aircraft, Mayor Helmer flew single-engine airplanes out of Chicago Executive Airport for 35 years, and served on the Board of Directors for 14 years; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Helmer believed strongly in giving back, serving as a member of the St. Viator High School basketball coaching staff for over 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Helmer worked in upper management at Oak Brook-based Inland Real Estate Group for over 50 years; and

WHEREAS, at the time of his passing Mayor Helmer was in third term as mayor of Prospect Heights; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Helmer won his first term as mayor in 2011, which was followed by an unopposed election in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Helmer was most recently reelected in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Helmer was best known for being immensely proud of Prospect Heights, often called the city's biggest cheerleader; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Helmer was a business-friendly, people person politician who truly loved being mayor; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Helmer's passing leaves a noticeable mark on the community he loved so dearly; and

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 of Mayor Nicholas Helmer; 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 Mayor Nicholas Helmer so his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

[22-1789](#)

Sponsored by: SCOTT R. BRITTON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING THE GLENVIEW PARK DISTRICT'S ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF PARK DISTRICTS (IAPD) AWARDS FOR COVID COLLABORATIONS

WHEREAS, the Glenview Park District saw immediate need for safe, distanced activities and environments for families and students during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Glenview Park District's Camp Recreation, Enrichment, Community (REC) program was created in partnership with School District 34, Wesley Child Care, the Glenview Park Foundation, Glenview Public Library, and Youth Services of Glenview/Northbrook to accommodate students while Glenview area schools navigated virtual and hybrid learning, offering small group pods with recreational activities; and

WHEREAS, during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic when classes were remote, Camp REC supported 120 students across 15 Glenview Park District facilities, allowing the students to participate in remote learning under the supervision of staff from Glenview's Wesley Child Care; and

WHEREAS, the Camp REC program allowed parent who were often essential workers to know their children were safe and taken care of; and

WHEREAS, understanding the needing for programs of this type, the Glenview Park Foundation provided \$57,200 in scholarships to increase the program's reach; and

WHEREAS, the Glenview/Northbrook Coronavirus Task Force was also created as the March 2020 shutdown was looming, and worked to share information and resources to effectively respond to the threat of COVID-19 in the Glenview and Northbrook communities; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force was comprised of Villages of Glenview, and Northbrook, Northfield Township, Northbrook School District 27, Northbrook School District 28, Northbrook Glenview School District 30, West Northfield School District 31, Glenview School District 34, Glenbrook High School District 225, the Glenview and Northbrook Park Districts, the Glenview and Northbrook Public Libraries, the Glenview and Northbrook Chambers of Commerce, and Glenbrook Hospital leadership; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force partnered with federal, state, and county legislators to open a free COVID-19 testing center in Glenview's Flick Park; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force and coordinated with firefighters from the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) Division 3 and Cook County Commissioners to open a community vaccination clinic at New Trier High School, as well as several vaccination clinics at Glenbrook South High School and Glenview Park Center; and

WHEREAS, the Glenview Park District was rightly recognized by the Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD) with the *Best of the Best Partnership Award* for their efforts and undertaking proving safe, distanced spaces for youth regardless of ability to pay, as well as the *Best of the Best Intergovernmental Cooperation Award* for their collaboration on the Glenview/Northbrook Coronavirus Task Force; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby congratulate the Glenview Park District on these distinct honors; 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 Glenview Park District as a means of conveying our thanks and congratulations.

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Sponsored by: SCOTT R. BRITTON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING KATE HALL, 2021 RECIPIENT OF THE LIBRARIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

WHEREAS, Kate Hall is the Executive Director of the Northbrook Public Library and the 2021 recipient of the Illinois Library Association (ILA) Librarian of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, the Librarian of the Year Award recognizes the distinguished leadership and service in Illinois libraries, and honors the local, statewide, and national impacts these unique institutions have made; and

WHEREAS, Kate Hall attended Dominican University, earning a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature and a Master's Degree in Library and Information Science; and

WHEREAS, Kate Hall went on to earn a second master's degree, a Master of Business Administration, at Marylhurst University; and

WHEREAS, Kate Hall has working in Illinois Public Libraries for her entire career, beginning at the Northbrook Public Library in January 2015 as a readers' advisory assistant; and

WHEREAS, Kate Hall is an active member of the ILA, serving as a past board member and conference committee member, as well as actively presenting programs at conferences; and

