



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY**

**Consent Calendar Agenda**

**for the**

**Meeting of the Board of Commissioners**

**Wednesday, February 19, 2014, 11:00 AM**

**14-0875**

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President Cook County Board of Commissioners, PETER N. SILVESTRI, JOHN P. DALEY and ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, County Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING RALPH DEBARTOLO ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE COOK COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS,** Assistant Chief Ralph DeBartolo is retiring from the Cook County Sheriff's Department after twenty four years of service; and

**WHEREAS,** Ralph DeBartolo has a long history of putting his life on the line for the safety of others, starting when he served 18 months as a soldier in Korea; and

**WHEREAS,** always knowing he wanted a career in law enforcement, Mr. DeBartolo applied for a position as a police officer with the Chicago Police Department and was hired in 1957 and stayed with the department until 1989; and

**WHEREAS,** on December 1, 1958, on his way home from completing an overnight shift, he encountered the horrific fire at Our Lady of Angels School, and without a moment's thought to his own safety, heroically followed firefighters into the building to assist them; and

**WHEREAS,** upon leaving the Chicago Police Department in 1989, Ralph DeBartolo joined the Cook County Sheriff's Department as a deputy sheriff. He was promoted to an Assistant Chief in 2000 and served in that position at both the Skokie and Rolling Meadows courthouses until his retirement this year; and

**WHEREAS,** early in his career, he was subjected to discrimination because of his Italian heritage. He became a champion against this type of bias, being instrumental in the forming of the Italian American Police Officers Association. He has been awarded recognition from the Order of the Sons of Italy in America, the Italian American Police Officers Association and was the 2010 recipient of the Law Enforcement Award from the Illinois State Bar Association; and

**WHEREAS,** in addition to the respect and admiration he has earned from fellow law enforcement professionals and supervisors, Ralph DeBartolo is much loved by his family, including wife Helen, sons Tony and wife Kim; Danny and wife Melissa and his adored grandchildren, Gina and Brett and his countless friends.

**NOW BE IT RESOLVED,** that President and Board of Commissioners of Cook County do hereby extend their best wishes on a happy, healthy and much deserved retirement and their thanks for his dedication and selflessness to the residents of Cook County.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Assistant Chief Ralph DeBartolo as evidence of the esteem in which he is held by this Honorable Body.

**14-1088**

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE President, Cook County Board of Commissioners and STANLEY MOORE, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**IN HONOR OF FOUR HEROIC CHAPLAINS**

**WHEREAS**, February 2, 2014 marks the 71st anniversary of one of the most inspiring acts of heroism during World War II; and

**WHEREAS**, in a final act of love and dedication, four chaplains, representing the Methodist, Roman Catholic, Jewish and Dutch Reformed faiths, gave their own life jackets to four American servicemen and directed the young soldiers to life boats; and

**WHEREAS**, the four United States Army chaplains, arms linked about each other while praying, then sank into the cold waters of the North Atlantic with the torpedoed U.S.A.T. Dorchester, an army transport ship; and

**WHEREAS**, every year hence, residents across our country have remembered the courage and extraordinary generosity of these four heroic men of faith; and

**WHEREAS**, this year's memorial program is hosted by the Polish Legion of American Veterans, and is sponsored annually by the Combined Veterans Association of Illinois.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County does hereby designate Sunday, February 2, 2014 to be "Four Chaplains Sunday" in Cook County, and urge all Cook County residents to preserve the memory of these individuals who demonstrated their boundless love for others.

**Sponsored by:** LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioner, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners, JERRY BUTLER, EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, EDWIN REYES, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

## **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

### **IN MEMORY OF JOHN A. "COACH" SCHNEITER**

**WHEREAS**, John A. Schneiter, a dedicated and inspirational coach to innumerable students in Cook County passed away on January 21, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, Coach Schneiter was an elected member of both the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame as well as the Illinois High School Tennis Hall of Fame. Coach Schneiter has the distinction of being the only individual honored in both; and

**WHEREAS**, John A. Schneiter was head coach at Oblong and Stephen Decatur High Schools. Later, Coach Schneiter became legendary as the long-time basketball coach at New Trier High School. Coach Schneiter retired from teaching in 1997 but the hall-of-fame coach was later lured out of retirement and asked to teach the game of basketball at North Shore Country Day. His coaching there marked the start of a sweeping transition that provided instruction at a more competitive level for the school; and

**WHEREAS**, Coach Schneiter inspired his athletes to personal and competitive greatness, amassing over 770 basketball wins and 8 State tennis championships; and

**WHEREAS**, John A. Schneiter's coaching skills were frequently singled out for distinction by his peers. Coach Schneiter was a past winner of the Buzzy O'Conner Award, an award that is considered to be the highest honor in Illinois for coaching basketball; and

