



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY

**Cook County Building, Board Room
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

Consent Calendar Agenda

Wednesday, December 17, 2014, 11:00 AM

15-0553

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY and ROBERT STEELE, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONER DEBORAH SIMS 20 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

WHEREAS, the calendar year 2014 marks the completion of 20 years of services to the Citizens of Cook County as a member of the County Board for Commissioner Deborah Sims; and

WHEREAS, her dedication to people and the community was evident early in her career when she held a position with the City of Chicago Department of Human Services as a Youth Intervention Worker and a Youth Service Coordinator; these positions involved working with Chicago Public Schools, Youth Services Agencies and teenagers on the south side of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Sims also worked collaboratively with three Judges in the Circuit Court of Cook County and served as a Rape Victims Advocate; and

WHEREAS, In April 1994, Deborah Sims was asked to run for Cook County Commissioner by the late Alderman/Committeeman Lemuel Austin Jr., and former Commissioner of the Board of Review Wilson Frost.

WHEREAS, on November 8, 1994 Deborah Sims was the first female elected to the cook county board, with a strong show of support from the voters of the Fifth District of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, after her four-year term concluded, Commissioner Deborah Sims was re-elected in 1998, 2002, 2006, 2010 and again in 2014 showing remarkable strong support among the voter of the 5th District of Cook County on Chicago's South Side and south suburbs, serving Wards 9 and 34 in the City of Chicago, serving, Blue Island, Calumet Park, Chicago Heights, Country Club Hills, Dixmoor, Dolton, Ford Heights, Glenwood, Harvey, Hazel Crest, Markham, Midlothian Oak Forest, Olympia Fields, Riverdale, Robbins, Phoenix, Posen in the south suburbs at times including the 19 Ward, Homewood, Matteson, Richton Park ; and

WHEREAS, her dynamic leadership qualities have allowed her to be the first woman to chair the Cook County Construction Committee, and the Transportation of Highway Committee. She currently serves as Vice Chairperson of the Finance Committee, Chairperson of the Tax Delinquency Sub-Committee, Vice Chairperson of the Capital Development under the Forest Preserve District, Past President of the National Association of Black County Officials (NABCO) Past Treasurer of the National Association of Black County Officials Labor Steering Committee (NABCO) and serves on the NeighborSpace Board; and

WHEREAS, throughout her 20 years of service on the Cook County Board, Commissioner Deborah Sims mission is to ensure that all residents have a clear understanding of how their tax dollars are spent and how County government works. Her motto is "Bringing County Government to the People".

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby offer its heartfelt congratulations to Commissioner Deborah Sims for 20 years of services as a County Commissioner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to Commissioner Deborah Sims in recognition of her remarkable accomplishment as a Commissioner on the Cook County Board.

15-0656

Sponsored by: JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioner, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE and LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING HENRY J. "HANK" RUTKOWSKI, SR. ON THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DOWNING OF THE BLANCO DIABLO

WHEREAS, Henry J. "Hank" Rutkowski, Sr., of the Archer Heights neighborhood in Chicago, is a decorated World War II veteran and former prisoner of war; and

WHEREAS, Hank Rutkowski enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps in 1943 at age 17; and

WHEREAS, Hank Rutkowski achieved the rank of Sergeant and served in the European Theater of Operations; and

WHEREAS, on December 6, 1944, while serving aboard a B-17 flying fortress named the Blanco Diablo, Hank Rutkowski and his crew were shot down shortly after bombing oil refineries in Marsberg, Germany; and

WHEREAS, the nine-member crew of the Blanco Diablo was forced to bail out and lost one crew member; and

WHEREAS, the surviving members of Hank Rutkowski's crew were captured by German forces near Meppel, Netherlands and transported to a prison in Barth Germany; and

WHEREAS, Hank Rutkowski and his crew were eventually freed by the Russian Army on May 8, 1945; and

WHEREAS, Hank Rutkowski received the Good Conduct Medal, the Air Medal, the European Theater of War Medal and the POW Medal; and

WHEREAS, following the war, Hank Rutkowski worked for 40 years at Schulze & Birch at 1133 W. 35th Street and retired in 1993; and

WHEREAS, every year Hank Rutkowski and his family have given thanks for his safe return home and for the example of his service and sacrifice for his country.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby express their deep gratitude for the sacrifices of Hank Rutkowski, the crew of the Blanco Diablo and their loved ones have made on behalf of this great country; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to Hank Rutkowski in recognition of the service and sacrifice of the crew of the Blanco Diablo and the high esteem in which these men are held by the President and members of the Cook County Board.

