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Consent Agenda

Thursday, September 22, 2022, 10:00 AM

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING JOHN YONAN UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FOR HIS SERVICE TO COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

WHEREAS, John Yonan has had an accomplished and widely admired 29-year career in local government; and

WHEREAS, John will be retiring as Bureau Chief for the Cook County Bureau of Asset Management on September 23, 2022; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career with Cook County, John has earned a reputation as an inspiring and humble leader, known for his accessibility and generosity with his time and wisdom as a mentor to many; and

WHEREAS, besides his dedication to making the workplace a welcoming space for all people, he is also known for his willingness to step in and work hard at every level, a consummate team player and a positive force for change; and

WHEREAS, John is a graduate of Southern Illinois University, earning his Bachelors of Science in Civil Engineering in 1992; and

WHEREAS, John began his career at the city of Chicago as a Project Engineer in 1993, working his way up at the Chicago Department of Transportation to Deputy Commissioner and Chief Engineer; and

WHEREAS, at the Chicago Department of Transportation, John was responsible for maintaining the 1,000 miles of arterial roadways and 300 bridges, and in his career at the city he secured outside funding for critical improvements and provided diligent oversight of projects; and

WHEREAS, Cook County was thrilled to hire John in 2012 as the Superintendent of the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways, where he was charged with the planning, design and construction of over 565 miles of roadway and 135 bridges; and

WHEREAS, John oversaw the county's first long-range transportation plan in 76 years, Invest in Cook, a transformative initiative that promoted equitable access to and modernization of transportation, and brought countless benefits to the people of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, in November of 2020, John Yonan was appointed as Bureau Chief of the Cook County Bureau of Asset Management, where he oversaw the facilities, capital planning, and real estate of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, appointed during the tumult of the COVID-19 pandemic, John lead the effort to provide safe facilities for the public to access services, navigated the changing workplace as the pandemic raged on, and was integral in the effort to stand up mass vaccination sites to meet the challenges of a once-in-a-lifetime public health crisis; and

WHEREAS, besides the challenges of the pandemic, John oversaw advancements in sustainability efforts, lead the plan for expenditure of historic American Rescue Plan funds to bring infrastructure equity to all communities in Cook County, and remained dedicated to carrying out his work with integrity until his very last day of service; and

WHEREAS, having ably and dutifully served the citizens of Cook County for 30 years, John Yonan has earned the spoils and relaxation of retirement. We wish him travel and adventure, many sunny days enjoying the great outdoors, and the opportunity to spend more time cooking outstanding meals and doing what he does best: bringing people together; and

WHEREAS, Cook County wishes John well on his next chapter of life, with more time to spend with his wife Lisa and daughters Jillian and Jessica; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents and over 22,000 employees of Cook County, congratulates John Yonan upon the occasion of his retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to John Yonan.

[22-5477](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF CLINT BROWN FROM UNITED FOOD AND COMMERCIAL WORKERS UNION

WHEREAS, Clint Brown joined the staff of the United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 881 in 1986 as a Union Representative. After ten years of serving members throughout Chicago, Clint began working as an Organizer; and,

WHEREAS, He worked on the Borders Bookstore campaign, and that ultimately led to a Union contract

for those workers, a first in the nation for that retailer; and,

WHEREAS, In 1997, Clint was asked to be an Assistant Field Director, and then a year later, promoted to Field Director overseeing Local 881's field staff; and,

WHEREAS, Clint has also served for decades as a Vice President on the Local 881 Executive Board; and,

WHEREAS, After 21 years in the field working directly with Local 881 members, in 2007, Clint was asked to turn his attention to the work of politics and lobbying. Clint faithfully served as a Legislative and Political Representative for Local 881 for 15 years; and,

WHEREAS, Clint has also worked on many election races including Aldermanic, Cook County, State, Congressional, and in 2008, Clint helped in Ohio with coordinating of the historic efforts to elect the first African President Barack Obama; and,

WHEREAS, Clint following in the tradition of one of his labor idols, Congressman/Labor unionist/Civic rights activist Charlie Hayes, who in the 1950s, raised funds for Martin Luther King Jr.'s voter registration drive in the South, and supported King in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference during the 1960s. Clint is a active member of the Minority Coalition of the UFCW International and has provided leadership as President of the A. Phillip Randolph Institute (APRI) Chicago Chapter as part of its community Voter registration, education and participation efforts; and,