**WHEREAS**, John A. Schneiter was a devoted husband to his wife of almost 45 years Suzanne Schneiter; and was cherished by his four children, Jill Schneiter, Steve Schneiter, Joanna (Jeff) King, and Clay (Marla) Schneiter; and was a doting grandfather of Avery and Carly King, and Maddie and John Payton Schneiter ; and

**WHEREAS**, John A. Schneiter distinguished himself at Millikin University earning both a bachelor's degree as well as an M.S. in Psychology at Millikin. He was chosen to be a member of the Millikin 100 and can be found in the Millikin Hall of Fame, an award that recognizes alumni who have demonstrated exceptional athletic achievements; and

**WHEREAS**, John “Coach” Schneider leaves behind numerous students, friends, neighbors and many others whose lives were touched by his inspiration and sense of humor; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board on behalf of the nearly 5.2 million residents of Cook County commemorates the extraordinary life of John A. Schneider, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions he has made to the Citizens of Cook County, Illinois; and does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the students, coworkers, family, and many friends of Coach John A. Schneider and joins them in sorrow at the loss of this remarkable and accomplished teacher and coach; 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 John A. Schneider, that his memory may be so honored.

**14-1404**

**Sponsored by:** GREGG GOSLIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, ELIZABETH “LIZ” DOODY GORMAN, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, ROBERT STEELE and LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioners

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

##### **HONORING FORMER STATE REP. EUGENE “GENE” SCHLICKMAN**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Eugene “Gene” Schlickman from our midst; and

**WHEREAS**, Eugene “Gene” Schlickman began his career in public service as a trustee in the Village of Arlington Heights; and

**WHEREAS**, Eugene “Gene” Schlickman was elected to State Representative from Arlington Heights in 1964 and served his district proudly for almost 20 years from 1964 to 1981; and

**WHEREAS**, Eugene “Gene” Schlickman was respected on both sides of the aisle and is remembered for his willingness to reach out to his democratic colleagues in the name of good policy; and

**WHEREAS**, during his tenure in the state legislature Eugene “Gene” Schlickman is admired for his work on prison reform to get funding for art and education for the prison system and championing disability rights; and

**WHEREAS**, Eugene “Gene” Schlickman was also known for advocating for better communication and an integrated approach to regional transportation in the RTA’s infancy; and

**WHEREAS**, upon retirement from the state legislature Eugene “Gene” Schlickman continued to practice law and co-wrote the first biography on Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens; and

**WHEREAS**, Eugene “Gene” Schlickman continued to serve his community throughout his life raising funds through his church for earthquake ravaged Haiti despite failing health; and

**WHEREAS**, all who knew Eugene “Gene” Schlickman and had the privilege to work with him can attest to the fact that he was a kind and compassionate man and was admired and respected for his service to people; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook county does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathies to the family and friends of Eugene “Gene” Schlickman; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to the family of Eugene “Gene” Schlickman, that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

**14-1445**

**Sponsored by:** ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, County Commissioner, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners, JERRY BUTLER, EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, EDWIN REYES, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

## **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

### **CONGRATULATING MOTHER MCAULEY VOLLEYBALL TEAM ON WINNING STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners are proud to recognize excellence in school sports; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes the importance of team sports in developing the qualities of teamwork, respect, hard work and dedication in young adults; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mother McAuley volleyball team displayed those qualities and worked together with head coach Jen DeJarld and assistant coaches Meg Gardner, Erica Cahill, Kristyn Carmody, Emily McGinnis, Caitlin Balsam and Desiree Aramburu to achieve a great season and earning the Mighty Macs the 2013 IHSA Girls Volleyball State Championship; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mighty Macs finished the regular season with an impressive 34 - 2 before defeating Benet High School to clinch their fourteenth State Championship; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mighty Macs are currently ranked number 7 in the nation by PrepVolleyball.com and finished 2nd at the prestigious national tournament the “ASCIS Challenge”;

**WHEREAS**, teammates Kennedy Arundel, Jenny Phelan, Ryann Dejarld, Mallory Maxwell, Carla Cahill, Amber Casey, Courtney Joyce, Maggie Scanlon, Caeley Hynes, Claire Martin, Lauren Carlson, Maddie Meyer, Kayla Caffey, Kelsey Clark, Molly Geary, Gabrielle Ennis and Manager Moira Ryan are to be congratulated on leading the Mother McAuley Mighty Macs volleyball team through a great season and impressive championship we are all proud of.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners join their family, friends and community in congratulating the coaching staff and team members of the Mother McAuley Mighty Macs Volleyball team on their great achievements and their sense of teamwork, respect, hard work and dedication.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be spread across the official text of the proceedings of this honorable body and that suitable copies hereof be presented to the coaching staff and team members.

