



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY**  
**Cook County Building, Board Room, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

**Consent Agenda**

**for the**

**Meeting of the Board of Commissioners**

**Wednesday, January 21, 2015, 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 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.

**15-1102**

**Sponsored by:** JOHN P. DALEY, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**RECOGNIZING PETER SILVESTRI’S 20 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE AS A COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**WHEREAS**, 2014 marks the completion of Commissioner Peter Silvestri’s twenty years of service to the citizens of Cook County as a member of the County Board; and

**WHEREAS**, Peter Silvestri exhibited leadership skills at an early age, and in 1977, at age twenty, he became the youngest person in Illinois elected to a local school board; and

**WHEREAS**, Peter Silvestri graduated from DePaul University with a bachelor of arts in 1979 and a juris doctorate in 1982; and

**WHEREAS**, Peter Silvestri served in a variety of civic capacities in the Village of Elmwood Park, including on the Zoning Board, the Plan Commission, the Civic Foundation, and as Village Trustee; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1989, Peter Silvestri was elected Village President of Elmwood Park, a position he held until 2013. Under his leadership, the village was able to modernize the police, fire, and public works departments; build a new library and aquatic center; and develop park space throughout the community; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 8, 1994, Peter Silvestri was first elected to the Cook County Board to represent the 9th County District, which now includes parts of the Northwest Side of Chicago, Elmwood Park, Glenview, Harwood Heights, Melrose Park, Morton Grove, Niles, Norridge, Park Ridge, River

Forest, River Grove, Rosemont, Schiller Park, Unincorporated Maine Township, and Norwood Park Township; and

**WHEREAS**, since that time, Peter Silvestri has been an instrumental member of a number of board committees, particularly as the chairman of the litigation subcommittee and as chairman of the zoning and building committee; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout his twenty years of service on the Cook County Board, Commissioner Silvestri has committed himself to his constituents, becoming a familiar face to senior citizens, veterans, chambers of commerce, and other groups seeking his participation and input.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County does hereby offer its heartfelt congratulations to Commissioner Peter Silvestri for his twenty years of service as a Cook County Commissioner.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this honorable body, and that a suitable copy of the same be tendered to Commissioner Peter Silvestri in recognition of his ongoing dedication to the citizens of his district.

**15-1105**

**Sponsored by:** LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioner, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET GAINER, GREGG GOSLIN, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, PETER N. SILVESTRI and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION HONORING THE OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF JULIE HAMOS, DIRECTOR OF THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES AND THANKING HER FOR HELPING THE COOK COUNTY HEALTH AND HOSPITAL SYSTEM**

**WHEREAS**, as director of the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services, Julie Hamos has been an advocate and supporter of healthcare in Illinois. She worked tirelessly to insure that Illinois government was strong and smart enough to convert the noblest of aspirations into practical and sustainable realities that have immeasurably improved the delivery of healthcare to all in Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, as director of the largest state agency in Illinois with a budget of nearly \$20 billion and with over 2,400 employees, Julie Hamos was a leader who was known as a champion of the poor and disabled in the face of huge cutbacks, bureaucratic hurdles and constricting deadlines; as a thoughtful proponent of programs to address social injustices and as a principled and innovative thinker who

recognized that good health policy did not have to be at odds with good government. Julie Hamos was so frequently ahead of her time she came to be understood more as a statesman than a politician; and

**WHEREAS**, as director of the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services she was responsible for implementing Medicaid expansion under national healthcare reform and she worked in partnership with the Cook County Health and Hospital System to improve Cook County. Because of that successful expansion nearly one-hundred-thousand previously uninsured Cook County residents had early access to preventive and emergency services, mental health care and prescription drugs under national health care reform. Her term will inevitably be remembered for its launching of a major redesign of Medicaid with care coordination for Medicaid clients that has led to the financial stability of the Cook County Health and Hospital System; and

