



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

**Consent Agenda**

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

**Second Set**

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**Sponsored by:** JOHN P. DALEY, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS and LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**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.

[22-2386](#)

**Presented by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF TOM BALANOFF**

**WHEREAS, Tom Balanoff** is the president of Service Employees International Union Illinois Council and the Vice President of its international Executive Board, as well as the President of SEIU Local 1, a union close to about 2 million diverse members; and

**WHEREAS,** Tom comes from a family of labor union officials, including his father James Balanoff who served as President of the largest steelworkers local 1010 based in East Chicago; and

**WHEREAS,** Tom graduated from the University of Illinois with a master's degree in Labor, where he observed and witnessed the rejection of the labor movement as he took part in student actions. Tom saw the world with the mind of an activist due to his family roots in the labor and civil rights movements; and

**WHEREAS,** Tom moved to Chicago in 1993 to become the Local 73 Trustee. In 1994 he was elected president, and one year later he joined the SEIU International Executive Board and became Vice President; and

**WHEREAS,** As President Tom's leadership and vision has afforded SEIU Local 1 to improve the lives of more than 10,000 working people throughout the Midwest. One of his greatest accomplishments was winning a contract where janitors were allowed to work full-time hours with a higher wage of \$20 a day. He has also seen SEIU grow into the largest security union worldwide; and

**WHEREAS,** Tom's dedication to improve our country for all working people, led to his support of a young activist named Barack Obama to win the Illinois State Senate seat and U.S. Senate, something that unions stayed away from. SEIU was one of a few unions to back a political candidate and witness a victory; and

**WHEREAS,** Tom's 25 years of experience has helped to double the growth of membership to more than 90,000 plus members spanning across Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan; and

**WHEREAS,** Tom will officially retire as President of SEIU Local 1 on March 3, he will no doubt still remain instrumental in raising the awareness of higher wages for working families; 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 and recognize Tom Balanoff on his retirement and for his many years of service to SEIU Local 1; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to Tom Balanoff, as a means of communicating our appreciation.

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**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), LARRY SUFFREDIN, BRIDGET GAINER, DENNIS DEER, KEVIN B. MORRISON, DONNA MILLER, BILL LOWRY, SCOTT R. BRITTON, ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET DEGREN, BRANDON JOHNSON, FRANK J. AGUILAR, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI and DEBORAH SIMS, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH AND THE 25th ANNIVERSARY OF THE PEGGY MONTES UNSUNG HEROINE AWARDS]**

**WHEREAS**, March is celebrated and honored as nationally as Women’s History Month, and

**WHEREAS**, Women’s History Month first came to be as a national celebration in 1987, although the first celebrations, beginning in 1981 lasted only a week; and

**WHEREAS**, Thanks to petitions from the National Women’s History Project, which led to the President of the United States in 1987 proclaiming March of every year, Women’s History Month to honor the achievements of women; and

**WHEREAS**, in celebration of Women’s History Month, Cook County annually recognizes the recipients of the Peggy A. Montes Unsung Heroine Awards; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Commission on Women’s Issues this year celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Peggy A. Montes Unsung Heroine Awards during which a diverse group of women were recognized for their vital contributions to their communities, families and for their professional endeavors; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2022 Unsung Heroines of Cook County are Crystal E. Gardner, District 1; Asiaha Butler, District 2; Annette Nance- Holt, District 3; Belle K. McClandon, District 4; Virgil “Vir” Jackson, District 5; Lamekia Davis, District 6; María Esparza, District 7; Rosario Villalobos, District 8; Arielle Strauss, District 9; Eva Panczyk, District 10; Kathleen Cavallone Turney, District 11; Willie Shaw, District 13; Michelle Valiukenas, District 14; Dominice LaPorte, District 15; Jamie Kucera, District 16; Donna Adam District 17; and Carlisa N. Thomas Gates, At Large

**WHEREAS**, each of these Unsung Heroines, have made meaningful contributions to the growth and strength of Cook County in countless recognized and unrecognized ways; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to salute these diverse and extraordinary women, in their diverse and extraordinary endeavors; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President of the Cook County Board and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners in recognition of Women’s History Month, take this opportunity on behalf of the people of Cook County to bestow upon these women, the 2022 Cook County Commission on Women’s Issues “Peggy A. Montes Unsung Heroine Award;” and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and Board Commissioners hereby express official personal gratitude and deep appreciation to each of these extraordinary women for their outstanding public service and dedication; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners proudly honor the achievements of this year’s Unsung Heroine Honorees and celebrate March as Women’s History Month.