**14-1450**

**Sponsored by:** EARLEAN COLLINS, County Commissioner

## **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

### **IN LOVING MEMORY OF CYLIYAH MONIQUE YARBROUGH**

**WHEREAS**, On Sunday, January 26, 2014, God in his infinite wisdom has called home Cyliyah Monique Yarbrough; and

**WHEREAS**, Cyliyah Monique Yarbrough was born July 6, 2009 to her loving parents Candis Rush and Henderson Yarbrough III; and

**WHEREAS**, Cyliyah Monique Yarbrough was a fun-loving, energetic and a happy child. Cyliyah loved her family, she loved to play and you would always see her with a big smile; and

**WHEREAS**, Cyliyah Monique Yarbrough leaves to cherish her memory her parents: Candis Rush and Henderson Yarbrough III; siblings: Henderson Yarbrough IV and Zhiya A. Yarbrough; grandparents: Henderson Yarbrough Jr. and Sharrell McKennie, and Charles and Earlene Meeks Jr.; great grandparents: Henderson and Karen Yarbrough Sr. and Charles and Patricia Meeks Sr. and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, family and friends.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Board of Commissioners of Cook County hereby expresses its sincere sorrow and extends its deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Cyliyah Monique Yarbrough; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of the Cook County Board of Commissioners and that a suitable copy shall be provided to the family of Cyliyah Monique Yarbrough that her memory be forever cherished.

**14-1500**

**Sponsored by:** JOHN P. DALEY, County Commissioner and TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**EDWARD HIGGINS, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Edward J. Higgins from our midst, and

**WHEREAS**, Edward J. Higgins was the beloved husband and best friend of Diane (nee Famera), and

**WHEREAS**, Edward J. Higgins was the devoted father of Susan (Patrick) Dever, Lisa (fiance, Ken Wilkerson) Higgins, Edward A. (Doreen M. Carroll) Higgins and Seana Anne Higgins, and

**WHEREAS**, Edward J. Higgins was the cherished grandpa of Christopher (Kate), Jody, Patrick, Jennifer, Kevin, Christian, Tony, Courtney, Jon, Tara and loving "great-papa" of Cora, and

**WHEREAS**, Edward J. Higgins was the dear brother of Elizabeth Novak, Rose Russell, Alice Modeen, Patrice Swiontek and the late Mary Bolisenga and Danny Higgins, and

**WHEREAS**, Edward J. Higgins was a Retired Detective for the Chicago Police Department, and proud Drum Sgt. of the Emerald Society of the Chicago Police Pipes & Drums, and

**WHEREAS**, all who knew him will attest that Edward J. Higgins 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 Edward J. Higgins, 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 Edward J. Higgins, that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

**14-1501**

**Sponsored by:** JOHN P. DALEY, County Commissioner and TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**PATRICK CARROLL, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Patrick J. "Jim" Carroll, from our midst, and

**WHEREAS**, Patrick J. "Jim" Carroll was the beloved husband of 50 years to Dorothy (nee Joiner), and

**WHEREAS**, Patrick J. "Jim" Carroll was the devoted father of James, Timothy (Theresa), Michael (Tracy), and

**WHEREAS**, Patrick J. "Jim" Carroll was the devoted grandfather of Timothy, Kelly (Will) Clarke, Holly, Nicholas, Matthew and Michael, and

**WHEREAS**, Patrick J. "Jim" Carroll was the dearest son of the late Roger of County Offaly, Ireland, and Nora (nee Flood) of County Limerick, Ireland, and

**WHEREAS**, Patrick J. "Jim" Carroll was the dear brother of Mary Theresa (Joe) Trendl, Roger (the late Pat), Patricia (the late Eugene) Dunterman, the late John (Marge), Margaret (the late Fred) Falk, William, Coletta (the late John) Duh, Rita Hickey, Dorothy (Edward) Harrington, and

**WHEREAS**, Patrick J. "Jim" Carroll was a Veteran of the United States Army, and

**WHEREAS**, Patrick J. "Jim" Carroll was a 3rd Degree member Knights of Columbus - Madonna Council No. 1135, and a longtime resident of Chicago's Canaryville neighborhood, and

**WHEREAS**, all who knew him will attest that Patrick J. "Jim" Carroll 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 Patrick J. "Jim" Carroll, 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 Patrick J. "Jim" Carroll, that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

**14-1502**

**Sponsored by:** JOHN P. DALEY, County Commissioner and TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**WILLIAM POWER, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called William R. "Billy" Power from our midst, and

**WHEREAS**, William R. "Billy" Power was the beloved husband of 34 years to Judith (nee Malabarbara), and

**WHEREAS**, William R. "Billy" Power was the devoted father of William Jr., John, Michael, Margaret, and

**WHEREAS**, William R. "Billy" Power was the loving grandfather of Michael Gabriel, and the dearest son of the late Joseph and Mary (nee Cavanaugh), and