WHEREAS, Kate Hall is dynamically involved with the Directors University program, which works to mentor and train new library directors; and

WHEREAS, Kate Hall is known as a well-respected leader with a true passion for her work and the people libraries serve; and

WHEREAS, Kate Hall's commitment to mentorship and coaching lead to creating many training initiatives to ensure future librarian's success, and to co-authoring "The Public Library Director's Toolkit" in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Kate Hall managed to continue to serve the Northbrook community with the best possible library service while navigating the COVID-19 pandemic, ensuring that the highest safety protocols were maintained to keep library staff and patrons safe all while willingly sharing her plans and procedures with anyone who requested them; and

WHEREAS, Kate Hall is committed to equity and inclusion in libraries and the communities they serve, and she has worked diligently to cultivate an atmosphere of mutual respect. Kate is making her core commitment to equity an integral part of her second book she is working on about human resources for public libraries; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby congratulate Kate Hall on this impressive and well-deserved achievement of the Illinois Library Association (ILA) Librarian of the Year Award; 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 Kate Hall as a means of conveying our thanks and congratulations.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

LAWRENCE K. DOODY, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Lawrence K. Doody from our midst, and

WHEREAS, Lawrence K. Doody was the loving and adored husband of 60 years to Carolyn, nee Hamer, and

WHEREAS, Lawrence K. Doody was the loving father of Larry (Connie Murphy) Doody, Elizabeth “Liz” (Gerald) Gorman, Daniel Doody, and Debbie (Dennis) Furlong, and

WHEREAS, Lawrence K. Doody was the proud Papa of Riley, Conor, Liam, Shane, Brendan, Matthew, Denny, and Joey, and

WHEREAS, Lawrence K. Doody was the beloved son of the late Edward and Anne, nee King, and

WHEREAS, Lawrence K. Doody was the dear brother of the Anne (late James) Marshall, late Mary (late James) Logan, and Edward (Lil) Doody, and

WHEREAS, Lawrence K. Doody was the beloved son-in-law of the late Arthur J. and Agnes “Betty”, nee Schevers, Hamer, and

WHEREAS, Lawrence K. Doody was the dear brother-in-law of barb (Frank) Pinn, late Artie Hamer, Don (late Geri) (Bernadette) Hamer, Liz (John) O’Connor, and Frank Hamer, and

WHEREAS, Lawrence K. Doody was a proud member of the Chicago Fire Department and IBEW Local 134, and

WHEREAS, all who knew him will attest that Lawrence K. Doody 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 Lawrence K. Doody 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 Lawrence K. Doody that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

ERIC R. JEPPESEN, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Eric Jeppesen from our midst; and

WHEREAS Eric Jeppesen was the dearly beloved husband of Candi (Sowa), and

WHEREAS, Eric Jeppesen was the devoted father of Eric Jr. and Roger; and

WHEREAS, Eric Jeppesen was the dear son of Nancy and the late Robert Jeppesen; and

WHEREAS, Eric Jeppesen was the cherished brother of Kim Jeppesen; and

WHEREAS, Eric Jeppesen was a proud member of the Carpenters Union Local 10 with the Mid-American Carpenters Regional Council; and

WHEREAS, Eric Jeppesen was former Vice President of the Carpenters Union Local 141 and played an important role in founding the Carpenters Union Local 141 Volunteer Organizing Committee; and

WHEREAS, Eric Jeppesen was a fantastic mechanic who enjoyed working on vintage cars, especially his Chevy Bel Air; and

WHEREAS, Eric Jeppesen touched the lives of many and will be remembered by all who knew him, especially his Union Brothers; and

WHEREAS, all who knew him will attest that Eric Jeppesen 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; and

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 of Eric

Jeppesen 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 the same be tendered to the family of Eric Jeppesen so that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF MICHAEL LAMBERT IGOE II

WHEREAS, Michael Lambert Igoe, II was born on April 24, 1930 in Chicago, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Michael attended St. Thomas the Apostle Elementary School in his Hyde Park neighborhood, and Canterbury School in New Milford, Connecticut, and graduated from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., with a degree in economics; and

WHEREAS, Michael Lambert Igoe, II and Helen Douaire were married upon his graduation from Georgetown, beginning their married life at Sandia Base in Albuquerque, New Mexico as Michael served in the United States Army from 1952 to 1954; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of his military service the couple returned to Chicago, where Michael entered and graduated from the University of Chicago Law School in 1956; and

