



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY  
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**Virtual Meeting**

**Consent Agenda**

**Thursday, March 17, 2022, 10:00 AM**

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**Presented by:** TANYA S. ANTHONY, Chief Administrative Officer, Bureau of Administration

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**NATIONAL REBUILDING DAY 2022 RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago, a volunteer organization preserving and revitalizing low-income homes and communities, repaired its first home in suburban Cook County in 1992, and has since rehabilitated nearly 1,900 homes, as well as assisted in the development of essential community centers and gardens; and

**WHEREAS**, Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago is part of a national nonprofit program, which sponsors National Rebuilding Day across the country on the last Saturday in April; and

**WHEREAS**, every year Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago selects two neighborhoods in Cook County in which to provide home repair for elderly, disabled, or low income individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 3,000 volunteers annually, including Cook County employees, donate their time and talents to plan and complete hundreds of free home repairs for residents in Cook County through Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago's volunteer teams; and

**WHEREAS**, repairs typically focus on keeping homeowners "warm, safe and dry" and also improve access for low-income seniors, veterans and people with disabilities.

**WHEREAS**, on January 27, 2020 the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared that COVID-19, a novel severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among people through respiratory transmissions, presents a public health emergency, and the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency of International Concern on January 30, 2020 and;

**WHEREAS**, steps were taken to ensure the effects of COVID-19 were mitigated and minimized and that Cook County residents remain safe and secure; and

**WHEREAS**, Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago made the difficult decision to cancel 2020 National Rebuilding Day activities, avoiding in-home repairs that could put anyone at risk; and

**WHEREAS**, Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago sought new and meaningful ways to continue to provide services and remain true to their mission; and

**WHEREAS**, Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago quickly adapted to this new reality and provided 400 cloth facemasks, 1,580 ounces of hand sanitizer, delivered 9,000 lbs of groceries, conducted 56 furnace and boiler tune-ups, built 200 learn-at-home student desks, created 100 address placards to aid first

responders in identifying homes, and fabricated 40 COVID-safe partitions for local shelters.

**WHEREAS**, this year Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago is cautious but optimistic. As such, services to homeowners will continue in a manner that keeps volunteers and homeowners safe. Rebuilding Together plans to reinstitute National Rebuilding Day on April 30, 2022.

**WHEREAS**, Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago is an example of Cook County and other local governments working in partnership with private corporations to assist residents and communities in need; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, do hereby recognize and express Cook County's sincere gratitude to Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago and its participating companies, as we work together to restore homes to a warm, safe, and dry condition; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that various departments, including but not limited to the Bureau of Economic Development, Bureau of Administration, and the Bureau of Asset Management continue to work annually with Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago to determine project scope for the Cook County sponsored projects and coordinate volunteers annually for National Rebuilding Day activities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Bureau of Economic Development, Bureau of Administration, and Bureau of Asset Management be recognized for their ongoing efforts in determining Cook County's annual project scope and determining repairs that will be conducted by Cook County employee volunteers for National Rebuilding Day activities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago in acknowledgment of its past accomplishments and to a successful upcoming year.

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**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**

#### **HONORING THE LIFE OF WILLIE "BILL" WILLIAMS JR.**

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

**WHEREAS**, Willie "Bill" Williams Jr. touched many lives and treated everyone he met as a friend and equal from the White House to the street corner; and

**WHEREAS**, as an entrepreneur, Willie founded the Morgan Park Shoe Repair and Shine Parlors (known today as K&J Shoe Repair & Shine Parlors) and the E&B Restaurant along with his business partners where they provided over thirty individuals part-time employment; and

**WHEREAS**, Willie is recognized nationally as a leader for furthering racial equality and opportunity in the convention and tourism industry; and

**WHEREAS**, Willie proudly held the title as the Senior African American in the U.S. in the convention bureau industry for his tremendous impact on the economic growth and development of Chicago's hospitality industry in the department of cultural diversity in the meeting industry; and

**WHEREAS**, Willie earned a Business Degree at Chicago State University, has received numerous accolades, and served on several boards for his many years of service in the fields of business, marketing, and hospitality; and