**WHEREAS**, William R. "Billy" Power was the dear brother of Margaret, Catherine (Tim) Weaver, Jean (Tom) Curtin, Joseph (Sue), Tom, Carole (Bill) Hillgamy, and the late Mary Ellen, and Maureen, and

**WHEREAS**, William R. "Billy" Power was a lifelong Canaryville resident, and kinsman and lifelong friend of Joe Kilroy, John Kirby and many others, and

**WHEREAS**, William R. "Billy" Power was a member of the Canaryville FLAGS Club, and 3rd degree member of the Knights of Columbus - Madonna Council No. 1135, and

**WHEREAS**, William R. "Billy" Power was an avid booster and Alum of Leo High School and the University of Illinois, and

**WHEREAS**, all who knew him will attest that William R. "Billy" Power 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 William R. "Billy" Power, 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 William R. "Billy" Power, that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

**14-1503**

**Sponsored by:** JOHN P. DALEY, County Commissioner and TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**VIRGINIA DYBAS, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Virginia Dybas from our midst, and

**WHEREAS**, Virginia Dybas (nee Gliwa) was the beloved wife of the late Albert Dybas, and

**WHEREAS**, Virginia Dybas was the mother of Terry (Wanda), and

**WHEREAS**, Virginia Dybas was the grandmother of Terry, Jr. (Mary Meghan), the proud great-grandmother of Maggie and Billy, and

**WHEREAS**, Virginia Dybas was the sister of the late Edward, Lorraine (late Julian) Kwiatkowski and Bernadine (Bob) Burke; the beloved aunt, great-aunt and cousin of many, and

**WHEREAS**, Virginia Dybas was a proud lifelong member of the SS. Peter and Paul choir, and

**WHEREAS**, Virginia Dybas was a member of the SS. Peter and Paul Altar and Rosary Society and the Friendship Club, member of the McKinley Park Library, the Our Lady of Good Counsel Ladies Auxiliary and the Seniors Club, and

**WHEREAS**, Virginia Dybas was gifted with a beautiful voice and sang in more than 33 churches during the course of her life, and

**WHEREAS**, all who knew her will attest that Virginia Dybas 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 Virginia Dybas, 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 Virginia Dybas, that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

**14-1504**

**Sponsored by:** JOHN P. DALEY, County Commissioner and TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**JACK CALLAHAN, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called John P. "Jack" Callahan, from our midst, and

**WHEREAS**, John P. "Jack" Callahan was the loving husband and best friend of Nancy (nee Hughes), and

**WHEREAS**, John P. "Jack" Callahan was the devoted father of Colleen (Greg) Koerner, Jack (Joanne), Patti (Tom) Skalitzky, Matthew (Deanne) and Terry (Emily) Callahan, and

**WHEREAS**, John P. "Jack" Callahan was the proud grandfather of Molly, Patrick, Megan and Grace Koerner, the late Jack, Kevin and Mary Kate Callahan, Tommy, Owen, Michael, Brendan, Billy and Sarah Skalitzky, Kelsey, Claire and Mathew Callahan, Abby, T.J., Mary and Connor Callahan, and

**WHEREAS**, John P. "Jack" Callahan was the loving son of the late Eugene and Dorothy Callahan, and

**WHEREAS**, John P. "Jack" Callahan was the fond brother of Gene (Kay), Bill (Pat), the late Jerry (Peggy), Jim (Kate) Callahan and Kathy (Phil) Mikaitis, and the dear brother-in-law of Roger (Roberta), Jack (Peggy) Hughes, Mary Alice (Dave) Enright, and

**WHEREAS**, John P. "Jack" Callahan was a graduate of St. Rita ('56) and the University of Notre Dame ('60), and was a loyal and lifelong fan of the Fighting Irish, and

**WHEREAS**, all who knew him will attest that John P. "Jack" Callahan 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 John P. "Jack" Callahan, 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 John P. "Jack" Callahan, that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

**14-1583**

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE LIFE OF JAMES MCKEE, JR.**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, has called from our midst an individual who was a loving family man and who, through hard work, dedication and faith, championed the Chicago neighborhood of Grand Boulevard; and

**WHEREAS**, born on April 5, 1946, James McKee, Jr. was the oldest of ten children; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. McKee learned the ironworking trade while working at Ryerson Steele Company, next worked construction on the Sears Tower skyscraper, and finally worked in the employ of the CTA for many years until retiring; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. McKee was able to see the potential beauty in an abandoned property on the 4900 block of South St. Lawrence Avenue; he bought the property through the Chicago Abandon Property Program; he renovated it and moved into the neighborhood in December of 1994; and