WHEREAS, Michael carried on a commitment to government and involvement in Democratic politics learned from his parents and maternal grandparents, volunteering as a Chicago precinct captain and serving on the Zoning Board of Appeals; and

WHEREAS, Michael served as Secretary to the Cook County Board of Commissioners for 29 years, under Cook County Board Presidents John Duffy, Seymour Simon, Richard Ogilvie and George Dunne, putting into practice his belief that government could benefit the lives of citizens when administered with fiduciary discipline, consistent fidelity and good will; and

WHEREAS, Michael's career at Cook County spanned an era of major change, including the institution of Home Rule pursuant to the 1970 Illinois Constitution and the 1964 constitutional amendment consolidating Illinois court systems that reorganized the 161 courts operating in Cook County into the Circuit Court of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Michael implemented many of these changes, preparing ordinances to implement Home Rule revenue measures, and modernizing County facilities to facilitate efficient government operations;

WHEREAS, Michael made major contributions to the efficient operation of Cook County Government, including leading the effort to construct four new suburban courthouses to facilitate the efficient operation of the new consolidated Circuit Court of Cook County, and the renovation of the antiquated offices at the Cook County Building at 118 N. Clark to better serve the public, among many other initiatives and improvements; and

WHEREAS, even after retiring from Cook County, Michael devoted substantial time and intellect to advising later administrations, offering an enormous store of institutional memory and understanding of the functioning of that complicated organization with numerous stakeholders and independent officials; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his service to Cook County, Michael devoted his attentions to a private legal practice at Vedder Price until 2013, serving as general counsel to many corporate clients, and representing other governmental clients; and

WHEREAS, Michael dedicated his time and intellect throughout his life to numerous boards and committees, serving as a board member of the Hyde Park - Kenwood Community Conservation Council, the Hyde Park Neighborhood Club and the Southeast Chicago Commission; the Jesse White Scholars Foundation; and the Catholic Theological Union; and

WHEREAS, Michael was a 50-year subscriber to the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, where he spent many Friday afternoons in his favorite lower balcony seat, and which he served as a CSO Governing Member, and was an active fundraiser; and

WHEREAS, Michael was a longtime advocate for conservation, serving on the board of the Lakeland Conservancy and donating to other conservation efforts, and enjoyed nature and the outdoors at his property in Wisconsin and sailing on Lake Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Michael loved sailing, crewing in his youth, becoming a sailing team leader at Georgetown, and later mooring his Pearson 36 sailboat at Burnham Harbor for 37 years, cruising Lake Michigan on summer weekends with Helen, entertaining guest crew members with lively conversation about topics ranging from politics, policy, the environment and city skyline changes;

WHEREAS, Michael was the devoted husband of 67 years to Helen, incredibly dedicated father to five children: Michael L. Igoe III, William D. (Kathryn) Igoe, Kevin P. Igoe, Sheila M. Igoe (Brian Grant) and Ruth E. Igoe; and caring grandfather to seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Michael was a *raconteur par excellence*, and a man who was interested in everyone and everything, with such capacity for caring that in addition to his commitments to service and to his family, he made time for many friends and colleagues, extending help and support, mentoring, and enjoying a good laugh; and

WHEREAS, Michael passed away peacefully on Sunday January 9, 2022, with loving family at his side;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby honor Michael's life and in particular his contributions to Cook County Government, and offer their deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family of Michael Lambert Igoe, II; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to the family of Michael Lambert Igoe, II.

[22-1761](#)

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

KATHLEEN T. CONNELLY, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Kathleen T. Connelly from our midst, and

WHEREAS, Kathleen T. Connelly was the loving and adored wife of George, and

WHEREAS, Kathleen T. Connelly was the loving mother of George IV (Erinn), Jennifer Connelly-Steel, Marc (Anne), and Sean, and

WHEREAS, Kathleen T. Connelly was the loving grandmother of Michael, Conner (Krystalle Franz), Tierney and Kiernan Steel, Grace (Jeremy) Messersmith, William, (Molly McInerney) and Patrick Connelly, and Jack, Kathleen, Fiona and Mae Connelly, and

WHEREAS, Kathleen T. Connelly was the beloved daughter of the late William and Gertrude (Farrell) Hartigan, and