WHEREAS, Further following in Charlie Haye's steps, Clint became an active member of the Coalition of Black Trade Unionist (CBTU), served as its Political Director in Chicago Chapter, and served as a Delegate to the CBTU International Convention; and,

WHEREAS, In 2013, Clint and a delegation were proud to represent A. Phillip Randolph Institute (APRI) Chicago Chapter at the 50th Anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr's March in Washington, D.C.; and,

WHEREAS, Clint and his wife, Demetria, are active members of the Living Word Christian Center in Forest Park. They have two sons, Clint IV and Denzel; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, honor Clint Brown and praise his essential contribution to the health and viability of Cook County.

[22-5327](#)

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

MARY CATHERINE ESPOSITO IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Mary Catherine Esposito from our midst, and

WHEREAS Mary Catherine Esposito was the beloved wife of Richard, and

WHEREAS Mary Catherine Esposito was the loving mother of Richard Jr. (Erin), Nicole (Stevie) Lyons, and Natalie (Duke) Parker, and

WHEREAS Mary Catherine Esposito was the cherished daughter of the late Edward and Veronica Fawcett, and

WHEREAS Mary Catherine Esposito was the fond Nana of Angelina, Ethan, Stevie, Richie, Olivia, and Emily, and

WHEREAS Mary Catherine Esposito was the dear sister of the late Edward “Murphy” (Rosalie) Fawcett, and

WHEREAS Mary Catherine Esposito was the fond aunt of many nieces, nephews, and friend to many, and

WHEREAS all who knew her will attest that Mary Catherine Esposito 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 Mary Catherine Esposito 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 Mary Catherine Esposito that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

[22-5434](#)

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE OF ERICH MICHAEL HIMMEL

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom called Erich Michael Himmel from our midst on Monday, August 29, 2022, and

WHEREAS, Erich Himmel was the beloved husband of 65 years to Ingeborg (nee Brauer), and

WHEREAS, Erich and Ingeborg became loving parents and grandparents and great-grandparents for whom love of family and love of community were uniquely joined, and

WHEREAS, Erich Himmel was the devoted father of Diana (Jerry) and Carol, and

WHEREAS, Erich Himmel was the proud grandfather of Erich “Bubba” (Esther), Michelle (J.J.), Ashley, and

WHEREAS, Erich Himmel was the proud great-grandfather of Parker and Hudson, who were the light of his eyes, and

WHEREAS, Erich Himmel was to become a major German community leader in Chicagoland but first he had to get to this country, and

WHEREAS, Erich Himmel was born in Mosbach, Germany, outside Munich, on January 3, 1936, three months before his father died, and

WHEREAS, Erich Himmel met Ingeborg when he was 17 and wanted to wait until he was 30 to marry, and

WHEREAS, Inge moved to work in Montreal, whereupon Erich decided he loved her so much that he wanted her back, and

WHEREAS, He had to sell his Vespa cycle to buy a ticket for her to return, ensuring that they would be together the rest of his days, and

WHEREAS, The married couple emigrated to the United States in 1958, to the ironically named Berlin,

New Hampshire, and

WHEREAS, Erich worked as a night watchman for a gym shoe factory in his American Berlin, and

WHEREAS, after several months Erich and Inge moved to Chicago, where Erich worked for Volkswagen as a mechanic, and

WHEREAS, two years later Erich was drafted into the U.S. Army and stationed in Germany while the Berlin Wall was built, and

WHEREAS, after his military service ended, Erich and Inge returned to Chicago where he worked for Volkswagen as a General Manager opening several VW dealerships, and

WHEREAS, Erich missed his native Germany and moved back, stayed a month and returned to Chicago, and

WHEREAS, Erich Himmel opened Erich's Lehigh Auto Body in Niles in 1982 where it continues to flourish with the help of his daughter, Carol, and now grandson Erich at the helm, and

WHEREAS, Erich Himmel became a longtime supporter of, and leader in, the German-American community in Chicagoland, and

WHEREAS, while Erich Himmel would live in America he loved German culture and determined to foster it here, and

WHEREAS, Erich Himmel became President of the Rheinischer Verein Mardi Gras Society, a position he held for more than 25 years, and