**WHEREAS**, from this point forward, Mr. McKee immersed himself in a mission whose sole objective was to better the Grand Boulevard neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. McKee joined the Grand Boulevard Home Owners' Association; he worked with neighbors to place a referendum on the ballot that would vote problem areas dry; he was active in the community policing initiative, was active in the judicial advocacy committee, and he attended court proceedings to support residents who had been victims of crime; additionally, Mr. McKee took part in a rapid response group which met with the police immediately when crimes took place; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. McKee went that extra mile for his neighbors and neighborhood, often helping to clean vacant lots, remove graffiti and trim shrubbery that obstructed views and posed safety hazards to residents; he was the type of neighbor who would help out another neighbor with a home improvement project; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. McKee was involved on the community advisory boards for the development of Willard Square Apartments, an 80-unit low-income housing project, Vision House, a 25-apartment complex which housed individuals and families affected by HIV/AIDS, and QCDC, an umbrella organization which improved the quality of life of the neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. McKee also spent the majority of election days volunteering at the nearby polling places, and he availed his services to a number of political campaigns; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. McKee was an inspiring and giving father, son, brother and uncle; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. McKee will be remembered by the many individuals whose hearts he touched.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, does offer its most sincere condolences during this time of loss and mourning to the family and friends of James McKee, Jr., and may a copy of this Resolution be tendered to the family of James McKee, Jr., so that his memory may be honored and ever cherished.

**14-1585**

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners, JERRY BUTLER, EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, EDWIN REYES, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF DEBRA S. PARRISH-HOOKS, Ed.D.**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called a profoundly giving and a deeply beloved woman, Debra S. Parrish-Hooks, Ed.D., from our midst; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Parrish-Hooks, Ed.D. earned a master's degree in Clinical Counseling from Pepperdine University, a master's degree in Educational Administration from Governors State University, and a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership from National Louis University, and

**WHEREAS**, as a servant and leader, Mrs. Parrish-Hooks, Ed.D. sought higher education which, in particular, would prepare her to have the most significant impact upon students' academic lives, and which would allow her to enrich the lives of individuals, families and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, for over 30 years, Mrs. Parrish-Hooks, Ed.D. dedicated herself to the field of education, working as a teacher, counselor, psychologist and administrator in a variety of settings, including rural, urban and suburban; and

**WHEREAS**, at the time of her death, Mrs. Parrish-Hooks, Ed.D. had been serving, since 2011, as Executive Director of ECHO Joint Agreement, a south-suburban-based, special-education cooperative which serves 17 school districts; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Parrish-Hooks, Ed.D. also served as an adjunct instructor for Lewis University in 2004 and for National Louis University in 2009; additionally, she provided professional workshops for many years; and

**WHEREAS**, of the many professional presentations which she delivered, Mrs. Parrish-Hooks, Ed.D. was most proud of those given at the American Education Research Association Conference in New York in 2008 and the International Sociological Association in Barcelona, Spain in September of 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Parrish-Hooks, Ed.D. was very proud to be affiliated with the following organizations: South Suburban Chicago Chapter of Links Incorporated (for which she served as Arts Chair); Governors State University Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park; the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development; and the Illinois Alliance of Administrators of Special Education; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Parrish-Hooks, Ed.D. met her husband, The Honorable Judge William Hooks, while both were college students at DePaul University in Chicago; their marriage continued to blossom for over 39 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Parrish-Hooks, Ed.D. was a devoted mother, wife, grandmother and daughter; her family brought her immense joy; nurturing her daughters, in particular, was her passion; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Parrish-Hooks, Ed.D. was a very emotionally giving person to her friends and family; she never lost her concern about the well-being of those around her, even as she suffered and neared death; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Parrish-Hooks, Ed.D. was known as a highly ethical individual; she held her friends, family and colleagues to the same high standards; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Parrish-Hooks, Ed.D. will be remembered in all of the hearts of those individuals whom she touched and loved; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Parrish-Hooks, Ed.D. leaves to mourn her passing her husband, The Honorable Judge William Hooks; mother, Grace C. Parrish; daughters, Mariah S. LeBlanc (Andrew J.) and Ashley Hooks Williams (Kyle T.); grandchildren, Hooks C. and Xavier M. LeBlanc; and extended family and friends, all of whom who loved her deeply.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and Board of Commissioners of Cook County do hereby offer their deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and many friends of Debra S. Parrish-Hooks, Ed.D. and join them in sorrow at this time of profound loss, and may and a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to the family of Debra S. Parrish-Hooks, Ed.D., that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

**Sponsored by:** JESÚS G. GARCÍA, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF URBAN PLANNING AND POLICY ON ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY**

**WHEREAS**, the University of Illinois at Chicago Department of Urban Planning and Policy is celebrating its 40th anniversary; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Task Force of the UIC College of Urban Sciences delivered recommendations on February 6, 1973, to its new dean, Charles Orlebeke, to open the Master of Urban Planning and Policy academic program; and