WHEREAS, Kathy T. Connelly was the dear sister of Colleen (Frank) Dolan; Kathleen was preceded in death by her brothers William (late Jean), and James (late Sue), and her sister and dear friend Rosemary, and

WHEREAS, Kathleen T. Connelly was the beloved sister-in-law of Colette Briody, Edward (Mary Ellen) Connelly, Tom (Cheryl) Connelly, and Jim (Judy) Connelly, and

WHEREAS, Kathleen T. Connelly was the adored by nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews

and countless friends, and

WHEREAS, all who knew him will attest that Kathy T. Connelly 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 Kathleen T. Connelly 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 Kathy T. Connelly that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

[22-1767](#)

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING DR. CONCETTA MENNELLA ON HER RETIREMENT FROM COOK COUNTY HEALTH

WHEREAS, DR. CONCETTA MENNELLA is an exemplary correctional health physician, teacher and advocate; and

WHEREAS, DR. MENNELLA committed early in her career to care for underserved, vulnerable populations as a member of the National Health Service Corps; and

WHEREAS, DR. MENNELLA following a medical school rotation that exposed her to the need for high quality care for detained populations, she has provided care to patients detained in Cook County Jail since 1991; and

WHEREAS, for the past thirty years, DR. MENNELLA has continued to be a tireless advocate of her patients, a compassionate caregiver and a leader who inspires and empowers her team and correctional health leaders around the country; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her exceptional care and leadership, DR. MENNELLA was named Chair of the Department of Correctional Health in 2014; and

WHEREAS, DR. MENNELLA has dedicated her life to uplifting the health and wellbeing of her patients

at the jail, addressing the health conditions that disproportionality impact detained individuals; and

WHEREAS, whether that is ensuring unique specialty services for a patient in need, advocating for compassionate release or family visitations for patients under hospice care, or developing mitigation efforts to address infectious disease risks at the jail, including access to robust COVID-19 testing and vaccination, DR. MENNELLA always serves as a voice for her patients; and

WHEREAS, before and during the COVID-19 pandemic, DR. MENNELLA's leadership and around-the-clock work resulted in an extensive COVID-19 mitigation, testing and care plan that was lauded by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as a best-in-class strategy for a correctional health setting; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Sherriff said that during the pandemic DR. MENNELLA's "leadership and tireless work on behalf of her patients saved lives and the citizens of Cook County should be grateful for her unswerving dedication"; and

WHEREAS, DR. MENNELLA has authored many journal articles during her career, providing notable insights on topics ranging from COVID-19 to antibiotic resistant infections, and advancing the field of correctional health care nationally; and

WHEREAS, DR. MENNELLA earned the 34th "Human Rights Award" from the National Alliance Against Racist & Political Repression, the Health and Medicine Policy Research Group "Medicine Award" in 2018 and Cook County Health's "Doctor of the Year" award in 2017; and

WHEREAS, after making a positive impact on the health of countless individuals, DR. MENNELLA is beginning a well-deserved retirement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the more than 5 million residents of Cook County, do hereby gratefully acknowledge CONCETTA MENNELLA for her remarkable career and dedication to the mission of Cook County Health and the people the health system serves.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this resolution is given to Dr. CONCETTA MENNELLA honoring this auspicious occasion and a copy placed in the official records of this body

[22-1775](#)

Sponsored by: DENNIS DEER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING EUGENA “GINA” FOUNTAIN FOR HER LEADERSHIP, COMMITMENT, DEDICATION, AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN THE NORTH LAWDALE COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, Chicago’s own Eugena “Gina” Fountain, born to Shirley Fountain and Eugene Gaines, is the current co-owner and CEO of one the oldest Hot Dog restaurants in the city of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Dave’s Red Hots opened in 1938 in the North Lawndale and serves as a staple go to restaurant in the community with lines forming outside of the door; and

WHEREAS, Gina has been working in her family’s restaurant since she was fifteen, helping her parents and learning what it takes to be a small restaurant and owner in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Under Gina’s leadership and with the support of her family and local community Dave’s Red Hots has not only survived to be the oldest running Hot Dog restaurant in Chicago but serves as an enduring example of what can be accomplished with hard work, dedication and focus beyond the bottom line; and

WHEREAS, one of Gina’s secrets is her gift of focus and ability to be present everyday with her customers. You will find Gina at the restaurant turning the keys herself every morning at opening and being the last person to leave every night. Gina’s amazing smile, signature laughter and polite and engaging demeanor let guests know they are going to be well taken care and serve some of the best local food in Chicago from a genuine local Chicagoan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Dennis Deer Cook County Commissioner 2nd District along with President Toni Preckwinkle and the entire Board of Commissioners does hereby recognizing and congratulate Eugena “GINA” Fountain for her leadership, commitment, dedication, and being a business owner in the North Lawndale Community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to Ms. Eugena “Gina” Fountain and a suitable copy be spread upon the official proceedings of this honorable body recognizing this au pious occasion.