15-0711

Sponsored by: RICHARD R. BOYKIN, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING DOROTHY GATERS MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL COACH ON HER 1,000TH CAREER VICTORY

WHEREAS, for the past four decades Dorothy Gaters, a graduate of Marshall High School, has been the first and only coach of the Marshall High School girls' basketball team, and,

WHEREAS, Coach Gaters has led the Marshall High School girls' basketball team to eight state championships and multiple city championships, elite eight state tournament appearances, Public League Championship game appearances and has had several of her teams inducted into the state basketball Hall of Fame, and,

WHEREAS, Coach Gaters has herself been inducted into the National Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in Knoxville, Tennessee, class of 2000, and,

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2014 Coach Gaters achieved a historic milestone by winning her 1,000th victory as head coach of the Marshall High School Commandos, and,

WHEREAS, Coach Gaters has excelled in her career not only as a high school basketball coach but as a Physical Education Teacher, Department Chairperson, Athletic Director and Public League Basketball Coaches Association President, and,

WHEREAS, Coach Gaters ranks eighth nationally all-time in wins as a girls' basketball coach, and,

WHEREAS, Coach Gaters and her basketball program has had a 100 per cent graduation rate, and,

WHEREAS, Coach Gaters has helped to develop some of the top student athletes in the country including Cappie Pondexter, Janet Harris, and Toni Foster, and,

WHEREAS, Coach Gaters in 2001 started the MLK Dream Classic, which brings together more than 40 girls' and boys' basketball teams from across the country to honor the dream and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. through a basketball shootout, and,

WHEREAS, because of Coach Gaters' talent, hard work, and unfailing commitment to her players and her students she has been and continues to be an extraordinary role model to and an exemplary mentor for young women in particular and young people in general, in Cook County and beyond,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Cook County President and Board of Commissioners congratulate Coach Dorothy Gaters on her 1,000th victory, recognize her extraordinary accomplishments and express to her sincerest thanks and appreciation for her many contributions to her community, to Cook County, and to the lives of young people in the region.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this resolution be made available to Coach Dorothy Gaters.

15-0713

Sponsored by: RICHARD R. BOYKIN, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE MEMORY OF SALVATORE "SAL" FERRARA II FEBRUARY 28, 1951 - NOVEMBER 27, 2014

WHEREAS Sal Ferrara served as Chief Executive Officer of the Ferrara Candy Company from 1986-2014, and was known as an icon of the candy making industry, and,

WHEREAS , Sal Ferrara will be remembered by succeeding generations as a generous benefactor of the Park District of Forest Park, the Chamber of Commerce, St. Bernadine Parish, Forest Park Little League, and the Forest Park Police and Fire Departments, and,

WHEREAS Sal Ferrara was known throughout the community as the epitome of civic responsibility, generosity and pride, and,

WHEREAS the Ferrara Pan Candy Company was founded in 1908 by Sal's grandfather, and carried on by Sal's father, Nello, and,

WHEREAS the Ferrara Pan Candy Company moved to Forest Park, Illinois in 1959, and,

WHEREAS after assuming leadership of the Company Sal took the company from \$3 million to \$350 million in value, and,

WHEREAS the many iconic American candy varieties produced by the Ferrara Candy Company include Red Hots, Boston Baked Beans, Lemonheads, and Atomic Fireballs, and,

WHEREAS under the leadership of Sal Ferrara the Ferrara Candy Company made one million pounds of candy every day, and,

WHEREAS Sal Ferrara's love of the Chicago Blackhawks was a central passion in his life, and,

WHEREAS Sal Ferrara was a significant contributor to the Blackhawks Alumni Association, which funds hockey scholarships for students, and,

WHEREAS Sal Ferrara was both on the ice and in the locker room after his beloved Chicago Blackhawks won the Stanley Cup in 2010 in Philadelphia, and,