**WHEREAS**, that fall the college consisted of two units: the academic program leading to the Master of Urban Planning and Policy and the Center for Urban Studies focusing on research and public service activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the UIC Department of Urban Planning and Policy has since grown to one of the largest graduate planning programs in the nation and the only accredited planning program in the Chicago area, boasting more than 2000 students and alumni; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Urban Planning and Policy's Masters in Urban Planning and Policy (MUPP) program ranks in the top tier nationally in the Planetizen Guide to Graduate Urban Planning Programs, and is a recognized leader in urban planning and policy education in the world; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Urban Planning and Policy is now housed in the UIC College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs, a college established through the UIC Great Cities Initiative to provide innovative urban planning and public management education that puts engaged research to purposeful use at home and abroad; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects faster than average employment growth for urban and regional planners; and,

**WHEREAS**, there are few investments more important than those we make in our education and improving the human condition;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate the UIC Department of Urban Planning and Policy on its 40th anniversary and extends its best wishes for continued excellence in education and research to foster the growth and improvement of our communities.



**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** this text be spread upon the proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to the UIC Department of Urban Planning and Policy.

**14-1618**

**Sponsored by:** LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE 150th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN EVANSTON ON APRIL 25th 2014 AND PROCLAIMING APRIL 5th 2104 SAINT MARK'S DAY IN COOK COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, on April 25th 2014 Saint Mark's Episcopal Church in Evanston will celebrate its Sesquicentennial; and

**WHEREAS**, Saint Mark's Episcopal Church was founded on April 25, 1864, on the day that honors Saint Mark; and

**WHEREAS**, Saint Mark's Episcopal Church is located in the Historic Ridge District at 1509 Ridge Avenue in Evanston, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, Saint Mark's is the oldest Episcopal Church in Evanston and-as Evanston grew-Saint Mark's helped found additional Episcopal churches in Evanston, Saint Matthew's, Saint Luke's and Saint Augustine's; and

**WHEREAS**, Saint Mark's is listed in the National Register of Historic Places; and

**WHEREAS**, Debra Bullock, the present rector, is the 18th rector of Saint Mark's; and

**WHEREAS**, under the guidance of The Second Century Committee, "to restore what is essential and to add what is good" the Church Sanctuary was completely restored beginning in 1994 and ending in 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, as Saint Mark's enters its 150th year, its motto is: "Being in Place...Growing in Faith...Living from the Center"; and

**WHEREAS**, the congregation and church of Saint Mark's continues to thrive under the leadership of the Reverend Debra Bullock, Rector and the Reverend Joan Barr Smith, Deacon; 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 takes great pleasure in honoring and celebrating the 150th anniversary of the founding of St. Mark's Episcopal Church and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the contributions the church has made to the citizens of Cook County, Illinois; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that April 25th 2014 be proclaimed Saint Mark's Day in Cook County; 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 Saint Mark's Episcopal Church.

**14-1619**

**Sponsored by:** JESÚS G. GARCÍA, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING CARMEN VELÁSQUEZ UPON HER RETIREMENT FROM ALIVIO MEDICAL CENTER**

**WHEREAS**, Carmen Velásquez, was born in Chicago to Arturo, a Mexican immigrant who would move to Chicago and start a successful jukebox business and Shirley Velásquez, and sister to Arthur Raymond, Maria Elena and Edward; and

**WHEREAS**, Carmen earned a B.S. in Social Science from Loyola University Chicago in 1963 and a M.Ed. in Spanish and Mexican Literature and History from the University of the Americas in Puebla, México in 1973; and

**WHEREAS**, Carmen has been a passionate and tireless leader in the Latino community on the issues of comprehensive immigration reform, universal health care, workforce development, and human rights; and

**WHEREAS**, Carmen has dedicated her life to social change as a community organizer, social worker, and bilingual education specialist; and

**WHEREAS**, Carmen's immigrant and life experience fueled the fire within her to fight for basic health care services for her community, especially for those most vulnerable, the uninsured and undocumented; and

**WHEREAS**, Carmen founded Alivio Medical Center in 1989 as a bilingual, bicultural, non-profit community health center by raising \$2.1 million to build the first Alivio Medical Center clinic at 2355 S. Western Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, Carmen's leadership has guided the growth of Alivio Medical Center for 25 years and now serves more than 28,000 patients annually at its two clinics in Pilsen, one clinic in Cicero, and three school-based community health clinics located in the Little Village Lawndale High School, the John Spry Community School & Community Links High School, and the José Clemente Orozco Community Academy; and

**WHEREAS**, Carmen's passion and leadership for the underserved led to her appointment to the Cook County Health and Hospitals System Board of Directors on June 19, 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, Carmen has received many awards throughout her impressive service including the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund *Lifetime Achievement Award*; the National Council of La Raza *Helen Rodriguez -Trias Health Award*; the Campaign for Better Health Care *Social Justice Award*; the Puerto Rican Cultural Center Juan Antonio Corretje *2013 Bartolo Hernández de Jesús Lifetime Achievement Award*; Hispanic Business *The 100 Influential Thought Leaders Award*; American College of Physicians *Richard & Hinda Rosenthal Foundation Award*; and, the *Premio Ohtli*, the highest honor bestowed by the Government of México on an individual for outstanding contribution to Mexicans living abroad; and

**WHEREAS**, Carmen was honored by hundreds of supporters, colleagues, friends, and community members at the Alivio Medical Center 25th Anniversary Gala on Friday, January 24, 2014.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate Carmen Velásquez for 25 years at the helm of Alivio Medical Center and an impressive and extraordinary life of service and commitment to the most vulnerable members of the community.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to Carmen Velásquez with our thanks and sincere wishes for good health and happiness during her retirement.