WHEREAS, Erich Himmel fostered the Rheinischer Mardi Gras Society's maintenance of traditions, such as electing a Prince and Princess to oversee its spirited celebrations and presenting dance and music groups for appreciative German audiences, and

WHEREAS, Erich Himmel became President of the United German American Societies, a position he held for some 33 years, and

WHEREAS, the Societies preserved German culture through song, dance and soccer programs, to Erich's great delight, and

WHEREAS, word about Erich Himmel's devotion to German culture began to spread around the world, notably to Germany, and

WHEREAS, Erich Himmel in 1984 was awarded Germany's highest civilian honor from the President of Germany, the Bundesverdienstkreuz First Class medal of honor, for his contribution to the preservation of

the German Culture in a foreign land, and

WHEREAS, Erich Himmel ran the splendid “German Day” celebration in Lincoln Square for many years, helping Lincoln Square maintain itself as a leading business and cultural community on Chicago’s North Side, and

WHEREAS, Erich Himmel was the Grand Marshall of the Von Steuben Day Parade for 35 years, making sure that a German-born hero of the American Revolution, Baron Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben, got his due, and

WHEREAS, Erich Himmel was a friend and confidant to many in and out of the German community, with an infectious smile, wonderful sense of humor, huge heart, fine singing voice and a memorable upturned mustache, and

WHEREAS, Himmel's, at 2251 W. Lawrence Ave., in Chicago is a European Bistro serving German food along with pizza, and

WHEREAS, Visitors to Himmel's greeted by Erich and Inge will have an evening that will come to song and schnapps, and there are no strangers at Himmel's, and

WHEREAS, Erich Himmel was a pillar of the German-American community for over half a century, whose counsel was the result of wisdom joined to a steady manner that made all who knew him believe that he was quite special, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby extend their deepest condolences to the family and friends of Erich Michael Himmel, and

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

[22-5053](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE CAREER OF RALPH PASSARELLI; CONSUMMATE PROFESSIONAL AND A CAREER IN SERVICE

WHEREAS, Ralph Passarelli was born in White Plains, New York before heading to Illinois to embark on his illustrious career; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Passarelli attended and graduated from Bradley University from 1966 to 1970. Additionally, Mr. Passarelli attended and graduated from the Ohio State University's School of Real Estate from 1966 to 1970. Ralph Passarelli graduated with a bachelor's degree in English (Bradley University) and a degree in real estate (the Ohio State University); and

WHEREAS, Ralph Passarelli served his country as a national guardsmen in the United States' military while furthering his education. Ralph Passarelli honorably served from 1970 to 1976; and

WHEREAS, upon graduation from both Bradley University and the Ohio State University, Ralph Passarelli became an adjunct professor of real estate finance at Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield, Illinois. Ralph Passarelli taught at Lincoln Land Community College from 1974 to 1979; and

WHEREAS, in 1975, Ralph Passarelli attended the University of Virginia. In 1978, Ralph Passarelli graduated from University of Virginia's school of Consumer Banking. Ralph Passarelli simultaneously attended the University of Georgia graduating from the Institute of Banking Management in 1977; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Passarelli served as Assistant Vice President of Springfield's Town and Country Bank from 1971 to 1978. Ralph Passarelli transitioned to Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Sangamon Bank of Trust in 1978. Ralph Passarelli served as Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer from 1978 to 1983. Ralph Passarelli later became the Vice President of Champion Federal Savings and Loan Association from 1983 to 1987; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, Ralph Passarelli began his public service career when he became Division Manager for the State of Illinois' Department of Central Management Services, Bureau of Benefits, Risk Management Division. Ralph Passarelli was responsible for managing the State's Worker's Compensation Program, the State's Auto Liability Program, the procurement of Commercial Insurance, and the State's Employee Indemnification Program. Ralph Passarelli's public career and leadership continued to grow as he served as Division Manager until 2003; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, Ralph Passarelli undertook a new venture as Director of Risk Management for the Board of Trustees Community College District No. 508, better known as the City Colleges of Chicago. As Director of Risk Management, Ralph Passarelli was responsible for the creation, design, implementation and ongoing management and administration of the City Colleges' comprehensive risk management program, while overseeing an annual \$2.7 million budget. Ralph Passarelli worked with numerous outside counsels, including Attorney General Kwame Raoul and Cook County Commissioner Bill Lowry, during his tenure as Director of Risk Management. Ralph Passarelli demonstrated his consummate professionalism and leadership as Director of Risk Management from the moment he undertook this role until his well-deserved retirement on August 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, in addition to celebrating the professional milestones and career of Ralph Passarelli, we also acknowledge and uplift Ralph Passarelli's civic service and accomplishments beyond his professional career. Ralph Passarelli served as Chairman, Commissioner, and Comptroller of the Springfield Airport Authority; President of the Springfield Economic Development Council; President of the Friends of the