WHEREAS Sal Ferrara was a leader of great strength who gave 100% to the confectioners' industry and his community, and,

WHEREAS Sal Ferrara's generosity and charitable work were legion, and,

WHEREAS Sal Ferrara was a loving husband to Andrea and a loving father to Nello II, Alana, Lauren, Bobby, and Erik, and a loving grandfather to Matthew, Charlie and Brooke,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Cook County President and Board of Commissioners offer their sincere condolences to the family of Salvatore "Sal" Ferrara II, recognize his extraordinary accomplishments and express their sincerest gratitude and appreciation for his many contributions to his community, to Cook County, and to the lives of all those he touched.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this resolution be made available to the family of Sal Ferrara.

15-0716

Sponsored by: RICHARD R. BOYKIN, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE VILLAGE OF BROADVIEW ON THE OCCASION OF ITS CENTENNIAL

WHEREAS, The members of the Cook County Board wish to acknowledge and honor the Village of Broadview in this, the Village of Broadview's centennial year; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Broadview has always been a productive and outstanding part of Cook County, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Broadview has long been a place where people have gathered to settle and raise their families. Prior to its incorporation as the Village of Broadview in 1914, native Americans and settlers found the area that would become Broadview a great place to settle because of its location and proximity to resources; and

WHEREAS, Broadview was incorporated in 1914 as a small community of approximately 200 families; and

WHEREAS, today, Broadview's population has risen to approximately 8,500 residents and 3,500 families; and

WHEREAS, Broadview retains its "small-town" feel while existing only 13 miles and 20 minutes away from the hustle and bustle of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Broadview's suburban setting offers a respite from the business of the big city, while putting restaurants, sports arenas, shopping centers and convention/meeting facilities just minutes away; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Broadview's residents are hardworking, industrious and prosperous; and

WHEREAS, the goodness of the residents of Broadview is clearly reflected in the Village of Broadview's excellent community spirit and civic pride; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Broadview is a friend to business and business development; and

WHEREAS, there are many businesses and developments located within the Village of Broadview; and

WHEREAS, the Village officially celebrated its centennial on July 26, 2014, with the Village of Broadview's first "Family Fest;" and

WHEREAS, the Village of Broadview's centennial was celebrated with a Parade and speeches by Governor Pat Quinn, Congressman Danny Davis, State Senator Kimberly Lightford, State Representative Emanuel Chris Welch and Village of Broadview President Sherman Jones, among others; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Broadview's centennial festivities also included local businesses which set up stands and sold food and other local products; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Broadview's centennial "Family Fest" also included a family style picnic, music and dancing;

WHEREAS, the centennial "Family Fest" demonstrated Broadview's unwavering commitment to its residents, businesses and families; and

WHEREAS, as the Village of Broadview's centennial year comes to an end, the Cook County Board of Commissioners look forward to another 100 years of prosperity for the Village of Broadview.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, assembled this 17th day of December, 2014, do hereby honor the Village of Broadview in its centennial year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this resolution be presented to President Sherman Jones and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Broadview for dissemination to the residents of the Village of Broadview.

15-0755

Sponsored by: STANLEY MOORE, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE OF MINNIE JEAN SHIELDS BROWN

WHEREAS, On Sunday, November 23, 2014, God in his own way and in His infinite wisdom called to his eternal reward Minnie Jean Shields Brown; and

WHEREAS, Minnie Jean Shields Brown was born on June 19, 1944 to Christella Jones and Earl Shields, in Hollysprings Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Minnie Jean Shields Brown moved to Chicago in 1956 as a devoted Christian and dedicated her life to a career in cosmetology as she operated her own hair salon for many years; and

WHEREAS, Minnie Jean Shields Brown was always extremely caring and shared her wonderful gift of service as a waitress at Daley's Restaurant where she was recognized as one of the best waitresses on the Southside of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Minnie Jean Shields Brown organized and was President of a small group of women at Daley's Restaurant called "The Daley's Elite" that shared many joyous occasions as they hosted several successful social gatherings and fundraisers; and

WHEREAS, Minnie Jean Shields Brown married Robert Brown in December 1973 and they shared over forty years of marriage until her transition from her earthly life; and

WHEREAS, Minnie Jean Shields Brown was a loving wife, devoted mother, and proud grandmother; Minnie leaves cherished memories in the hearts of her dear mother, Christella Shields, her beloved husband, Robert Brown, one daughter, Alexis Brown-Huff, one grandson, Alex Huff, one aunt, Aquilla McClarty, one sister, Chris Gardner, two brothers, John Earl and Willie Shields, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Cook County Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, will gather together on the 17th Day of December, 2014 A.D., to express their honor and sorrow on the passing of Minnie Jean Shields Brown, and will extend to her family their sincere condolences; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution will be prepared and presented to the family of Minnie Jean Shields Brown.