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE WORK AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF SUPERINTENDENT ERIC WITHERSPOON**

**WHEREAS**, Eric Witherspoon, superintendent of Evanston Township High School District 202 since July 2006, will retire at the end of the 2021-22 school year; and

**WHEREAS**, a lifelong educator, Witherspoon has served as a school superintendent for more than 30 years. He began his career as a high school English teacher and was previously a director of a high school gifted education program, assistant principal, acting principal, and assistant superintendent. Prior to coming to Evanston, he was a school superintendent in Iowa and Indiana. He was named Iowa Superintendent of the Year in 2001-02. During his tenure at ETHS, Witherspoon received several contract extensions from the Board of Education; and

**WHEREAS**, equity and anti-racism were the hallmarks and foundation of his superintendency. Witherspoon led the de-tracking and restructuring of the freshman experience and the acclaimed earned honors model that increased rigor and expectations for all ETHS students. Academic performance increased and enrollment in Advanced Placement courses grew, particularly among students of color. Over the years, the earned honors model, which benefits all students, has been expanded to most courses throughout the school; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of his push for equity in education, Witherspoon worked alongside ETHS staff and board members to develop and implement the district's equity initiatives. Professional development and training for staff were developed through an equity lens to facilitate conversations about race and identity while re-examining policies, procedures, and practices; and

**WHEREAS**, ETHS saw an increase in academic achievement and graduation rates under Witherspoon's leadership. During his tenure, ACT results at ETHS reached the highest in the history of ETHS for nine consecutive years. With a focus on career and college readiness, opportunities for students have expanded to prepare them for life after high school. ETHS also invested in alternative school and therapeutic day school programs to increase student success in supportive settings while reducing obstacles to progress; and

**WHEREAS**, ETHS has been consistently recognized by *U.S. News and World Reports* and *The Washington Post* as ranking in the top 2-3% of all ranked high schools in the nation. The College Board also named ETHS one of the eight Inspiration Schools in America; and

**WHEREAS**, implementation of strategies led by Witherspoon will help to ensure that ETHS District 202 continues to demonstrate growth in key areas: curricula and academic supports, programs and services that include social/emotional supports, partnerships and collaborations with Northwestern University and Evanston Cradle to Career, and the Joint Achievement Report with the elementary Evanston/Skokie School District 65; and

**WHEREAS**, Witherspoon led the district through a global pandemic. Focusing on the health and safety of the ETHS community in a rapidly changing environment, he remained vigilant to offer high quality remote instruction during one of the most challenging times in the district's history. Overseeing new and innovative ways to educate students, Witherspoon helped ensure that the stakeholders were informed as the district prioritized the safe reopening of the school; and

**WHEREAS**, ETHS reached significant milestones under his careful guidance and decision-making, providing consistent fiscal strength and responsibility during challenging economic times in Illinois. The district achieved a balanced budget every year during his tenure, annually winning the top national budget and accounting awards and receiving the coveted AAA bond rating; and

**WHEREAS**, striking the balance between preserving the historic architecture of ETHS and creating a 21st-Century learning environment, Witherspoon ensured that facility upgrades and long-term strategic initiatives would benefit students for decades to come. By careful fiscal planning and partnering with the efforts of the ETHS Foundation and Alumni Association, he focused on students having access to unprecedented resources and facility upgrades. These include a Geometry in Construction site, science research center, literacy lab, science labs, planetarium, wellness center, athletics and physical education spaces, Central Library, entrepreneurship center, the Hub student success center, labs for auto technology, advanced manufacturing, and engineering, and auditorium upgrades, along with increased energy efficiency, and other improvements. Developments in technology and communications (Google for

Education Reference District, 1:1 Digital Initiative, mobile app, branding and signage, and school website) have also made ETHS a model school district; and

**WHEREAS**, Witherspoon is widely known for being student-centered. A highly visible leader at ETHS, Witherspoon regularly connected with students, including at the start and end of the school day. Most days, he spoke with students in cafeterias and attended school events. With a steadfast focus on serving the needs of all students, Witherspoon also worked with community leaders and local organizations to increase community involvement and mobilize efforts that amplify student voice; and