Prairie Stars Athletic Foundation; Founding Board Member of the Springfield Area Soccer Association; Chairman and Board Member of the Springfield Humana Hospital Advisory Board; Board Member of the Illinois Environment Council; Member of the Bradley University Alumni Association; Committee Chair of the National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame; Board Member of the Abraham Lincoln Council for the Boy Scouts of America; Finance Director for the First Night Springfield Celebration of the Arts; Head Coach for the Champion Soccer Club; Finance Committee Member for the Blessed Sacrament Parish; Adult Outreach Committee Member for Assumption Church; and Development Committee Member for the Gale Sayers Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Passarelli is known for his mastery of the English language, his keen wit, his impeccable fashion, and his deep, heartfelt laugh. Ralph Passarelli brought these qualities and more to his work and to all those lucky to work with, for, and alongside Ralph Passarelli; and

WHEREAS, Galatians 5:13 says, we are here to serve one another through love. Ralph Passarelli embodied service for almost fifty (50) years through his service to the State of Illinois, Service to the City of Chicago, and service to Cook County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, BILL LOWRY, COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONER of the 3rd DISTRICT AND TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT of the COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, do hereby stand, and salute the wonderful career of Ralph Passarelli.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a suitable copy of this Resolution will be presented to the family of; and Ralph Passarelli.

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

[22-5405](#)

Sponsored by: KEVIN B. MORRISON and SEAN M. MORRISON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH 2022

WHEREAS, the Cook County Government recognizes that it has a vital role in identifying, protecting its citizens from, and responding to cybersecurity threats that may have significant impact to our individual and collective safety and privacy; and

WHEREAS, critical infrastructure is increasingly reliant on information systems and technology to support financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care, and emergency response systems; and

WHEREAS, a connected society is subject to cybersecurity threats that can compromise even the most personal and sensitive of information;

WHEREAS, cybersecurity education and awareness are crucial for everyone, including large corporations, small businesses, financial institutions, schools, government agencies, the home user, and anyone who connects to the internet; and

WHEREAS, maintaining the security of cyberspace is a shared responsibility in which each of us has a critical role to play, and awareness of computer security essentials will improve the security of Cook County's information, infrastructure, and economy; and

WHEREAS, monitoring your accounts, being conscientious of what you share online, keeping computer software up to date, using multi-factor authentication, creating unique passwords and changing them regularly, installing anti-virus programs and firewalls, and using mobile devices safely are ways you can protect yourself from phishing, viruses, malware, financial loss, and loss of sensitive data; and

WHEREAS, The Cook County Board of Commissioners are dedicated to providing every individual and public and private organization in Cook County the resources necessary to ensure the understanding, implementation, and success of National Cybersecurity Awareness Month to help the citizens of Cook County stay safe online and connect with confidence; and

WHEREAS, the theme of National Cybersecurity Awareness Month in 2022 is "See Yourself in Cyber" and is implemented through a coalition of private companies, nonprofit, government organizations, and academic institutions working together to increase the public's understanding of cyber threats and empowering Americans to be safer and more secure online; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government of the United States of America, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (www.cisa.gov), the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (<https://www.cisecurity.org/ms-isac>), the National Association of State Chief Information Officers (www.nascio.org), and the National Cyber Security Alliance (www.staysafeonline.org) all recognize October as National Cybersecurity Awareness Month; and all citizens are encouraged to visit these websites, to learn about cybersecurity to put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim and officially support October as National Cybersecurity Awareness Month in 2022.