15-0765

Sponsored by: TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE WINNERS OF THE POP WARNER DIVISION II JUNIOR PEE WEE FOOTBALL NATIONAL TITLE THE HOFFMAN ESTATES JUNIOR PEE WEE REDHAWKS

WHEREAS , On December 12, 2014 The Hoffman Estates Redhawks Junior Pee Wee football team became national champions by defeating the Deer Valley Snakes of Arizona 16-0 in the 58th Pop Warner Division II Junior Pee Wee Division Super Bowl in Orlando, Florida; and

WHEREAS, The Hoffman Estates Redhawks Junior Pee Wee football team capped a perfect 3-0 stretch, beating the Stanley (NC) Blue Devils, 18-12, in the first round and the Watchung Hills (NJ) Wolverines, 35-12, during the semifinals; and

WHEREAS, The Hoffman Estates Redhawks Junior Pee Wee football team range from 9 to 11 years old and are from Hoffman Estates, Illinois and neighboring suburbs; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Rick Cyr, along with fellow coaches Gregg Kirkwood, Bill Kirkwood, Mark Coalson and Chris Coalson brought The REDHAWKS to a perfect 13-0 season for 2014 and then on to victory at the Super-Bowl in Orlando, FL; and

WHEREAS, this win was the Redhawks First National Championship Trophy in the Program's History; and

WHEREAS, due to the special effort of Mark Muller and Blake Polony who also helped make it all possible for this fine young team to go on with an undefeated season; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners take this opportunity on behalf of Cook County to express congratulations to the Hoffman Estates Redhawks Junior Pee Wee Football Team for this accomplishment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, and that a copy be transmitted as a testimonial of the high esteem and praise to the Hoffman Estates Redhawks Junior Pee Wee football team and its organization.

Sponsored by: JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN MEMORY OF JOHN J. WOJCİK

WHEREAS, John J. Wojcik was the beloved husband of Emma, loving father of Charlene (Michael) and John (late Micha Ahn), cherished papa of Me Cha (Tim), Brittany, Ashley and Mallory, dear uncle to many and a friend to all; and

WHEREAS, John J. Wojcik was born in Chicago on August 16, 1914 to Albert and Anna Wojcik; and

WHEREAS, John J. Wojcik was one of seven children, having had four brothers and two sisters, one of which was his twin sister; and

WHEREAS, John J. Wojcik married Emma Fruhwirth, the love of his life, on May 13th, 1945; they welcomed their children, the twins John James (2lbs) and Charlene Ann (3 lbs) into the world on October 5, 1951 at Hinsdale Hospital; and

WHEREAS, John J. Wojcik was drafted into the U. S. Navy although he was never called to serve as the war ended briefly after with the bombing of Hiroshima; and

WHEREAS, John J. Wojcik had a love and gift for music; as a young man he played the accordion through the years for church activities, as well as in the alleys of Chicago on Sunday mornings during church collections; and

WHEREAS, John J. Wojcik reached a remarkable milestone in his life on the joyous occasion of his 100th birthday on August 16, 2014 which he celebrated with his family; and

WHEREAS, John J. Wojcik was a man of faith and a fervent evangelist; he signed many people up for Bible studies and did his best to spread the Word wherever he went; and

WHEREAS, John J. Wojcik was a compassionate individual whose exemplary life and commitment to his faith, his family and his community are an inspiration to us all.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County does hereby express its deep sorrow at the death of John J. Wojcik, and offers its heartfelt sympathy to his family in their hour of sorrow and joins his family in honoring his memory; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to the family of John J. Wojcik in memory of his good works and let it also be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body.