**WHEREAS**, Willie is a founding board member of the National Coalition of Black Meeting Planners as well as a founding board member of the Chicago Chapter of the Society of Government Meeting Professionals; and

**WHEREAS**, Willie served as a Marine and member of the Montford Point Marines Association; he is a life time member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, a member of the Quarter Century Club of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, a 33rd Degree Mason and a Shriner, a member of NAACP, and President of the Rat Pack Chicago, to name a few; and

**WHEREAS**, Willie has 37 years of exceptional service to Chicago as the Vice President, Diversity/Sales of Choose Chicago (formerly the Chicago Convention & Tourism Bureau), and forty years in the hospitality industry; and

**WHEREAS**, Willie believed in the the betterment of others and was a mentor to many people interested in the hospitality industry; and

**WHEREAS**, Willie is a husband of forty-seven years to Syleste, father, grandfather, and a lifelong member of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, will be truly missed by a host of other family, friends, and neighbors; 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, does hereby honor and celebrate the life of Willie "Bill" Williams Jr. and his many contributions bettering the lives of all residents in Cook County, Illinois; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to the family of Willie "Bill" Williams Jr.

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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 LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF HON. ALAN JOEL GREIMAN**

**WHEREAS**, Hon. Alan Joel Greiman, brilliant jurist, impactful legislator, lifelong Chicagoan, and bon vivant died peacefully at home at age 90; and

**WHEREAS**, Alan was the devoted only child of Maurice and Natalie Greiman and was raised in the South Shore Community of Chicago where he attended Chicago Public Schools; and

**WHEREAS**, Alan received his Bachelor's and Law Degree from the University of Illinois. He was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1955 and practiced law in Chicago and Skokie, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, after law school he moved his family to the Village of Skokie, where he became a community leader and in 1972 was elected to represent Skokie and surrounding communities in the Illinois General Assembly; and

**WHEREAS**, Alan devoted his career to equality and justice as an advocate, lawyer, legislator from 1972 to 1987, and ultimately Assistant Majority Leader in the Illinois House of Representatives. His time in the legislature was marked by his ability to get his progressive agenda enacted while building unusual coalitions. He was a strong advocate for women, sponsoring the Illinois Domestic Violence Act, and an ardent sponsor of the Equal Rights Amendment. He also sponsored legislation granting no-fault divorce, the right to public employee collective bargaining, prohibiting the sale of handguns, banning discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, protecting newsrooms from unreasonable searches, and the first in the nation bill to propose a ban on discrimination based on age. His wit, humor, and big heart made him friends and allies on both sides of the aisle, garnered him the respect of those fortunate enough to serve with him, and allowed him to accomplish great things for the people of Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, following his service in the legislature, Alan was appointed and elected as a Cook County Circuit Court Judge, 1987 - 1994 where he handled the complicated Law Division Motion Call and instituted procedures that expedited case resolutions; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1994 the Illinois Supreme Court appointed him to the Illinois Appellate Court for the First District where he would serve until 2008 and become the longest serving Chief Justice of the Illinois Appellate Court; and

**WHEREAS**, as Chief Justice he instituted a first in the nation mediation program and other innovations that resulted in speedier resolutions of cases; and

**WHEREAS**, Alan's positive spirit and zest for life were with him until the end. His love of chocolate, a good cigar, '40s music, cabaret, and political discourse were surpassed only by his deep love for his wife Julie Hamos, his six daughters and their spouses: Laurie Greiman and Peter Walton, Lori and Rich Coyle, Judy Greiman and David Knishkowy, Jodi and Michael Moran, Tami Friedman, Bunny and Stu Evans; his grandchildren: Jonathan and Pam Walton, Cara Walton and Lance Machado, Shira Knishkowy and Ben Gaffin, Maya Evans and Brian Strelko , Dan Knishkowy and Chrissy Ziegler, Madi and Adam Dooley, Carly Evans and Nate Knorek and the pride of his final years great grandchildren Rowan and Sylvie Walton.. Individually and collectively they filled him with joy, and he showered them with his love, wisdom, and humor; and

**WHEREAS**, Alan was the devoted to his first wife Carole (Lanoff) who preceded him in death at a very young age; and

**WHEREAS**, everyone who knew Alan knew him to be a big guy with an equally big passion for life, his family, the law, travel, his countless friends, and good food. He will be deeply missed.