[22-1772](#)

Sponsored by: BRIDGET GAINER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING THE COOK COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY ON THE TRANSFORMATION OF 1,000 VACANT AND ABANDONED PROPERTIES INTO HOMES, OFFICES AND COMMUNITY SPACES ACROSS THE REGION

WHEREAS, the Cook County Land Bank Authority (CCLBA) is a nonprofit chartered by Cook County in in 2013; and,

WHEREAS, the CCLBA acquires properties that have sat tax-delinquent, abandoned and vacant for years and sells them at fair-market rates to qualified community-based developers; and,

WHEREAS, the properties are then rehabbed for prospective homeowners or small business owners, reducing blight and generating community wealth across Cook County communities; and,

WHEREAS, the CCLBA approach not only keeps revenue and jobs in the community, but it also helps local developers grow their businesses; and,

WHEREAS, the CCLBA has generated more than \$95 million in community wealth, disrupting decades of divestment and enabling small developers to build businesses and create jobs, leading to greater stability in their own neighborhoods; and,

WHEREAS, this month, CCLBA announced that through its programs, community developers have now renovated 1,000 previously vacant and abandoned homes in Cook County, returning them to productive, tax-generating use; and,

WHEREAS, the 1,000th redeveloped property, located at 3838 W. Adams St. in Chicago's West Garfield Park community, was acquired by local community developer; and,

WHEREAS, the property at 3838 W. Adams sat vacant for at least five years before being purchased from the CCLBA, by a local developer looking for a way to give back to the West side communities; and,

WHEREAS, the CCLBA will continue to enrich local communities, increase homeownership, empower local developers, and rehab otherwise vacant land to productive use on the tax rolls.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Cook County Board of Commissioner and residents of Cook County celebrate the 1,000th transformation of vacant and abandoned properties into homes, offices and community spaces across the region.

[22-1773](#)

Sponsored by: BRIDGET GAINER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK AND THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATORS AND STAFF FOR THEIR DEDICATION TO THEIR STUDENTS

WHEREAS, National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, typically, schools observe the annual celebration week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners, and community members; and,

WHEREAS, through the events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contribution to our communities and,

WHEREAS, this year National Catholic Schools Week ran from January 30th to February 5th; and,

WHEREAS, over the course of the pandemic, Catholic school educators and staff have responded to the needs of their students, who have been impacted by the trauma of the pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, Catholic school educators and staff have focused a significant portion of their curriculum on service to the community, particularly around the needs of community members devastated by the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, there are over ten Catholic schools located in the Tenth District of Cook County, Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, Catholic Schools remain foundational in shaping the future leaders of tomorrow.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Cook County Board of Commissioners and residents of Cook County celebrate National Catholic Schools Week and the contributions of Catholic school educators and staff for their dedication to their students.

[22-1666](#)

Sponsored by: BRANDON JOHNSON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

RESOLUTION FOR SIKH AMERICANS AWARENESS AND APPRECIATION DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL

WHEREAS, Sikhs have been living in the United States for more than 120 years, and during the early 20th century, thousands of Sikh Americans worked on farms, in lumber mills and mines, and on the Oregon, Pacific & Eastern Railroad; and

WHEREAS, Sikhism is the fifth largest religion in the world and today, there are more than 25 million Sikhs worldwide and an estimated 500,000 Sikh Americans and 25,000 Sikhs in the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Sikh Americans pursue diverse professions, and make rich contributions to the social, cultural, and economic vibrancy of the United States, including service as members of the United States Armed Forces and significant contributions to our great nation in agriculture, information technology, small businesses, the hotel industry, trucking, medicine, and technology, legal services; and

WHEREAS, Sikh Americans distinguished themselves by fostering respect among all people through faith and service; and

WHEREAS, Cook County is committed to educating citizens about the world's religions, the value of religious diversity, tolerance grounded in First Amendment principles, a culture of mutual understanding, and the diminution of violence; and

WHEREAS, Today Cook County seeks to further the diversity of its community as well as afford all residents the opportunity to better understand, recognize, as well as appreciate the rich history, and shared experiences of Sikh Americans; and

NOW, THEREFORE Be It Resolved, The Cook County Board of Commissioners on this day of February 10th, 2022, do hereby proclaim the month of April to be SIKH AWARENESS and APPRECIATION MONTH.