15-0776

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, County Commissioner, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

WAYNE HEALY, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Wayne Healy from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Healy was the beloved husband of Eileen (Nee Mooney) Healy; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Healy was the loving father of Colleen, John (Eileen), and Wayne Jr. (Maria); and

WHEREAS, Wayne Healy was the Adoring Papa to Nora, William and Elizabeth Cusick, John Jr., Kaileen, Edward, Margaret and Luke Healy; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Healy was the devoted son of the late Lillian and Patrick Joseph Healy; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Healy was the dear brother of Patricia Boland, Marilyn (the late Austin McNichols), the late Gwendolyn (the late Harry) Baldwin and Jane Healy; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Healy was the fond brother-in-law of Felice and (the late Carl Madda), the late Jack and Edward Mooney; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Healy will be missed by many nieces, nephews, and friends; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Healy touched the lives of many and will be remembered by all who knew him; and

WHEREAS, all who knew him will attest that Wayne Healy was a kind and compassionate man, virtuous of character and gentle in spirit, admired and respected by his many friends and neighbors, and dearly loved by his family; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and many friends of Wayne Healy, 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 Wayne Healy so that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

15-0778

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, County Commissioner, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

STEVEN BALOURDOS, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Steven Balourdos from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Steven Balourdos was the beloved husband of Sophia Balourdos; and

WHEREAS, Steven Balourdos was the loving father of Cathy (Nicholas) Litsos and Michael S. (Vicky) Balourdos; and

WHEREAS, Steven Balourdos was the proud grandfather of Billy, Steven, Sophia, and Alessandra; and

WHEREAS, Steven Balourdos was the loving brother of Giasemi (Niko) Argyros and the late Michael (Maria) Balourdos; and

WHEREAS, Steven Balourdos was the fond uncle of Arthur (Nancy) and John (Maria) Balourdos; and

WHEREAS, Steven Balourdos was a well-known restrauranter and real estate developer; and

WHEREAS, Steven Balourdos touched the lives of many and will be remembered by all who knew him; and

WHEREAS, all who knew him will attest that Steven Balourdos was a kind and compassionate man, virtuous of character and gentle in spirit, admired and respected by his many friends and neighbors, and dearly loved by his family; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and many friends of Steven Balourdos, 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 Steven Balourdos so that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

15-0779

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, County Commissioner, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

EDWARD O'CONNELL, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Edward O'Connell from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Edward O'Connell was the beloved husband of Sheila nee Kenny; and

WHEREAS, Edward O'Connell was the loving father of Denise (Kevin) King, Thersea (Thomas) O'Connell, Mary Pat (Patrick) Slattery, Edward (Rachel), Bridget (Dianna), Matthew (Mary), Joseph, and Timothy; and

WHEREAS, Edward O'Connell was the proud grandfather of Kelly, Caitlin, Shannon, and Bridget King; Meghan, Thomas, Patrick, and Michael O'Connell; Claire Slattery, Alyssa, and Dominic O'Connell; and

WHEREAS, Edward O'Connell was the loving brother of John (the late Margaret); and

WHEREAS, Edward O'Connell was the fond uncle of many; and

WHEREAS, Edward O'Connell touched the lives of many and will be remembered by all who knew him; and

WHEREAS, all who knew him will attest that Edward O'Connell was a kind and compassionate man, virtuous of character and gentle in spirit, admired and respected by his many friends and neighbors, and dearly loved by his family; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and many friends of Edward O'Connell, 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 O'Connell so that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

15-0781

JOHN P. DALEY, County Commissioner, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

LINDA CATINO, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Linda Catino from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Linda Catino was the beloved wife of Charles, and

WHEREAS, Linda Catino was the loving mother of Angela, William (Joanette), Sharon, and Gianna (Bill) Hronopoulos; and

WHEREAS, Linda Catino was the beloved daughter of the late Angeline and Rocco Sabbia; and

WHEREAS, Linda Catino was the loving grandmother of Charles, Nicolette, William, Anthony, and Billy; and

WHEREAS, Linda Catino was the dear sister of Marie (Carmen) Arcieri, Sharon (the late Michael) Coletta, and Angela (James) Macchione; and

WHEREAS, Linda Catino was the loving sister-in-law of Marlene (Salvatore) Salvato and Rita Munoz; and