**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 the Hon. Alan Joel Greiman 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 Hon. Alan Joel Greiman.

[22-2199](#)

**Sponsored by:** LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF RABBI DOUGLAS GOLDHAMER**

**WHEREAS**, Rabbi Goldhamer, founder of Bene Shalom Synagogue in Skokie, died of heart failure on February 3, 2022 at Evanston Hospital. He was 76; and

**WHEREAS**, Rabbi Goldhamer was born in Montreal, the son of Harry and Jean Goldhamer. His father, born in Germany, immigrated to Canada before World War II, as did his mother, who came from Russia. Rabbi Goldhamer got his bachelor's degree in political science from Montreal's Sir George Williams University and a doctorate in medieval philosophy from the University of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1945, when he was 30 days old, doctors used radiation to remove a birthmark from one of his hands. But they got distracted and left him exposed to the radiation for too long. The whole left side of his body was burned with radiation burns. It caused severe pain and required more than a dozen surgeries. In later years, as he reflected on that time he saw there was a reason for him to have all of those surgeries and all those radiation burns - the reason being for him to be sensitive to other people; and

**WHEREAS**, Rabbi Goldhamer founded Congregation Bene Shalom with the Hebrew Association for the Deaf in 1972. Though not deaf himself, he began visiting Chicago to serve deaf members of the Jewish community when he was a student at Cincinnati's Hebrew Union College. These students began teaching him sign language. For several years in the 1970s, he communicated the news in sign language on WMAQ-TV during the "Today" show; and

**WHEREAS**, Bene Shalom began with only 11 families and about \$125 in the bank. Rabbi Goldhamer wanted deaf members of the Jewish community to feel welcome and included. Today, it remains the only full-service synagogue serving the deaf Jewish community in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, during services, Rabbi Goldhamer would address his congregants in English, Hebrew and sign language. When the *shofar* was blown at Rosh Hashanah, deaf worshipers were made part of that experience, feeling the vibrations from the simultaneous striking of a kettle drum. Deaf people, he once said in a Chicago Sun-Times interview, "hear with their eyes and their hearts;" and

**WHEREAS**, among his many students at Congregation Bene Shalom was Oscar-winner Marlee Matlin, the Morton Grove native who won "Best Actress" in 1987 for the movie "Children of a Lesser God." He helped her study for and celebrate her *bat mitzvah*. In her 2003 autobiography "I'll Scream Later," Matlin wrote that she prepared with Rabbi Goldhamer "for two or three years . . . studying the Torah and working on my speech. I'll never forget learning about my religious history, but more than that, really connecting to my faith. Understanding that it was a very real part of who I am, beyond the Friday-night *Shabbat* dinners and Hanukkah candles and presents." On hearing that he died, Matlin said: "Rabbi Goldhamer helped me realize a full and inclusive experience when it came to my Jewish heritage. His temple was fully integrated, deaf and hearing alike, and it was because of him that I was able to become a *bat mitzvah*. His passing is a huge loss, but his legacy lives on in every one of us who was able to be in his presence;" and

**WHEREAS**, in furtherance of his mission, Rabbi Goldhamer established the Hebrew Seminary thirty years ago at the same location to educate rabbis for the deaf and hearing communities. The seminary has prepared rabbis from all traditions, Reform to Orthodox and in between. Among Rabbi Goldhaber's core values was inclusion and pluralism; and

**WHEREAS**, Rabbi Goldhamer met Peggy Bagley, his wife of 41 years, in 1980 as they walked their dogs at Barry Avenue and Halsted Street. Over the years, they adopted many dogs from the Orphans of the Storm animal shelter; and

**WHEREAS**, Rabbi Goldhamer taught classes at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. He enjoyed

painting, and his works were exhibited at galleries. He looked forward to breakfasts at Annie's Pancake House in Skokie. He liked the music of Sam Cooke and fellow Montrealer Leonard Cohen; and