**WHEREAS**, Witherspoon began his daily announcements with “It’s a great day to be a Wildkit!” This was more than just a saying for him as he embraced whole heartedly the special meaning of being part of the ETHS community; and

**WHEREAS**, Pat Savage-Williams, president of the ETHS District 202 Board observed “ETHS and the Evanston community have been so fortunate to have Dr. Witherspoon as our superintendent for the past 16 years. His leadership, his compassion, and his positive impact on ETHS have set the tone for this amazing school district. It has been an honor for the Board of Education to work alongside Dr. Witherspoon. He is incredibly dedicated to our students, staff, and community.”

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County, honors the work and contributions of Superintendent Eric Witherspoon, 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 Superintendent Eric Witherspoon and to Evanston Township High School community.

[22-2486](#)

**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 WORK OF COOK COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE ABISHI C. (A.C.) CUNNINGHAM, JR.**

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Abishi C. (A.C.) Cunningham, Jr. was born in West Virginia. His father, Abishi C. Cunningham, Sr. was the first African-American student to attend and graduate from the University of Iowa Law School. Judge Cunningham was raised in West Virginia along with his sister, Marjorie Laws, who is also a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County. After graduating from Fisk

University with a Bachelor of Science in 1969 and from Northwestern University School of Law with a Juris Doctorate in 1972, Judge Cunningham became a member of the Illinois Bar; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Cunningham first worked as legal advisor to the Illinois State Superintendent of Public Instruction. One year later, he joined the Cook County State's Attorney's office as a felony trial assistant. Judge Cunningham subsequently served as Chief of the Vertical Prosecutions Unit; and

**WHEREAS**, after leaving the State's Attorney's office in 1976, Judge Cunningham joined the Criminal Defense Consortium of Cook County as a Supervisor of that organization's Lawndale office. Judge Cunningham subsequently rejoined the Office of the Cook County State's Attorney, where he supervised 40 Assistant States Attorneys responsible for prosecuting all criminal misdemeanor and quasi-criminal cases in the City of Chicago, as well as advising the office on legislative issues; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Cunningham joined the Cook County Circuit Court bench in 1986. He served as a judge until 2009. During his time on the bench, he presided over thousands of bench trials, hundreds of jury trials, and was appointed by the Chief Judge to mentor newly appointed and elected judges. His last judicial assignment was in the Law Division, where he presided over an array of civil matters; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 1, 2009, after being appointed by then County Board President, Todd Stroger, Judge Cunningham was sworn into the office of Public Defender of Cook County by his sister and Presiding Judge of the Sixth Municipal District, Hon. Marjorie Laws. During his six-year term as Public Defender, Judge Cunningham diligently carried out his mission to uphold the Constitutions of the United States of America and the State of Illinois; and protect the rights, liberties, and dignities of every person his office was appointed to represent; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Cunningham is certified in Comprehensive Mediation in the State of Illinois. He has been an adjunct professor in the Political Science Department at the University of Illinois at Chicago, and was also an adjunct professor at the DePaul University School of Law and the John Marshall School of Law. His professional affiliations included membership in the American Bar Association, the National Bar Association, the Cook County Bar Association, the National Lawyers Guild, the Chicago Bar Association, the Illinois Public Defender Association, and the National Legal Aid and Defender Association.

**WHEREAS**, Judge Cunningham is survived by his daughter Theodora Cunningham. He has served the residents of Cook County in literally every aspect of the court justice system. He was universally respected and will be missed by his colleagues and friends alike.

**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 Honorable Abishi C. Cunningham, Jr., 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 daughter of the Honorable Abishi C. Cunningham, Jr.



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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE LIFE OF YVONNE CISCO, EDUCATOR, COMMUNITY LEADER, AND FOUR TIME CANCER SURVIVOR**

**WHEREAS,** Yvonne Cisco was born on February 25, 1947, in Louisville, Kentucky to the union of Catherine Cash and George Hipps; and

**WHEREAS,** Yvonne graduated from Hyde Park High School, earned her Associate Degree from Woodrow Wilson (Kennedy-King) College; her Bachelor of Science in Teacher Education from Illinois State University in 1972; and

**WHEREAS,** Yvonne spent the next 12 years teaching in the cities of Los Angeles and Chicago; and

**WHEREAS,** After years of teaching, Yvonne decided focused her educational career on social work, health advocacy and later earned her Master of Science in Human Services Administration from Spertus University and a Doctorate of Christian Education in Administration from Pepperdine University ; and

**WHEREAS,** Yvonne was a longtime resident of Cook County, residing in Oak Park, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS,** Yvonne's creativity in educational institutions yielded bicultural instructional programs for day care centers, child development departments, elementary schools and human services organizations.