**WHEREAS**, a significant impetus behind Julie Hamos' achievement and exceptional empathy can be found in the story of her early life and emigration to the United States. Born in Budapest, Hungary to Holocaust survivors, seven-year-old Julie, her brother and parents escaped at the height of the Hungarian Revolution in 1956 and settled in Cleveland, Ohio. The courage and hard work necessary to adapt to a new country and culture made an imprint and guided her to an education and later a successful career dedicated to creating solutions to assist others who confronted struggles; and

**WHEREAS**, after receiving her law degree in 1975 from George Washington University, Julie Hamos was chosen to be the first staff attorney for a newly formed Subcommittee on Oversight of the U.S. House Committee on Ways and Means. In her early days she assisted with implementation of the nation's first Earned Income Tax Credit. Later, she became legislative and political action director for the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees where she focused on policy issues affecting working men and women; and

**WHEREAS**, Julie Hamos came to Illinois to advocate for social justice including the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment; and

**WHEREAS**, Julie Hamos was an advocate for groundbreaking laws; from 1981 to 1984, Hamos served as legislative counsel and policy advisor to then-State's Attorney Richard M. Daley, advocating for the first-ever laws and policies on domestic violence and sexual assault. She was appointed in 1984 as director of the child support division, with oversight of 300,000 child support cases; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1988, Hamos founded Julie E. Hamos & Associates, a public policy and community relations consulting firm and was the Federal Monitor in various Teamster Elections and the Community Coordinator for Development of a Downtown Chicago Circulator Transit System; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to being selected by Governor Quinn to run the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Human Service, Julie Hamos was elected State Representative by the citizens of the 18th District. She was a distinguished member for over 11 years. When she began her work in Springfield she brought with her to the office nearly two decades of experience in public interest policies and community issues

as a public interest attorney, legislative counsel, community relations consultant and advocate; and

**WHEREAS**, while a member of the General Assembly, she served as chief sponsor for such key health initiatives as the Illinois Health Information Exchange and Technology Act; the Consumer's Guide to Health Care; the Children's Mental Health Act; universal hearing screening for all newborns; and the Older Adults Services Act; and

**WHEREAS**, Julie Hamos' passion and visionary thinking regarding transit lead to major improvements to transit in Illinois. She also delivered the direction and leadership that created superior alternatives to nursing homes for seniors and the disabled and that ushered in the passage of rental housing subsidies that encouraged innovative and affordable housing options; and

**WHEREAS**, while being consistently regarded as a hard worker and dedicated team player, Julie Hamos' exceptional abilities have singled her out for distinction. In addition to many other recognitions and awards she has received the "Excellence in Public Service Award" by Motorola Solutions Foundation, Norwegian American Hospital Innovative and Breakthrough Leadership Award, Equal Justice Under Law Business and Professional People for the Public Trust Award, Paul Simon Courage in Public Service Award, Threshold Hero Award, Chicago Women in Trades Award, AARP Senior Independence Award, American Public Transportation Association Local Distinguished Service Award, Illinois Environmental Council Leadership Award, Aaron L. Brown Memorial Public Service Award, she was also named by the Chicago Tribune Business Section as one of the "People to Watch"; and

**WHEREAS**, Julie Hamos has the rare distinction of excelling in each of her pursuits and for which she was regularly honored. She was named a fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government for Senior Executives in State and Local Government and named "Top Legislator" by over 50 organizations. Crain's Chicago Business singled her out by including her in their "25 Women to Watch"; 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 Julie Hamos and herewith honors her not only for bettering the lives of the citizens of Cook County but the entire state of Illinois; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that January 29, 2015, Julie Hamos' birthday, be proclaimed Julie Hamos 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 Julie Hamos.