[22-5448](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION HONORING JOE PODLASEK FOR HIS SERVICE AT TRICKSTER CULTURAL CENTER

WHEREAS, Joe Podlasek is an enrolled member and a citizen of the LCO Ojibwe Tribe in Northern Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, Joe moved in July 2012 full time to establish the Trickster Cultural Center, a 10,000 sq. ft. facility and nonprofit organization in Schaumburg, IL; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Podlasek worked with government, civic, and community partners to raise awareness about issues facing the Native American Community; and

WHEREAS, Joe worked with and on behalf of Native Veterans to advocate at all levels of government to pass legislation including honoring the Eagle Staff as the Nation's First Flag which Cook County passed a resolution to recognize in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Joe additionally founded and led the annual National Gathering of Native American Veterans partnering with Cantigny and the McCormick Foundation; and

WHEREAS, he worked with national and international military leaders to have Native Americans Veterans and their contributions formally recognized; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Podlasek has set an example of civic engagement by arranging for Trickster Cultural Center to serve as an Early Voting location for Cook County elections; and

WHEREAS, Cook County and the Cook County Board of Commissioners have had the honor of working with Joe Podlasek and he has proved to be a wonderful partner; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor Joe Podlasek of Trickster Cultural Center upon the occasion of his retirement for his service to the Native Americans and all residents of Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Mr. Podlasek.

[22-5465](#)

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING IAN LEVY ON HIS RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Ian Levy retired from the Winnetka Police Department on October 7th, 2022 after 23 years as a law enforcement officer; and

WHEREAS, Ian Levy began his career as a law enforcement officer with the Winnetka Police Department on September 1st, 1999; and

WHEREAS Ian Levy was appointed to the position of School Resource Officer for New Trier High School on May 5th, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Ian Levy was appointed to the position of Detective on December 26th, 2016; and

WHEREAS, during his career, Ian Levy served in the capacity of a Field Training Officer, an Evidence Technician, a Juvenile Officer, a Bicycle Team Officer, a Northeastern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy Tactical Driving Instructor, a certified Fraud Examiner, a member of the North Regional Burglary Task Force and was recognized by his superiors and the citizens he served, receiving numerous Honorable Mentions and letters of appreciation from citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ian Levy 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, congratulates Ian Levy on the occasion of his retirement, thanks him for his years of public service as a law enforcement officer, and expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions he has 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 Ian Levy.

[22-5467](#)

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 THE HONORABLE EDWARD H. MARSALEK

WHEREAS, the Honorable Edward H. Marsalek, 98 years old, died on September 4, 2022. Judge Marsalek was born in Chicago on July 22, 1924 to a family of five siblings; and

WHEREAS, Ed was a proud graduate of Prescott Elementary School, Lane Tech High School, University of Houston, Wright Junior College and John Marshall Law School; and

WHEREAS, Ed served as a Marine in the South Pacific, Jasco Division, during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Ed married the love of his life, Ann (Pollace) in 1960. Together they raised their three children - Diann, a Judge for the Circuit Court of Cook County, Carolyn, and Edward; and

WHEREAS, Ed began his career as an Assistant Attorney General, before working for the Illinois Toll Highway Authority. Ed was a partner at Marsalek and Lusak, a private practice firm. Edward became a Judge in 1976, where he was assigned to the Juvenile Court, Domestic Relations and First Municipal, retiring in 1999 as the Supervising Judge in Housing Court; and

WHEREAS, Ed loved to give back to the community. He was active in the 44th Ward Democratic organization serving as an officer and committed volunteer, both to the ward organization and to his marine and other civic groups; and

WHEREAS, during his retirement, Judge Marsalek traveled to many places in the United States and Poland. He loved spending time at his summer home in Wisconsin with family and friends. He enjoyed taking the pontoon boat out for rides on the lake. He loved his companion, Frank, a German Shepherd, who was always by his side. A sports enthusiast, he loved watching or listening to Chicago Cubs and Chicago Bears games; and

WHEREAS, Judge Marsalek enjoyed celebrating holidays, birthdays and events with his family. He was a devoted grandfather to his grandsons and a loving uncle and great uncle to many. He had a strong love for family and will be greatly missed; and

WHEREAS, Ed's love of life and his ability to live it to the fullest, endeared him to his family, friends, and

all who know him. It enabled him to enrich their lives in ways they will never forget; and

WHEREAS, Judge Marsalek is predeceased by his parents, Frank and Karolina Marsalek; his brothers and sisters, Stanley (Jean), Betty (John) Lusak, Wanda (Alex) Weigel, Mary, and Elizabeth; and grandson Peter Marsalek. He is survived by his wife of 62 years Ann Marsalek; children, Judge Diann Marsalek (Roger McAuliffe-Deceased), Carolyn Marsalek, and Edward Marsalek (Joyce Wonsil); and grandsons, Nicholas and Alex Marsalek, as well as other family and friends.