[22-1749](#)

Sponsored by: DONNA MILLER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING CHANTE THOMAS, AUTHOR

WHEREAS, Chante Thomas is a twenty-seven-year veteran 5th grade teacher in Shaker Heights, Ohio and has been writing children's stories over the span of her career; and

WHEREAS, Chante Thomas is an active member of the Shaker Heights Teachers Association, Cleveland Chapter of the Chums, Inc, Jack and Jill of America, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Chante Thomas is the mother of two sons ages 12 and 9, and a caregiver to her 87-year-old mother; and

WHEREAS, Chante Thomas attended Howard University, and graduated with a degree in marketing. And after deciding to return to school to teach, she attended John Carroll University earning a Master's in Education; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, Chante Thomas decided it was time to bring her stories to life and published her first book, "**Where I'm From.**" The book tells the geographic story of five diverse children with roots in the United States, Africa, and Asia. She has continued to publish a 2nd book, "**Go to School Tommy**" (a story that teaches us the power of a smile), and a 3rd book, "**Sean and the Book Cures**". This story takes us through the unforgettable year Covid-19 disrupted our lives and is told from a kid's perspective; and

WHEREAS, Chante Thomas is currently working on her 4th book, "**Sean and the Great Sacrifice**", a story about love and organ donation. This book will show the reader that information is powerful. As the main characters research what happens to the body when kidneys begin to fail, they are comforted to learn that there are options that can save lives; and

WHEREAS, Author Chante Thomas desires to inspire youth to not only read, but to also encourage them to create, build and write their own stories yielding from their own personal adventures:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate Chante Thomas on contributions as an author and thank her for being a distinguished member of the literary community; 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 Chante Thomas as a symbol of our respect and

esteem.

[22-1803](#)

Sponsored by: DONNA MILLER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING RICH TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 227 SPECIAL OLYMPICS BASKETBALL TEAM & GIRLS BOWLING TEAM

WHEREAS, The Rich Township High School District 227 Special Olympics Basketball Team took home the gold on January 24, 2022; and

WHEREAS, due to the pandemic in 2020 they were unable to compete, but now the Raptors Special Olympics Basketball Team has won their division title; and

WHEREAS, Special Olympics Basketball Team Head Coach Kathleen Guitierrez said, " Two years ago, our 'OlyRockStars' basketball team was headed to state for basketball, but the pandemic stripped them of this glory", adding, "Two years later they were able to begin their basketball season and the Raptors Special Olympics basketball team took home the Gold winning their division title again. We are headed back to state for the Championship March 11 - 13th!"; and

WHEREAS, the Rich Township High School District 227 Girls Bowling team won the Southland Athletic Conference championship on Thursday, January 27th; and

WHEREAS, this marks the first championship in Girls Bowling history for the Rich Township Raptors; and

WHEREAS, "Overall it was a great experience for our lady bowlers this year. They really did a great job in reaching their goal of winning the conference championship," said Head Coach Stacie Wolf. "These were some of the highest average scores I have seen in my career as a coach in Rich Township. I couldn't be prouder of the ladies' accomplishments."; and

WHEREAS, along with the team championship, Rich Township also had four top ten finishers, naming them to the All-Conference Team; Trinity Cook, Dazani Holmes, Catelyn Eison, and Tajah Matthews; and

WHEREAS, the Rich Township Girls Bowling team ended their regular season with a 7-1 record and will be competing at the IHSA Regional competition Saturday, February 5th at Orland Bowl;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate the Rich Township High School District 227 Special Olympics Basketball Team & Girls Bowling Team on their success and highlight that Superintendent Johnnie

Thomas and all of the faculty and staff of RTHS District 227 are also very proud and cheering on the team; 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 Rich Township High School District 227 Special Olympics Basketball Team & Girls Bowling Team as a symbol of our respect and esteem.