WHEREAS, Linda Catino was the fond aunt and great-aunt of many; and

WHEREAS, Linda Catino touched the lives of many and will be remembered by all who knew her; and

WHEREAS, all who knew her will attest that Linda Catino 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; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and many friends of Linda Catino, 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 Linda Catino so that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF JUDY BAAR TOPINKA

WHEREAS, God, in His infinite wisdom, has called an iconic political leader, renowned for her brilliant intellect, for the vibrancy and warmth of her person, for her deeply principled integrity, for her pioneering work in being fiscally responsible and for her trailblazing as a woman in politics and government, Judy Baar Topinka, from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Judy Baar Topinka was born in west suburban Riverside in 1944, to Lillian Mary (Shuss) and William D. Baar, the children of Slovak and Czech immigrants; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Topinka graduated from Ferry Hall School, now known as Lake Forest Academy in 1962. Ms. Topinka then attended Northwestern University and received a Bachelor of Science degree from Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism where she was also a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority; and

WHEREAS, in 1965 Ms. Topinka married Joe Topinka and together had a son, Joseph before divorcing Mr. Topinka in 1981; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Northwestern, Ms. Topinka became a reporter for several Chicago suburban newspapers, eventually becoming an editor and on the side, she established her own public relations business, through which she began a career in consulting for various political candidates; and

WHEREAS, in 1980, Ms. Topinka first pursued her own career in politics by running for the Illinois General Assembly where she won a seat in the Illinois House of Representatives, where she served from 1981 to 1985. She then went on to serve in the Illinois Senate from 1985 to 1995; and

WHEREAS, she ran for Illinois State Treasurer in 1995 and was elected for the first of three terms, which made her the first woman to become State Treasurer and the first Republican to hold the post in 32 years as well as being a recognized and respected taxpayer watchdog and earned a reputation for speaking up against mismanagement of public funds. She also was a previous chair of the Illinois Republican Party; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, Topinka was the first woman to win the Republican nomination for Governor in Illinois, however, she was defeated by Governor Rod Blagojevich; and

WHEREAS, in 2010 Ms. Topinka successfully ran for the office of the Illinois Comptroller where she was reelected for a second four-year term in November 2014; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Topinka displayed an impulsive, candid style. During one of her campaigns, her fliers

called it "common sense, straight talk, hard work". A fiscal conservative, she was also an early advocate of abortion and gay rights; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Topinka was well known for her love of animals, particularly her dogs. She spoke four languages - English, Czech, Spanish and Polish; and

WHEREAS, Judy Baar Topinka was active in politics for 34 years and she is highly regarded as one the first women in Illinois politics to carve out a path for women to come, many of whom she mentored; and

WHEREAS, in losing Judy Baar Topinka we have lost a woman who never gave up the fight.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Judy Baar Topinka's memory shall be cherished in all of the hearts of the people whom she touched and loved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, does hereby express its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family as well as the many friends, colleagues and loved ones of Judy Baar Topinka, and may a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to her family herewith.

15-0773

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, County Commissioner JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, 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 JANE MARGARET BYRNE

WHEREAS, God, in His infinite wisdom, has called an iconic political leader, Jane Byrne, renowned for her brilliant intellect, for the vibrancy and warmth of her person, for her deeply principled integrity, for her pioneering work and trailblazing as a woman in politics, government and academia; and

WHEREAS, Jane Margaret Byrne was born on May 24, 1933 in Chicago, Illinois to William Patrick Burke and Katherine Marie Nolan; and

WHEREAS, in 1955 she graduated from Barat College of the Sacred Heart in Lake Forest, Illinois where she later attended the University of Illinois at Chicago, where she took classes toward receiving a teaching certificate; and

WHEREAS, in 1956 she married William P. Byrne, a Marine who later died in a plane crash in 1959. The couple had a daughter, Katherine C. Byrne. Ms. Byrne remarried in 1978 to a journalist Jay McMullen until his death from cancer in 1992; and

WHEREAS, in 1960, Ms. Byrne first entered into politics as a volunteer for John F. Kennedy's campaign for President of the United States where she first met Mayor Richard J. Daley; and