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 and work of the Honorable Edward H. Marsalek, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions he has made to the Citizens of Cook County, Illinois; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this is where you ask for further action or where you ask for ceremonial copies of your resolution to be sent to the person or organizations being memorialized.

[22-5469](#)

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF SCOTT SCHOELLER

WHEREAS, Scott Schoeller met an untimely death in a motorcycle accident in Texas on July 24, 2022. Scott was raised in Skokie by his parents Florence and Fred Schoeller, attending Cleveland School, Oakview (now McCracken) and Niles East High School; and

WHEREAS, Scott was an integral part of the Skokie community, having worked for multiple businesses including the Tool and Die Company, local Dominick's food Stores, and the Village o Skokie on public works crews and in the Sanitation Department; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, he started Contour Landscaping with a car and a trailer, working out of a neighbor's garage. Today, Contour has 30-35 employees and is based at 3501 Jarvis Avenue, in Skokie where it has been located for 25 years. Contour does landscape maintenance, design, construction, and both commercial and industrial snow removal. Scott is also a part owner of Evanston Organics; and

WHEREAS, Scott is the past President of the Illinois Professional Lawn Care Association, former Certified Arborist of the International Society of Arboriculture, Instructor for the Motorcycle Safety Foundation, and past Introduction Leader for Landmark Education, a personal and professional training/development company; and

WHEREAS, Scott was a 40-year member of the Skokie Chamber of Commerce, serving multiple years as a Board Member and the organizations current Board Chairman. He was a friend to many, living life to

its fullest with an exuberance of energy and a gentle wonderful soul. He will be missed by many who considered him a dear friend, mentor, and an example of how to lead a life with integrity and honesty; and

WHEREAS, David Cohen, membership services manager of the Chamber, described Scott as “one of those sixties-seventies hippies turned business professional. He loved landscaping art. He was really soft spoken and easy going, very positive. He carried us through COVID. He’ll be remembered for being a caring, warm individual who loved his family and the Skokie community;” and

WHEREAS, Scott is predeceased by his parents, Florence and Fred Schoeller; and siblings, Carolyn Schoeller and Barry Schoeller. He is survived by his wife, Mary, their children Benjamin and Heidi; and his two dogs Fresca and Moose.

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 and work of Scott Schoeller, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions he has 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 Scott Schoeller and to the Skokie Chamber of Commerce.

[22-5470](#)

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF DAVID ELLIS

WHEREAS, David Ellis, General Manager of the Evanston Symphony Orchestra for 18 years, died at the age of 75 on July 26, 1022. The loss to his family, friends and the Evanston Symphony is immeasurable; and

WHEREAS, Ellis was born in Johnson City, Tennessee, into a military family. His parents and four younger siblings eventually settled in San Diego where Ellis would attend the University of California San Diego, earning a B.S. in geology (with a minor in music) followed by an M.S. in geological oceanography from Oregon State; and

WHEREAS, while Ellis was an excellent athlete having participated in several marathons and was a lifelong tennis player, he was known foremost for his love and knowledge of classical music; and

WHEREAS, throughout his professional life Ellis wore many hats, making use of his science degrees at Northwestern University before receiving an MBA from the University of Chicago. He transitioned into a career in finance while at Harza Engineering, and was then hired by Consolidated Foods (now Sara Lee)

where he worked for many years in the position of Assistant Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, a long-time subscriber to the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and the Lyric Opera, he was able to combine his deep knowledge of music with his experience in finance when he accepted the role of General Manager of the Evanston Symphony; and

WHEREAS, Ellis had an encyclopedic knowledge of classical music and a head filled with facts ranging from every Mozart Köchel number to which recording of a Mahler symphony - he had them all - was the best, to arcane, funny anecdotes about eccentric conductors. He also knew all of the musicians and all of the ESO's subscribers, including their concert hall seat numbers; and