**14-1622**

**Sponsored by:** ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING ANDREW HOLMES**

**WHEREAS,** Andrew Holmes who was a survivor of gun violence, has dedicated his life to rid all communities, including his hometown of Chicago, of senseless gun violence; and

**WHEREAS,** Andrew Holmes began his mission while working on behalf of a state representative distributing flyers and information door to door to combat and prevent elder abuse; and

**WHEREAS,** Andrew Holmes mission has evolved to an even higher level focusing on ridding violence and drug abuse within all communities and focusing particularly among the youth; and

**WHEREAS,** Andrew Holmes has established an anonymous tip line [1-800-UTELLUS] working along with a nationwide missing persons unit and continues the most personal form of community policing, again going door to door investigating leads and asking questions in order to help solve and prevent crime; and

**WHEREAS,** Andrew Holmes continues to work with the FBI and the Chicago Police Department's human trafficking division and has been credited with rescuing more than 50 young victims of kidnapping and human trafficking and aiding in an arrest linked to over a dozen high-profile murder cases; and

**WHEREAS,** Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel has proclaimed February 26, 2014 to be ANDREW HOLMES DAY IN CHICAGO in recognition of Andrew Holmes; and

**WHEREAS,** Andrew Holmes is a shining example of true citizenship and his personal commitment to all communities working tirelessly to make our neighborhoods safer and better places to protect the most vulnerable of our society;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize and thank ANDREW HOLMES for his tireless work in making our communities safer and reuniting families.

**14-1624**

**Sponsored by:** LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioner

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING THE 125th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE WOMEN'S CLUB OF EVANSTON**

**WHEREAS,** on Sunday March 23, the Women's Club in Evanston will celebrate its 125th anniversary; and

**WHEREAS,** for 125 years, the Women's Club of Evanston has been raising funds and providing volunteers for local nonprofit organizations dedicated to enhancing the lives of individuals and families in Evanston; and

**WHEREAS**, the Community Outreach committee of the Woman's Club of Evanston coordinates, manages and implements community service projects and every member is asked to serve in at least two community service events. As a Club, their members give more than 5000 hours of community service a year to various Evanston projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the Women's Club of Evanston has pioneered many vital programs that benefit the community; one of their signature projects is the Dreams Delivered project that provides prom attire to seniors at Evanston Township High School free of charge. In seven years, Dreams Delivered has outfitted nearly 425 Evanston Township High School senior girls for prom, a joint project with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; and

**WHEREAS**, another signature project of the Women's Club of Evanston is the Sewing Circle a project that has members make items for babies in need, for breast cancer patients and for the critical needs of returning injured Iraqi war veterans. Welfare Sewing was an original project of the organization 125 years ago when members sewed baby blankets among other items and the tradition continues today; and

**WHEREAS**, The Women's Club of Evanston is dedicated to community service, philanthropic work and friendship and boasts more than 400 members from the North Shore, Chicago and surrounding communities; 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 takes great pleasure in honoring and celebrating the 125th anniversary of the Women's Club of Evanston and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the contributions the organization and its members have 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 the same be tendered to the Women's Club of Evanston...end

**14-1625**

**Sponsored by:** LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioner

## **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

### **COMMEMORATING THE LIFE, MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND MEMORY OF THE ROBERT J. O'CONNELL**

**WHEREAS**, Robert J. O'Connell, was a distinguished law professor of Marquette University, IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law and John Marshall Law School; and

**WHEREAS**, Robert J. O'Connell was a veteran of the United States Army and served in the Korean War; and

**WHEREAS**, Robert J. O'Connell was the beloved brother of the late Franklin, Jr. M.D. (the late Mary Lou) O'Connell, the late Jerome M.D. (Ellen) O'Connell and the late Regina (the late James, Sr.) Nash; dear uncle of Thomas (Terri) O'Connell, Deirdre (Edmond) deVlam, Meg (Michael) Hawkins, John O'Connell, Anne O'Connell, M.D. (Ethan Kunz), Patricia O'Connell (Stephen Bell), Edward (Julie) O'Connell, Peter O'Connell, Catherine Nash, James, Jr. (Nancy) Nash, Maura (Ted) Kennedy and Regina Nash; and

**WHEREAS** Robert J. O'Connell was a popular law professor, inspiring and influencing many young lawyers at Marquette University, IIT Chicago-Kent and John Marshall Law schools; and

**WHEREAS**, Robert J. O'Connell was a cherished friend to many and fond great-uncle who enjoyed piloting airplanes; and

**WHEREAS**, Robert J. O'Connell will be greatly missed by friends in Finland, Northern Wisconsin, Alaska and the Amish Community; 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 commemorates the life of Robert J. O'Connell, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions he has made to the Citizens of Cook County, Illinois through the training of hundreds of lawyers; 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 Robert J. O'Connell.