**WHEREAS,** In 1992, she received Mid-West Regional Winner of the Outstanding Child Welfare Worker Award, in 2014 she was listed a in 2000 Notable American Women, and in 2017 she was given the Humanitarian Award ceremony by the We Dream in Color Foundation, Inc.

**WHEREAS,** When Yvonne was diagnosed with breast cancer at the age of 35, she decided to dedicate her life to making a difference in every way she could; and

**WHEREAS,** Yvonne was longtime volunteer and advocate of the American Cancer Society and the Founder and President of Cisco and Cisco Productions, a nonprofit organization created to advocate for health education and awareness focused specifically on cancer care; and

**WHEREAS,** Yvonne was a four-time stage 4 cancer survivor over the last 30 years of her life. She consistently collaborated with hospitals throughout Cook County, including her own community of Oak Park, spearheading efforts to care for patients undergoing treatment and providing education and outreach opportunities for families; and

**WHEREAS**, There are not enough souls like Yvonne that are driven to make a difference through education and dedication to community; and

**WHEREAS**, Yvonne passed away peacefully on October 5, 2021 after a long bout with cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, Yvonne is survived by husband Taylor A. Cisco, Jr, son Taylor A. Cisco III, daughter Catherine J. Cisco, daughter-in-law Kara Tiggs, and her two grandchildren August and Avery; and

**WHEREAS**, Yvonne knew she was making a difference because when she attended every cancer walk, there were more and more individuals were showing up for the cause; 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 Yvonne Cisco and honor the life and memory of this outstanding Cook County resident.

[22-2446](#)

**Sponsored by:** JOHN P. DALEY, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGREN, 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**

**JOSEPHINE BASKIN MINOW, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Josephine Baskin Minow from our midst, and

**WHEREAS**, Josephine Baskin Minow was the loving and adored wife of Newton N. Minow, and

**WHEREAS**, Josephine Baskin Minow was the loving mother of Nell, Martha, and Mary, and

**WHEREAS**, Josephine Baskin Minow was the beloved grandmother of Ben and Rachel Apatoff and Mira Singer, and

**WHEREAS**, Josephine Baskin Minow served on some of the city's most significant civic organizations including the Chicago History Museum, Ravinia, and Know Your Chicago, and

**WHEREAS**, Josephine Baskin Minow was a member of the Juvenile Protective Association, founding member of the Northwestern University Women's Board, member of the Women's Boards of the University of Chicago and Field Museum, governing member of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, member of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield Illinois, and served as

both director and executive committee member of the Chicago Council on Global Affairs.

**WHEREAS**, all who knew her will attest that Josephine Baskin Minow 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 Josephine Baskin Minow, 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 Josephine Baskin Minow that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

[22-2480](#)

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**CONGRATULATING PAULA MORALES ON THE OCCASION OF HER 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners are proud to congratulate Paula Morales, an esteemed Cook County 7th District resident, on the occasion of the celebration of her 100th birthday on March 2, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, Paula Morales was born in Rio Verde, San Luis Potosí, México on March 2, 1922; and

**WHEREAS**, Paula Morales comes from a very close knit and loving family having 2 sisters and 3 brothers; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1955, Paula Morales and her family migrated to the U.S. and settled into “*La Dieciocho*” (the Pilsen neighborhood) where she has lived for 67 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Paula Morales married the late Camerino Jesús Izaguirre and is the proud and loving mother to 7 children- 2 daughters and 5 sons; and

**WHEREAS**, Paula Morales has over 100 grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS**, Paula Morales is passionate about making her family, friends, and neighbors happy by cooking for them. She is especially known for her delicious tamales around Christmas time; and

**WHEREAS**, at her 100 years, Paula Morales has some impressive pastimes. To this day, you can find her playing the mandolin and offering her family a concert in her living room; and