WHEREAS, an article about Ellis in a 2021 edition of the ESO's *Noteworthy*, a newsletter that the ESO sent to subscribers read: *David can tell you about the differences in sound quality created by various conductors. He knows which conductors emphasize the strings and which favor the brass. He talks about how the brightness of sound changes if you tune the orchestra a few hertz higher (a 445 Hz makes a brighter sound than 440 Hz), and he easily compares the sound quality of music venues from [among many others] Chicago's Orchestra Hall and Auditorium Theater to the ESO's homes of Pick-Staiger and the ETHS Auditorium; and*

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments over 18 years with the orchestra include growing the ESO's subscriber base, facilitating the recording of a live CD, providing interesting details at the orchestra's Musical Insights pre-concert lectures and keeping the organization solvent during the pandemic lockdown. It was a job he threw himself into fully, did exceptionally well, and enjoyed immensely; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, he was named the 2012 General Manager of the Year award from the Illinois Council of Orchestras; and

WHEREAS, Ellis is survived by his wife of 46 years, Marcia, whom he met on a tennis court in Evanston; his children Michael, Matthew, and Peter; and his siblings and their families. The Evanston Symphony Orchestra is dedicating its Feb. 12, 2023, concert to Ellis. The program includes Prokofiev's Violin Concerto No. 2 in G Minor with Irina Muresanu, one of Ellis' favorite soloists, and Mahler's Symphony No. 1, another Ellis favorite.

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 and work of the David Ellis, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions he has 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 David Ellis.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING FRITZ POLLARD AND THE RENAMING OF LANE TECH HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL FIELD

WHEREAS, on October 1st, Lane Tech will memorialize a distinguished graduate of 1912 by renaming the school's football field for Frederick "Fritz" Douglass Pollard, who starred in three sports at Lane: baseball, track, and football, making all-county in all three; and

WHEREAS, Pollard was the seventh of eight children raised in Rogers Park. Among his siblings were one of the first Black movie producers in America and the first Black woman to graduate from Northwestern University; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Lane Tech, Fritz went on to study Chemistry at Brown University in Rhode Island, where football became his primary sport, becoming the first Black football player at the Ivy League School; and

WHEREAS, playing for the Brown Bears, Pollard became the first Black athlete to play in the Rose Bowl, and the next season, the two-time All-America halfback, the second African American to be named to a college All-American team and the first running back, led the Bears to an 8-0 season. National news wires carried a story describing Fritz Pollard as "the football star of the 1915 season,"; and

WHEREAS, Fritz left Brown to serve in World War I and afterward began coaching at Lincoln University, a historically Black college in Pennsylvania. In 1919, he was recruited to play running back for the Akron Indians later renamed the Akron Pros in a startup professional football league, the American Professional Football Association, which would later become the NFL. He was one of two Black players in the league, and the Pros won the 1st league championship in 1920; and

WHEREAS, Fritz Pollard started playing professional football the year Jackie Robinson was born. Everyone is familiar with Jackie Robinson's story of integrating professional baseball in 1947, but not many people know that Fritz Pollard integrated professional football in 1919; and

WHEREAS, in 1921, Mr. Pollard became the first Black coach of a professional football team as the coach of the Akron Pros. He continued to play on the team while coaching. Considered an exciting and elusive runner, he was the most feared running back in the fledgling league. During his pro football career, he played and sometimes coached for four different NFL teams, the Pros/Indians (1920-21/1925-26), the Milwaukee Badgers (1922), the Hammond Pros (1923, 1925) where he continued his string of firsts by becoming their quarterback, the first of his color to play that position, and the

Providence Steam Roller (1925). Fritz also spent time in 1923 and 1924 playing for the Gilberton Cadamouns, a strong independent pro team in the Pennsylvania “Coal League.”; and

WHEREAS, in 1934 on what was considered one of the darkest eras in sports a so-called "gentleman's agreement" was reached between the powerful owners of the NFL teams to begin the process of eliminating black players from pro football. No African American played again until 1946. Fritz fought this policy and never stopped fighting for re-integration of the league; and

WHEREAS, in 1928, Fritz also founded the Chicago Black Hawks, an all-Black team that lasted until 1932, and in 1935 the founder of a new all-Black team in New York, the Brown Bombers, recruited him to coach. The Brown Bombers and the Blackhawks played exhibition games against the all-white National League football stars. The Bombers were 19-0 in these matches; however, facing increasing difficulty in getting white teams to play against the Bombers he left in 1937; and

WHEREAS, Fritz Pollard was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1954, and the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2005 for his illustrious career; and