**WHEREAS**, with his wife, Rabbi Goldhamer wrote the book "Healing with God's Love: Kabbalah's Hidden Secrets." He also co-wrote "This is for Everyone: Universal Principles of Healing Prayer and the Jewish Mystics"; and

**WHEREAS**, Rabbi Douglas Goldhamer was buried with the little things he used to give away to help others. At his funeral, he was dressed in his customary tweed suit and saddle shoes. His wife Peggy Bagley tucked \$5 in his pocket because he used to pull over his car to give money to people who were down on their luck. There also were some coins that he liked giving to kids when they beat him at air hockey. Finally, there was "some cat food and some Milk-Bones," his wife said, "in case he meets some furry friends along the way;" and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to his wife, Rabbi Goldhamer is survived by his brother Dr. Paul Goldhamer. Asked at one point what his philosophy was, he said it came down to just three things: "Be kind. Be kind. Be kind."

**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 Rabbi Douglas Goldhamer, 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 Rabbi Douglas Goldhamer and to Congregation Bene Shalom.

[22-2200](#)

**Sponsored by:** LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF HENRY REVIS, SR.**

**WHEREAS, Henry Revis, Sr.** was born on February 11, 1935, in Asheville, North Carolina to the late John Edmond Revis and Catherine Revis. He was the fifth of five children; and

**WHEREAS**, Henry moved with his family to Evanston, Illinois. At an early age, he joined and was baptized at Ebenezer A.M.E. Church in Evanston, IL. He continued his spiritual up bringing by joining Fisher Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church in 1960. He served as a member of the Church Trustee Board; and

**WHEREAS**, Henry graduated from Evanston Township High School in 1954. Following graduation, he enlisted in the United States Army. He was stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina from 1954-1957. In



1955, while stationed at Fort Bragg, he met and married Gracie Lee Revis, the love of his life for 47 years. Shortly after his discharge, he moved back to Evanston with his wife and three children, Myrel, Barbara and Henry, Jr.; and

**WHEREAS**, Henry worked at the Evanston Post Office for over 30 years, retiring in 1991. After retirement, he continued to serve the community by working as a School Crossing Guard for the city of Evanston; and

**WHEREAS**, Henry was a loving and caring husband and father. He loved sports, bowling, traveling and was very active in his community. Henry coached Little League, and was a founding member of the Minus-five Club, that hosted many community events; and

**WHEREAS**, Henry joined the American Legion Post 42 in Evanston. He held many positions, including Past Commander of the American Legion District Department of Illinois and Past Commander of the Evanston American Legion Post 42; and

**WHEREAS**, Henry was preceded in death by his wife, Gracie Lee Revis; his father, John E. Revis; mother, Catherine Revis; siblings, Elizabeth, Cornelia, Lillian, and John Jr., and stepbrother John Thompson; and

**WHEREAS**, Henry leaves to cherish his memory, three children: Myrel, Barbara (Terrance) Wright, and Henry, Jr; three grandchildren: Michelle, Brittney and Shayna; one great-grandson: Aiden; a host of nieces and nephews, three sisters-in-law: Marie McMillan, Georgia (Larkin) King, and Sandra McMillan; and a host of relatives and friends including, his devoted friends Hurvie (Pat) Fox, Wayne Davis, and special friend Susan Aron.

**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 Henry Revis, Sr., 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 Henry Revis, Sr.

[22-2242](#)

**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 JANUARY 1, 2022 AND MARCH 1, 2022, RAISING THE TOTAL TO 1,307, 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 March 1, 2022, COVID-19 had killed more than 5.96 million worldwide, 951,000 in the United States, 36,953 in Illinois and 14,624 in Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, between January 1, 2022 and March 1, 2022 one hundred and fifty-eight residents who lived in the 13th District of Cook County died from COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, as of March 1, 2022 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**, prior to 1/1/22, 1149 people had died from COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called the below one hundred and fifty-eight 13th District residents from our midst:

**Chicago (49th and 50th Wards) 60645, 60626, 60659, 60660**

MERYL G. WISE, CLARENCE MARTIN, PATRICK HALL, ALMAZ E. YOUNAN, KOHARIK DAWOOD, SEMYON SPEKTOR, SERGEY MUCHNIK, PATRICIA BOMKAMP, PATRICK FERNANDES, PO KAM KWAN, HECTOR PACHECO HERNANDEZ, DIKRANOUHI ARTINIAN, MOHAMMED ASADUDDIN, MARCO NEVAREZ, JAMES VICK, CARLIN STADEKER, ANDREW COUGHLIN, DAVID ALEXANDER, CIPRIANO ANTUNEZ, DELILAH SMITH, PAUL DIECKMAN, ZINOVY POLISHCHUK, EARNESTINE HOSKINS, WILLIAM HARRIS, FRANK LEE, RICHARD G. ARISPE, CARLOS ROMERO, DORIAN FLEMISTER, EDWARD FICKERS, PATRICIA A. MOOK, JOAQUIN OSORIO BORJAS, MOHAMMED AL-BADRI, DORIS ANTHONY, ERBOL OROZBEK UULU, LARRY CARUSI, KHARIBE AZO, HOWARD A. NIEMUTH, and JALAL BUNNI

**Evanston**

GERALD STRAUCH, GEORGIA K. MARTIN, LEONARD KAEHLER, ANA RICHARDS, DAN CRONE, ELEUTERIO BARRERA TAPIA, JACKIE ZICKAFOOSE, JAMES GENDEN, WILLIAM HOLWAY, JESSE CAMPOS, JOHN F. CULLEN, WILLIAM H. DABNEY, TARIKU WOLDEMEDHEN, JOSE LEON, ANA RICHARDS, and QI LI

**Glenview**

MARY BYERS, LYNN KENYON, THOMAS PONTARELLI, STANISLAW SOSIN, MADONNA

THOELECKE, DENNIS J. GLYNN, PAUL LUNA, SUSAN BLANKENHEIM, PETER OFENGEYM, KRZYSZTOF SIWEK, RAYMOND CENTANNI, PAUL G. MUELLER, MARTIN B. MCCARTHY, OWEN WAGENER, LEONARD GOLDEN, AMBROSIO MELCHOR, TERRY M. POLAND, AUSTIN VANDENHEUVEL, SRIPORN GEWOLB, DAVID JOSEFFER, ZUBEDA PATEL, ANTHONY V. DILEGGE, SR., PATRICIA BEEFTINK, and JOHN BLANCHARD JR.

**Lincolnwood**

BHUPAT DAMANI, SHAKRRA BEGUM, SUSIE KIMURA, RAYMOND OLLECH, ALFRED SIMPSON, MARIA VILLASIN, DEBBIE E. BELL, JOHN HERRICK, HOWARD B. SALZMAN, and HANNI GHAZI

**Morton Grove**

EMMA BARBER, DAULAT JIWANI, SHAFI M. AHMED, LIUN MALKON, ROBERT SMOLINSKI, MARIE GAUER, RICHARD BRAVIERI, NIKOLAS SPANOS, MICHEAL COOK, MICHAEL ROSS and THOMAS R. BORO

**Niles**

MARY KIM, CONSTANCE PARASKEVOPOULOS, ANGELITO ALANGUILAN, KISHOR K. DAVE, JIMMIE LARA SALAZAR, GARY K. WARNER, STEPHANIA JARCZYK, JANINA KARBARZ, MARTHA BYERLY, THOMAS GNUTEK, ANGELA E. ZAMBUTO, DEAN KENNEDY, ANNA OLSZEWSKA, DANIEL RZANY, EDGAR PATRYN, NO KANG, YOKOV SHMUKLER, WILSON JACOB, ALOJZA SZPONDER, GERMAN V. RUBIO LUZURIAGA, ISIDOR RATNER, ELIZABETH A. MOSER, and KAROLINA DYBOWICZ