[22-1781](#)

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

CONGRATULATING JAMES HARRISON ON HIS RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, James Harrison will retire from the Winnetka Police Department on April 1, 2022 after 25 plus years of service as a law enforcement officer; and

WHEREAS, James Harrison began his career as a Patrol Officer with the Winnetka Police Department on June 26, 1996; and

WHEREAS, James Harrison was awarded Police Officer of the Year for 2000; and

WHEREAS, James Harrison was appointed to the position of Detective on May 5, 2003; and

WHEREAS, James Harrison was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on April 20, 2005; and

WHEREAS, James Harrison attended and graduated from the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command on May 30, 2008; and

WHEREAS, during his career, James Harrison served as a member of the Northern Illinois Police Alarm System Emergency Services Team, the North Regional Major Crimes Task Force, served in the capacity of a New Trier High School Resource Officer, Motorcycle Officer, Fitness Officer, Juvenile Officer, D.A.R.E. Officer, Crime Prevention Officer and was recognized by his superiors and the citizens he served, receiving numerous Honorable Mentions and letters of appreciation from citizens; and

WHEREAS, James Harrison served his department and community with distinction, and the people of Cook County owe him a debt of gratitude for his service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County, does hereby offer James Harrison congratulations on

his retirement and thanks him for his years of public service as a law enforcement officer through which he has made invaluable contributions 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 Sgt. James Harrison.

[22-1782](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING 11 Nisan 5782 - APRIL 12, 2022 EDUCATION AND SHARING DAY IN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, a quality education is one of the significant foundations for the continuing success of our country, and our society at large; and in Cook County we strive for the betterment of all of our citizens through an increased focus on education and sharing; and

WHEREAS, through providing the possibility of an excellent education for all, especially children, with which to gain knowledge through rigorous study, we can create hope for a brighter, kinder and more united and prosperous future in the lives of so many; and

WHEREAS, the educational system must also focus on building character by emphasizing the cultivation of universal moral and ethical values that have been the bedrock of society from the dawn of civilization, including the values known as the Seven Noahide Laws; and

WHEREAS, one of the leading global advocates for the advancement of education, the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Schneerson, of righteous memory, stressed the importance of moral and ethical education as the bedrock of humanity and the hallmark of a healthy society, and strongly urged that education be reinforced by the inculcation of strong moral values; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the Rebbe's outstanding and lasting contributions toward improvements in world education, morality, and acts of charity, he was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal, and the United States Congress has established his birthdate as a national day to raise awareness and strengthen the education of our children; and

WHEREAS, April 12, 2022, will mark 120 years since the Rebbe's birth, and the date will be celebrated across these United States and around the globe in tribute to the Rebbe's vision, guidance and leadership; and

WHEREAS, for more than forty years, the President of the United States has recognized and honored the Rebbe's vision each year on that day by proclaiming it "Education & Sharing Day USA"; and

WHEREAS, we presently battle a global pandemic which has disrupted traditional models of education across our nation, while concurrently motivating a focus on the stronger core values we wish to impart to children and adults, beyond academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, we can nurture the unity of diverse peoples through encouraging increased acts of goodness and kindness, imbued with awareness that even a single positive act of an individual can make a major impact in this world.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County encourages the citizens of Cook County to reach out to young people to work to create a better, brighter, and more hopeful future for all on April 12, 2022, 11 Nisan 5782, the Federally Proclaimed Education and Sharing Day.

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 Rabbi Meir Shimon Moscowitz, Lubavitch Chabad of Illinois.

[22-1783](#)

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF EDWARD F.X. HUGHES, MD, MPH

WHEREAS, Edward Francis Xavier Hughes, faculty member at Northwestern University and health policy thought leader, passed away on January 23, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Ed was born in 1942 in Boston to Joseph and Elizabeth Hughes, both teachers in the Boston Public School system. Ed attended Boston Latin School where he excelled academically, participated on the crew team, and graduated early at the age of sixteen. He completed his undergraduate work at Amherst where, in addition to taking he majored in philosophy while taking premed classes, serving as coxswain on their crew team, and organizing the Amherst Students for the Abolition of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. He was admitted to Harvard Medical School in 1962; and