**15-1131**

**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**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FOOD CHECKOUT DAY**

**WHEREAS**, Food Checkout Day was established in the mid-1990's to recognize the connection between farmers and the safe, nutritious food source they cooperatively grow; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Farm Bureau® has celebrated Food Checkout Day by raising cash and food donations for Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana (RMHC®-CNI) since 2001; and

**WHEREAS**, Food Checkout Day will again be celebrated at the Ronald McDonald House near Advocate Hope Children's Hospital; and

**WHEREAS**, since 2001 Cook County Farm Bureau® members have donated 360 hours; 58,806 pounds of food; contributed \$87,149 in cash donations; and 1,729 pounds of pop tabs to support Chicagoland's five Ronald McDonald Houses; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County Farm Bureau® families and partners have donated enough food to feed almost 66,000 families;

**WHEREAS**, Cook County Farm Bureau® members and partners have joined together to feed 75,000 people as part of this year's Food Checkout Day;

**WHEREAS**, RMHC®-CNI continues to care for families of children with complex medical issues by providing a "home away from home" to keep families together while their child is receiving medical treatment far from home; and

**WHEREAS**, every night, 153 families heal together because of the comfort, compassion, and community at the five Ronald McDonald Houses and three Ronald McDonald House family rooms; and

**WHEREAS**, Food Checkout Day recognizes the connection between farmers and the healthy and nutritious food they grow and care for; and

**WHEREAS**, the 46,000 members of the Cook County Farm Bureau® including 1,000 farmer members

recognize the importance of producing a safe, nutritious food using environmentally sustainable practices; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County farmers recognize the need for better access throughout Cook County to fresh food; and

**WHEREAS**, despite cash and non-perishable donations there is increased need at all five of RMHC®-CNI Cook County houses.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognize Tuesday, February 17, 2015 as Food Checkout Day and salute the efforts of the Cook County Farm Bureau® and the Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana for their efforts to feed those individuals and families in need.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy be tendered to the Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana and the Cook County Farm Bureau® for their efforts to feed those individuals and families in need.

**15-1170**

**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**

**RESOLUTION HONORING GARY WALLACE HOWARD ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE COOK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND ZONING**

**WHEREAS**, Gary Wallace Howard served in the United States Army until 1969 when he was injured and subsequently Honorably Discharged for Medical Reasons as a Disabled Veteran; and

**WHEREAS**, Gary Wallace Howard, after his discharge, worked as a Laborer for a union plumbing contractor, and in 1977 he became an Apprentice Plumber and thereafter a Journeyman Plumber with Local 130; and

**WHEREAS**, Gary Wallace Howard has been a Journeyman for 37 years and served as a foreman on several major projects including The Deep Tunnel Project, the Calumet Expressway, the Freedom Center for the Chicago Tribune Printing Plant and the Southport Sewage Treatment Plant in Indianapolis,



Indiana; and

**WHEREAS**, Gary Wallace Howard attended the University of Illinois at Edwardsville and the University of Rochville; and

**WHEREAS**, Gary Wallace Howard is the Immediate Past President of the Illinois Plumbing Inspectors Association, the current Vice President of the American Society of Plumbing Engineering, has been a member of the Political Action Task Force for 27 years and has served with volunteer groups of professionals for the American Society of Sanitary Engineering; and

**WHEREAS**, Gary Wallace Howard began his service to the people of Cook County on December 21, 1998 at Cook County Hospital as a plumber where he excelled at protecting the public and the patients; and

**WHEREAS**, Gary Wallace Howard transferred to the Cook County Department of Building and Zoning in June 2006 where he became a Certified Plumbing Inspector for Cook County, and for the past 6 years Gary has been a member of the Department of Building and Zoning Annual Task Force; and

**WHEREAS**, Gary Wallace Howard has been married to Coralie H. Lipa since December 26, 1970 with whom he is the proud parent to 5 children, including the late Vikki Helene, and 3 grandchildren; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate Gary Wallace Howard on his retirement, thank him for his service to the people of Cook County and wish him well in his future endeavors

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to Gary Wallace Howard in recognition for his service to the people of Cook County and the high esteem in which he is held by the President and members of the Cook County Board.