WHEREAS, after football, Pollard went into other business ventures, including newspaper publishing, a talent agency and film and music publishing, before passing in 1986 at age 92; and

WHEREAS, although Pollard didn’t play in the present-day Lane Tech stadium, which opened in 1941, almost 30 years after Pollard graduated, and had retired from football, Michelle Weiner, the executive director of Lane Tech’s alumni association stated “It’s time Fritz Pollard was honored”; and

WHEREAS, naming the Lane football field after Fritz Pollard is a fitting way to honor a man who broke through so many boundaries, and “gives students somebody to look up to, show them what it was like to be a champion in several ways.”, stated Ms. Weiner. The renaming was approved last spring by school authorities and will be made official on October 1st, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Edwina Thompson, Lane Tech’s principal, said in a statement, “We are thrilled to finally acknowledge this pioneer in sports, education, and racial equity,” adding, “While this moment is long overdue, we are confident that the legacy of Fritz Pollard will continue to inspire generations to strive for greatness.”

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate the family of Frederick “Fritz” Douglass Pollard and Lane Tech High School on this momentous occasion; 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 family of Frederick “Fritz” Douglass Pollard and Lane Tech High School as a symbol of our respect and esteem.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING SICKLE CELL AWARENESS MONTH IN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, the month of September is National Sickle Cell Awareness Month, a month-long initiative designated by Congress to help focus attention on the need for research and treatment of sickle cell disease; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme designated by the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America is "**Sickle Cell Matters 2022**"; and

WHEREAS, Sickle cell disease (SCD) is the most common inherited blood disorder in the United States in which red blood cells may become sickle-shaped and harden. For a baby to be born with sickle cell disease, both parents must carry a sickle cell trait or genes. Sickle cell disease is not contagious, and there is no universal cure; and

WHEREAS, about 1 in 13 African Americans carry the sickle cell trait, and many do not know they have it, and an estimated 100,000 people in the U.S. have SCD, with approximately 2,000 babies born with SCD annually in the United States; and

WHEREAS, people of many ethnic backgrounds can have SCD, but it disproportionately affects Black and Brown Americans, with an estimated 1 in 365 Black Americans and 1 in 16,300 Hispanic Americans suffering from SCD; and

WHEREAS, Sickle Cell disease leads to complications including chronic severe and unpredictable pain, anemia, frequent infections, swelling in extremities, fatigue, delayed growth and is one of the underlying medical conditions that causes increased risk for severe illness from the virus that causes COVID-19, defined as hospitalization, admission to the ICU, intubation or mechanical ventilation, or death; and

WHEREAS, President Biden, as he did in 2021, recently passed a proclamation declaring September 2022 as National Sickle Cell Awareness month, reaffirming our commitment to improving the quality of life and health outcomes for all individuals living with SCD by improving access to quality health care, collaborating with partners in the public and private sectors, adhering to the guidance of scientific experts and researchers, and supporting all families affected by SCD; and

WHEREAS, this national focus is essential and reinforces the National Institutes of Health (NIH) continued support of SCD research, education, and capacity building, including the "Cure Sickle Cell Initiative" to accelerate safe, effective, and scalable gene therapies to cure the disease; and

WHEREAS, because of the many advances and medical breakthroughs in genetic therapies and research, we are now closer to finding a cure for all SCD patients; and

WHEREAS, individuals can help be part of the solution by donating blood, which is one of the most critical treatments for sickle cell patients, but less than 10% of Americans donate blood. Additionally, sickle cell patients benefit most from blood transfusions from people of the same race or similar ethnicity, but only 5% of blood donors are of African ancestry; and

WHEREAS, education and research, educating others about sickle cell disease and sickle cell trait, and getting tested for sickle cell trait if you are of African descent and do not know your status are other ways to contribute to this important cause; and

WHEREAS, this Honorable Body wishes to promote and raise awareness of Sickle Cell Disease in Cook County and encourage everyone to be a part of this national effort to increase awareness about sickle cell disease and sickle cell trait during the month of September and stand united to improve the health of those living with this disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the more than 5.2 million residents of Cook County, do hereby take this opportunity to acknowledge Sickle Cell Awareness Month; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in conjunction with National Sickle Cell Awareness Month, that the month of September 2022 be hereby declared Sickle Cell Awareness Month in the County of Cook; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body.