**Skokie**

VLADIMIR ZAGOROZNIY, KATHERINE A. STAILEY, INESSE ALEXANDROV, MELVIN OSTER, ANTOUN WARDA, SOKHAN SIN, BARBARA KOZIOL, ELMIRA DZHANGIRBEKOVA, JALILEH FAKHOURI, STEVE WOO, ERNEST DUERIG, YOLANDA ROMERO, ISTVAN GAL, DORETHA WALLACE, BONNIE VALLEJO, QUEENESTA HARRIS, HILDEGARD WEGNER, ABDULAHAD K. MANSOUR, NENOS IBRAHIM, AVGAIL ILYAGUYEVA, LIDIYA BESPROZVANNYY, DELEANA JOHNSON, JOSEPH REGNIER, VALENTINA BORISOVA, ZOFIA JONSKA, STAMATIS KARASTAMATIS, BRONISLAVA SUKHOVITSKAYA, VICKY NANO DALOPE, ISAAK IANGARBER, ANATOLIY KANEVSKIY, MAXSONN SMITH, and ROBERT T. GRENDA

**Wilmette**

JAMES JOHNSTON, MARIA KUTMAN, and DIANE BERGQUIST

**Winnetka**

FREDERICK JOHN RAFANELLO

**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 JANUARY 1, 2022**

and **MARCH 1, 2022** and herewith expresses its sincere condolences to their friends, families and communities.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body.

[22-2321](#)

**Sponsored by:** BILL LOWRY, Cook County Board of Commissioners

## **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

### **Honoring Josephine Wade: A Chicago Icon**

**WHEREAS**, Josephine Wade was born in Forrest City, Arkansas to a family experiencing poverty, but were rich in spirit and initiative. Josephine and her family moved to Phoenix, Arizona where she graduated from high school. After high school, Josephine attended and graduated from Arizona State University where she became a wife and mother; and

**WHEREAS**, Josephine Wade entered the business world at the age of 21, and moved her young family to Chicago. She quickly became known for her hard work and prowess in cooking, meal preparation, and party planning. After owning and operating several restaurants and food establishments, she invested her time and energy into bringing the downtown dining experience to the south side of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1986, Josephine Wade founded and opened the Captain Hard Times restaurant in the Chatham neighborhood on Chicago's South Side. Josephine Wade would later rename the restaurant to Josephine's Southern Cooking. Josephine's Southern Cooking continues to feed the community to this day; and

**WHEREAS**, Josephine Wade took the media by storm in 2005, with Josephine's Cooking, a 30-minute show where she shared culinary secrets and recipes with Chicago celebrities, politicians, ministers, media personalities, sports figures, and business leaders. The show achieved great success reaching over 250,000 households weekly and received a Chicago Emmy Award nomination; and

**WHEREAS**, Josephine Wade also works closely with troubled youth, encouraging them to leave behind their troubled lives, believe in themselves, and reach for a brighter future. Josephine founded We Women Empowered, an organization dedicated to mentoring children in foster care, children considered too old for adoption, and children leaving the system with no family support; and

**WHEREAS**, Josephine Wade also serves with the following organizations: Rainbow Push Coalition, the National Council of Negro Women, the NAACP, Clergy United, Women Empowered, Chicago Urban League and the City of Chicago with the current mayor. In 2008, Josephine received the Distinguished Medal of Honor for Outstanding Service in the Community given by President George W. Bush, the 43rd President of the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, in January 2022, Josephine Wade received another honor, in a long list of honors, when the “Savor Our World” cookbook featured two of Josephine Wade’s recipes. The “Savor Our World” cookbook features recipes from chefs around the world. Savor, the company handling food operations at McCormick Place, will use this cookbook in its food preparation. Savor’s Vice President of Culinary, Doug Bradley stated Savor looked for the, “best chefs, the ones that are really doing great food in their areas,” when compiling the recipes for the book. Josephine Wade is one of those, “best chefs”; and

**WHEREAS**, Josephine Wade is known nationally for her dedication to the community-at-large. Josephine Wade demonstrates her loyalty to public service and her unending dedication to humanity daily in her relationships with community/civic organizations, elected officials, the church, and the business community. For all the reasons stated above, we honor Josephine Wade.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, BILL LOWRY, COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONER of the 3rd DISTRICT**, do hereby stand, and salute the life changing work of Josephine Wade; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, a suitable copy of this Resolution will be presented to Josephine Wade and her family; and

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

[22-2371](#)