WHEREAS, in 1968 Ms. Byrne was appointed by Mayor Richard J. Daley to head the Chicago Consumer Affairs Department until 1977; and

WHEREAS, in 1977 Ms. Byrne launched a campaign to unseat Mayor Michael Bilandic in the 1979 Democratic mayoral primary in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, in 1979, Ms. Byrne defeated Bilandic in the mayoral primary and went on to win the general election, becoming not only the first female to hold the position of mayor in Chicago but the first woman elected mayor of any major U.S. city ; and

WHEREAS, as Mayor of Chicago, Ms. Byrne made inclusive decisions and some accomplishments include her signing ordinances to get handguns off the street, bringing transparency to the city's budget process, and revitalizing the business district known as the Loop and helping turn Navy Pier into a waterfront mall; and

WHEREAS, her maverick, and sometimes combative, style did not always please City Hall or government employees, facing strikes by labor unions and the city's transit workers, public school teachers and fire fighters; and

WHEREAS, in 1983, Ms. Byrne was defeated in Chicago's Democratic mayoral primary by Harold Washington, where he then went on to win the general election. She ran against Mayor Washington in the 1987 Democratic primary but was narrowly defeated. She endorsed Washington for the general election where he won. She attempted a final unsuccessful run for mayor against Mayor Richard M. Daley in 1991; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Byrne was active in politics for 30 years and her reputation remains as a trailblazer and pioneer for countless women in Chicago and in politics where her legacy of tireless public service will never be forgotten because of her strength, courage and commitment; and

WHEREAS, in losing Jane Byrne we have lost a woman who never gave up the fight.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Jane Byrne's memory shall be cherished in all of the hearts of the people whom she touched and loved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, does hereby express its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family as well as the many friends, colleagues and loved ones of Jane Byrne, and may a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to her family herewith.

15-0774

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATIONS TO PAULA MATELA ON HER RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, on December 31, 2014, Paula Matela will retire after 27 years of service with Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Paula spent the last 20 years in the Office of the Secretary to the Cook County Board of Commissioners and was promoted to Deputy Secretary in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Paula, the daughter of the late Armando and Carmina Popolla, was born Paola Popolla on June 6, 1963 in Amaseno, Italy, and is the youngest of five children; and

WHEREAS, Paula has a brother, Franco, and sister, Lucia, who still live in Italy and two brothers, Robert and Enzo, who live in Chicago Heights; and

WHEREAS, in 1972, Armando Popolla and Paula's brother, Robert, came to the United States and settled in Chicago Heights, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Paula came to the United States on August 23, 1973 with her mother, Carmina, and brother, Enzo, to join her father and brother in Chicago Heights and Paula eventually changed her name from Paola to Paula; and

WHEREAS, at 10 years old, Paula's new life in the United States was difficult due to her not knowing any English; and

WHEREAS, Paula attended Garfield Elementary school, in Chicago Heights, where she had a difficult time because of the language barrier, as she once told her mother that if there was an airplane in front of their house, she would get on it and fly back to Italy; and

WHEREAS, Paula eventually learned English and developed her personality that earned her the nickname "52 pounds of rompin' stompin'" from her 4th grade teacher; and

WHEREAS, Paula continued her education at Bloom High School, graduating in 1981, and earning her Associates Degree in Secretarial Studies at Prairie State College in May of 1984; and

WHEREAS, on September 9, 1989, Paula married Nicholas Matela; and

WHEREAS, Paula and Nick have been married for 25 years and are the proud parents of

Michael and Matthew Matela; and

WHEREAS, Paula began her professional career, in 1984, as Assistant Secretary for the Mayor of Chicago Heights, Charles Panici; and

WHEREAS, Paula came to Cook County in 1987 to work for Cook County Commissioner Robert Gooley; and

WHEREAS, when Commissioner Gooley retired in 1994, Paula went to work for the Office of the Secretary to the Cook County Board of Commissioners where she was promoted to Deputy Secretary in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Paula's vibrant "rompin' stompin'" personality, hard work, integrity, loyalty and extensive knowledge of the County and the Board of Commissioners will truly be missed; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners that we hereby thank Paula Matela for her 27 years of service to Cook County and congratulate her on her retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Board and a suitable copy be presented to Paula Matela.