**15-1176**

**Sponsored by:** LARRY SUFFREDIN, 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 JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**COMMEMORATING THE LIFE, MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND MEMORY OF MARY DIANE MCKISSACK HIBBLER**

**WHEREAS**, Diane Hibbler, a woman whose life was devoted to family, community and faith, died December 16, leaving friends, family and a community enriched for having known her; and

**WHEREAS**, Diane Hibbler was born in Spring Hill, Tennessee and moved to Illinois in 1964 where she met her husband of over 49 years, AG Hibbler, Over their 49 years together they raised their family and became community leaders in Evanston; and

**WHEREAS**, Diane Hibbler understood the importance of Early Childhood Development and embarked on a journey that would ultimately lead her to Family Focus of Evanston, an organization that works to promote the well-being of children from birth by supporting and strengthening their families in and with their communities ; and

**WHEREAS**, Diane Hibbler was a respected community leader throughout her life. In 1976 she began her career at Family Focus Evanston where she was a cherished employee until her retirement in 2009. At Family Focus she was a powerful force of good in the lives countless children in the County; and

**WHEREAS**, Diane Hibbler's absence will be most acutely felt by the members of her very large extended family whom she loved and treasured; her husband AG Hibbler, Jr.; sons Richard Alton Hibbler and Kyle Andrew Hibbler; three granddaughters, Shelby Hibbler, Shya Hibbler and McKensie Hibbler, two grandsons, Jaden Hibbler and Kyle Andrew Hibbler; two sisters Willia Yvonne McFail and Myra Toi Lynn Stephenson; one sister-in-law, Gloria Arnold; two nieces Anita Frierson and Tatyana Arnold; six nephews, Christian McFall, Twan Stephenson, Robert Stephenson, Anthony, Marcell and Maurice Jackson; two great-nieces, Anietra Frierson and Sylvia McFall; one great-great-niece, Aniesha Frierson, two great-nephews, Christian McFall and James Steven Frierson; devoted cousin Delores A. Holmes; 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 extraordinary life of Mary Diane McKissack Hibbler, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions she 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 the same be tendered to the family of Diane Hibbler.

**15-1178**

**Sponsored by:** LARRY SUFFREDIN, 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 JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE, ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND MEMORY OF EVANSTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL COACH MICHAEL WYNN AND FOUNDER OF THE JUSTIN WYNN FOUNDATION**

**WHEREAS**, Michael Wynn, a dedicated and inspirational coach and community leader passed away on December 10, 2014. In addition to being a much-loved coach, teacher and Dean, Michael Wynn will always be remembered for founding the Justin Wynn Foundation which has, for decades impacted countless students and improved the lives of innumerable families in the region. Michael Wynn left behind family, countless friends and a community profoundly enriched for having known him; and

**WHEREAS**, Michael Wynn transformed the worst moment of his life, the accidental death of his fourth-grade son, Justin, in 1987 into a powerful service to the community with the development of the Justin Wynn Fund, a nonprofit that celebrates, honors and guides youth leaders of Evanston; and

**WHEREAS**, each spring, the Justin Wynn Fund selects two fourth graders from each of Evanston-Skokie School District 65's twelve elementary schools. The students attend a celebration banquet; each of the fourth grade honorees may then choose to participate in the Justin Wynn Leadership Academy which continues until they graduate from high school. The students meet monthly to plan and carry out a variety of service projects, for example, they raise money for charity, volunteer at soup kitchens, visit with seniors at a local retirement community and help annual food drives. Michael Wynn and his wife Marcia, started the nonprofit with the sole purpose of instilling in young people the virtues they felt their young son embodied - citizenship, leadership and sportsmanship; and

**WHEREAS**, the Justin Wynn Leadership Academy is a collaborative leadership and community improvement program which partners with many organizations around Cook County, including: A Just

Harvest Soup Kitchen, Family Focus, Hilda's Place, The Chicago Lighthouse, Albany Care, Evanston Animal Shelter, and King Home. The Academy brings together Evanston's young people who have the potential to be tomorrow's leaders. Through a process of leadership development and participation in community service, their potential is transformed and mobilized to inspire the world; and

**WHEREAS**, twenty six years after tragedy struck the family of Michael Wynn the Justin Wynn Foundation continues to thrive and is now and even greater force of good in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, born and raised in Evanston, Michael Wynn was the youngest of six children. An outstanding athlete, he lettered in football, basketball and track at Evanston Township, where he was the state champion in discus and earned a scholarship to play football at the University of Nebraska; and