**Sponsored by:** KEVIN B. MORRISON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **A RESOLUTION HONORING ENCLAVE’S 5th ANNIVERSARY**

**WHEREAS**, Enclave Learning & Earning Center (Enclave O’Hare) is a not-for-profit socioeconomic development and education initiative; and

**WHEREAS**, Enclave O’Hare focuses rapt attention and other energy on highly personal ways to support entrepreneurial individuals and their influencers, more so than on supporting the financial growth of their ventures; and

**WHEREAS**, a philosophy that Enclave prioritizes is people first, ventures second, and profits third; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2022, Enclave is celebrating its 5th year anniversary of helping entrepreneurs; and

**WHEREAS**, Enclave is led by the inimitable, John Dallas, who brings a lifetime of successful experience as a businessman and entrepreneur; and

**WHEREAS**, Enclave remains a priceless resource in our community in helping to drive more business innovation; and

**WHEREAS**, supporting small businesses and entrepreneurs is a vital component in continuing to provide opportunities to our community members; and

**WHEREAS**, the 15th District and the entire Cook County Board of Commissioners celebrate this momentous anniversary alongside the entire Enclave community; and

**WHEREAS**, Enclave represents the best of partnership and innovation in Cook County; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Board of the Cook County Commissioner would like to recognize both John Dallas for his exemplary work and Enclave, for 5 years of creating a space for entrepreneurs to thrive; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that suitable copies of this resolution are presented to John Dallas and Enclave.

[22-2372](#)

**Sponsored by:** KEVIN B. MORRISON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**THE HONORABLE SUSANNE GROEBNER, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Susanne Groebner was a cherished wife, mother, sister, daughter, colleague, and friend; and

**WHEREAS**, Susanne was the beloved wife to Bob Groebner; and

**WHEREAS**, Susanne's proudest title was that of Mom to Isabella, Bobby, and Abigail; and

**WHEREAS**, Susanne was a loved daughter of Mary Ann and the late John Barloga and sister and sister-in-law to John and Janeen Barloga and Christine and Braidy Miller; and

**WHEREAS**, Susanne was the proud aunt to many nieces and nephews; and

**WHEREAS**, Susanne was born Sept. 3, 1975, in Clio, Michigan, a small town north of Flint. At Clio Area High School, she played French horn in the marching band and also played piano; and

**WHEREAS**, she graduated from Central Michigan University and DePaul University's College of Law, then was hired by the Cook County state's attorney's office, where she met her future husband; and

**WHEREAS**, colleagues of Susanne described her as a dedicated public servant that was fair and worked hard in the pursuit of justice and who was well liked in and out of the courtroom; and

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Susanne Groebner was elected judge in 2020 continuing her public service; and

**WHEREAS**, Susanne was so beloved among family and friends that her legacy should be memorialized and remembered; 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 and many friends of Susanne Groebner and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners sends their sincerest thanks to Judge Groebner and her family for her dedication to the people of Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and suitable copies be tendered to the family of The Honorable Judge Susanne Groebner that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

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**A RESOLUTION HONORING VILLAGE OF HOFFMAN ESTATES TRUSTEE KAREN MILLS' 30 YEARS OF SERVICE**

**WHEREAS**, Village of Hoffman Estates Trustee Karen Mills has served on the Village Board for 30 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Trustee Mills was first elected to the Village of Hoffman Estates Board of Trustees in 1992; and

**WHEREAS**, Trustee Mills has worked as a licensed community property manager; and

**WHEREAS**, Trustee Mills has served on many committees in her Trustee capacity and other leadership positions including Deputy Mayor from 2001-2007; and

**WHEREAS**, Trustee Mills leadership extended beyond the village as a Trustee of the Northwest Mosquito Abatement District, member of the Hoffman Estates Chamber of Commerce, former chair of the Hoffman Estates Plan Commissioner, member of St. Hubert's Church, and many other civic leadership positions; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County and the Cook County Board of Commissioners have had the honor of working with Trustee Mills and the Village of Hoffman Estates and she has proved to be a wonderful partner; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor Village of Hoffman Estates Trustee Karen Mills for her commitment to public service; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that suitable copies of this resolution are presented to Trustee Mills.