WHEREAS, following medical school, Ed trained in General Surgery at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center in New York. As his surgical training progressed, he became interested in larger issues concerning health policy and health equity and shifted his focus to pursue a Master's Degree in Public Health at Columbia University. His research at Columbia led to a collaboration with Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York and the National Bureau of Economic Research. This resulted in several groundbreaking publications evaluating the efficient utilization of surgeons relative to the need for increased surgical manpower in the United States, a major driver of healthcare costs; and

WHEREAS, in 1977, Ed accepted a tenured faculty position at Northwestern University, where he

assumed the Directorship of the Center for Health Services and Policy Research. Under his leadership, the Center became a leading site for interdisciplinary research into national health policy and future directions for healthcare reform in the United States. Through his work and published research at Northwestern, Dr. Hughes became a key thought leader in the development of “managed care,” a then novel approach to the delivery of health care that has transformed the delivery of care in the US in the pursuit of better outcomes at lower cost. Dr. Hughes has been a frequent public speaker on health policy, a consultant to a diverse array of health care organizations including Novo Nordisk, the American Orthopaedic Association, and the American Health Insurers and an advisor to policymakers; and

WHEREAS, he transitioned in the mid-1980s to assume greater teaching responsibilities at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern, where he held the distinction of being the first M.D. to receive tenure at a leading business school. Dr. Hughes created the joint M.D./M.B.A. program at Northwestern, and taught graduate courses on health services administration, biopharmaceutical and medical device strategy, and leadership at the business school. One of his great professional joys was serving as mentor and coach to many students over the years, often remaining in touch as they progressed in their careers following graduation. He served as President of the Northwestern Faculty Senate in 2015, and remained actively engaged with University leadership for many years, becoming a trusted advisor to University president, Morton Shapiro; and

WHEREAS, Ed’s life and interests have been divided between his work in Illinois and his philanthropic efforts in West Falmouth, Cape Cod, Massachusetts where he spent summers during his childhood and where he met his wife, Susan Lane (Mooney) Hughes, PhD, a nationally recognized gerontologist, professor, and Center Director at the University of Illinois-Chicago. Driven by mutual cherished memories of their summers on Cape Cod, they purchased a home in West Falmouth in 1971 adjacent to the historic Saconeset Homestead. In the spring of 1994, Ed and Sue purchased the Saconeset Homestead. The Homestead is a single home and working farm built by Thomas Bowerman in 1678, and is considered the oldest residence in Falmouth. This property includes over a dozen acres of the Great Sippiwissett Marsh and Buzzards Bay shoreline; and

WHEREAS, with the help of their children, the Hughes’s embarked on several endeavors in agriculture at the Homestead. To maintain its tradition as a working farm, Ed oversaw the cultivation of new vegetable gardens and Christmas tree seedlings that are now maturing and sold each Christmas. He also committed himself to the broader restoration of the property. Over the past 25 years, the family removed invasive weeds and vines to restore pastures to their original contours. This exhaustive work - one of the great prides of his life - resulted in the restoration of a sanctuary that preserves the past within one of the most special and beautiful corners of the Cape; and

WHEREAS, through their ownership of the land, Ed and Sue provided access to the Marine Biological Laboratory (MBL) and UMass Dartmouth enabling them to analyze the threat of climate change and rising sea levels to the sheltered habitat of diverse marine life within the Great Sippewissett Marsh. Their research on the changes in the marsh, which was begun in the 1970s, is now the longest continuous marine biology study of its kind in the country, serving as a key reference for policy proposals on coastal preservation. In addition, Ed and Sue have been strong supporters of conservation groups such as the

Coalition to Save Buzzards Bay and several restoration efforts including the Falmouth Library and Highfield Hall; and

WHEREAS, Ed is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Susan Lane (Mooney) Hughes, of West Falmouth, Massachusetts and Evanston, Illinois; his sons, Edward Francis Hughes IV of New York, New York, John Patrick Hughes of Arlington, Virginia, his daughter Dempsey Lane Hughes, MD of Evanston, IL, his daughter-in-law Kristen Welker of Arlington, Virginia and his granddaughter Margot Lane Welker Hughes of Arlington, Virginia. He is also survived by a sister, Elizabeth “Betty” Craig, of North Falmouth, Massachusetts, a brother Paul J.L. Hughes of Sparta, NJ, and a sister-in-law Martha M. Mooney of Belmont, MA, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

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, work, and contributions of Edward F.X. Hughes, 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 Edward F.X. Hughes.