**WHEREAS**, Paula Morales's passion for music is unmatched. Not only does she play an instrument, but she can sing along to any *mariachi* band at any party; and

**WHEREAS**, Paula Morales still continues to have great health despite her contracting the Covid-19 virus last year. She is often heard responding, "*No me duele ni una uña.*" (I have no pain, not even in a fingernail) when asked how she is feeling; and

**WHEREAS**, Paula Morales has demonstrated so much compassion, devotion, and strength. She is a highly esteemed member of the Pilsen community, and we thank her for 100 years of love to the world.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners joins with her family and friends in extending our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to Paula Morales on her 100th birthday; that we commend her on achieving a long and fulfilling life and enriching the lives of everyone she has come into contact with her; and we wish her continued happiness and good health in the future.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the text of this resolution be spread across the journal of proceedings of this honorable body and that a suitable copy hereof be presented to Paula Morales and her family as a token of our true admiration for her.

[22-2487](#)

**Sponsored by:** DENNIS DEER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING VETRESS M. BOYCE FOR TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN COOK COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, Vetress M. Boyce raised in the North Lawndale community and is a graduate from John Marshall High School; and

**WHEREAS**, she was employed for 25 years in corporate America, starting as the Secretary and working her way up to become President of Operations; and

**WHEREAS**, Vetress M. Boyce is currently the President, CEO of Boyce Enterprise, a WBE/MBE Certified Medical Supply and PPE business. In addition, she also runs a successful operated Beauty Supply store located on the West Side of Chicago in the North Lawndale Community; and

**WHEREAS**, Boyce Enterprise supplies products to local businesses, residents, and various government entities throughout Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, Vetress M. Boyce has provided consultant services to various local minority businesses where she assisted in the growth of sales and contracts. She has also collaborated with Women organizations to assist them in acquiring their 501Cs', Articles of Incorporations, Grants, and TAX ID numbers; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2022, Vetress M. Boyce was selected as the Vice President of the Conrad Worrill National Community Reparations Commission and the City of Chicago Reparations Commission and;

**WHEREAS**, from 1999-2002 she was one of the first American African female developers in the historic Bronzeville community; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County government hereby congratulates Vetress Boyce by transforming lives through professional and community engagement.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that, I Cook County Commissioner Dennis Deer 2nd District, along with President Toni Preckwinkle, the Cook County Board of Commissioners and on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County takes great pleasure in honoring and celebrating Vetress M. Boyce for transforming lives through professional and community engagement throughout Cook County.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution is shared upon the official proceedings of this honorable body and that an official copy of the same is tendered to Vetress M. Boyce in honor of this auspicious occasion

[22-2488](#)

**Sponsored by:** DENNIS DEER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING FELICIA SLANTON-YOUNG FOR TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN COOK COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, Felicia Slaton-Young is the founder and owner of Belle Lucre, LLC, a financial advisory firm based in Chicago, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business and a MBA degree from Webster University; and

**WHEREAS**, she has more than 25 years of experience in the financial services industry and more than 15 years as a financial advisor; and

**WHEREAS**, Felicia Slaton-Young is a founding member and Executive Director of the Greater Englewood Chamber of Commerce and Greater Englewood Chamber Foundation, two organizations with

a mission to transform Greater Englewood into a popular commercial and retail destination by advising, developing, and showcasing its established businesses and acting as a comprehensive economic development partner; and

**WHEREAS**, Felicia is currently a board member of St. Bernard Hospital and Health Care Centers' mission calls us to care for the sick and promote the health of the residents in the community while witnessing the Christian values of respect, dignity, caring and compassion for all persons; and

**WHEREAS**, Felicia believes building and developing strong relationships have allowed her to grow and sustain her business and build lasting relationships between businesses and community; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County Government hereby congratulates Felicia Slanton-Young for transforming lives in Englewood through community engagement.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that, I Cook County Commissioner Dennis Deer 2nd District, along with President Toni Preckwinkle, the Cook County Board of Commissioners and on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County takes great pleasure in honoring and celebrating Felicia Slanton-Young for transforming lives through community engagement in the Englewood Community.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution is shared upon the official proceedings of this honorable body and that an official copy of the same is tendered to Felicia Slanton-Young in honor of this auspicious occasion.