**14-1644**

**Sponsored by:** JOHN P. DALEY, County Commissioner and TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

## **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

### **ELMER MESTROVIC, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Elmer Mestrovic from our midst, and

**WHEREAS**, Elmer Mestrovic was known with affection as "Big E" by his many friends and family members, and

**WHEREAS**, Elmer Mestrovic was the beloved husband of the late Rita Mestrovic, and

**WHEREAS,** Elmer Mestrovic was the loving father of Johanne (Jerry) Lakomiak, Elmer (the late Patti) and

**WHEREAS,** Elmer Mestrovic was the best friend of Mary Akers, Mary (Bill) Murrihy, and Rita (Massimo) Grassano, and

**WHEREAS,** Elmer Mestrovic was the proud grampa and best papa of Jake, Jerry, Mary, Matthew, Billy, Rita, and Jack, and

**WHEREAS,** Elmer Mestrovic was the dear brother of Carl, and the late Frank (the late Eve), Robert, and Beverly, and

**WHEREAS,** Elmer Mestrovic bravely answered the call of his country to defend the cause of freedom in the United States Navy, where he served with valor and distinction, and

**WHEREAS,** all who knew him will attest that Elmer Mestrovic 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 Elmer “Big E” Mestrovic, 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 Elmer Mestrovic, that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

**14-1645**

**Sponsored by:** JOHN P. DALEY, County Commissioner and TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

## **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

### **GRACE SLATTERY, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS,** Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Grace J. Slattery from our midst, and

**WHEREAS,** Grace J. Slattery (nee Ryan) was the loving and adored wife of Jeremiah J. Slattery for 55 years, and

**WHEREAS,** Grace J. Slattery was the amazing Mother the late Michael J, Patrick R. (Mary Pat) and Maura A. (William) Boyle, and

**WHEREAS,** Grace J. Slattery was the much loved Nan of Aidan, Martin, Declan Boyle and Claire Slattery, and

**WHEREAS,** Grace J. Slattery was the beloved daughter of the late Patrick and the late Nora Ryan, and

**WHEREAS,** Grace J. Slattery was the fond daughter-in-law of the late Mary (the late Harold) McBride and the late Jeremiah J. Slattery, and

**WHEREAS,** Grace J. Slattery was the cherished Sister of the late Jack (Dolores) Healy, the late Anna Mae (late John) Costas, Marguerite (the late James) Kiely, the late Francis (Ellen) Healy and Shelia Ryan, and Sister-in-law to Mary F. Slattery, and

**WHEREAS,** all who knew her will attest that Grace J. Slattery 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 Grace J. Slattery, 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 Grace J. Slattery, that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

**14-1647**

**Sponsored by:** JOHN P. DALEY, County Commissioner and TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**JOHN ROGERS SR, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS,** Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called John W. Rogers, Sr. from our midst, and

**WHEREAS,** John W. Rogers, Sr. was a member of the famed Tuskegee Airmen during World War II, and

**WHEREAS,** John W. Rogers, Sr. was a distinguished and respected jurist in Cook County for many years, and

**WHEREAS,** John W. Rogers, Sr. was a prominent Chicago resident, who inspired generations of his peers with his leadership, generosity, and service to his nation and community, and



**WHEREAS,** John W. Rogers, Sr. was born in Knoxville, Tennessee, and moved to Chicago at a young age to live with relatives, and

**WHEREAS,** John W. Rogers, Sr. attended Tilden Tech, Chicago State University, and the University of Chicago Law School, and

**WHEREAS,** John W. Rogers, Sr. joined the law firm of Neal & Leroy, where he practiced successfully for many years, and

**WHEREAS,** John W. Rogers, Sr. was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor in 2012 for his service with the Tuskegee Airmen, and

**WHEREAS,** was appointed to the bench as Associate Judge in 1977, and was assigned to the Juvenile Division, and

**WHEREAS,** John W. Rogers, Sr. instilled his values of hard work and perseverance in his son, John W. Rogers, Jr., who has continued his father's legacy of community involvement and philanthropy, and

**WHEREAS,** all who knew him will attest that John W. Rogers, Sr. 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 John W. Rogers, Sr., 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 John W. Rogers, Sr., that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.