**WHEREAS**, Michael Wynn played defensive end for the University of Nebraska, three of those years as a starter. His outstanding athletic performance there brought him to the attention of the National Football League where he was drafted in the eighth round of the 1970 NFL draft by the Oakland Raiders. He ended his NFL playing career with the New England Patriots; and

**WHEREAS**, when injuries derailed Michael Wynn's NFL career he took his exceptional talents and used them to inspire the next generation of athletes. Mr. Wynn was a member of the football coaching staff at Northwestern University, Purdue University, University of Minnesota and the University of Missouri; and

**WHEREAS** in 1985, Michael Wynn returned to Evanston Township High School where he served as teacher, football and wrestling coach, coordinator for student services, Earn & Learn coordinator and Dean of Students until his retirement in 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, Michael Wynn was predeceased by his wife, Marcia and will be sorely missed by his three daughters, Laura and Riian and Kelli Wynn-Smith; two sisters, Rosalie Watson and Anna Leatherwood; three brothers, Karl Muhammad, Zenus and Melvin; and five grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS**, Michael Wynn also leaves behind numerous students, friends, neighbors and many others whose lives were touched not only by the Justin Wynn Foundation but by Michael Wynn's inspiration, his coaching 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 the 5.2 million residents of Cook County commemorates the extraordinary life of Michael Wynn 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 Michael Wynn and joins them in sorrow at the loss of this well-loved Dean, father, teacher, coach and community leader;

**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 Michael Wynn, that his memory may be so honored.

**15-1180**

**Sponsored by:** RICHARD R. BOYKIN, County Commissioner, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, LUIS ARROYO JR, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, STANLEY MOORE, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN, and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE OF THE HONORABLE PAT QUINN, 41ST GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS**

**WHEREAS** for the past five decades Pat Quinn, has been actively engaged and involved in public life in Cook County and the State of Illinois, and,

**WHEREAS** Pat Quinn is a proud and distinguished graduate of Fenwick High School in the Village of Oak Park, Illinois, Class of 1967, and,

**WHEREAS** Pat Quinn is a proud and distinguished graduate the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, and

**WHEREAS** Pat Quinn is a proud and distinguished graduate of Northwestern University School of Law, and,

**WHEREAS** even before running for public office, Pat Quinn was an important and active part of the democratic process in the State of Illinois, running public grassroots issues campaigns and working to strengthen citizen representation in state government, and,

**WHEREAS** in 1982, Pat Quinn was elected Commissioner of the Cook County Board of Tax Appeals, now known as the Cook County Board of Review, and worked in his capacity on that Board to create the Citizens Utility Board, which provided a voice for residential utility customers throughout the State of Illinois, and,

**WHEREAS** Pat Quinn served the State of Illinois honorably as State Treasurer from 1991 through 1995, and,

**WHEREAS** Pat Quinn served the State of Illinois honorably as Lieutenant Governor from 2003 until January 29, 2009, and,

**WHEREAS** on January 29, 2009, Pat Quinn become Governor of Illinois following the impeachment and removal from office of his predecessor, assuming office under uniquely challenging and difficult circumstances, and,

**WHEREAS** Pat Quinn's honesty, decency, and unparalleled work ethic helped to restore legitimacy and stability to the government of the State of Illinois, and,

**WHEREAS** voters of the State of Illinois honored Pat Quinn's commitment to their best interests by electing him to a full term in office on November 2, 2010, and,

**WHEREAS** Pat Quinn, as Governor, created the Illinois Healthcare Reform Implementation Council by executive order to help the state implement provisions of the Affordable Care Act, and

**WHEREAS** Pat Quinn, as Governor, signed Senate Bill 26 into law, implementing Medicaid expansion in Illinois, and,

**WHEREAS** Pat Quinn has been an unrelenting advocate for the hardworking taxpayers of the State of Illinois, fighting for consumers, environmental protection, healthcare, veterans' services, and equal and fair treatment under the law for all Illinoisians,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cook County President and Board of Commissioners honor the distinguished service of The Honorable Pat Quinn, 41st Governor of the State of Illinois, recognize his extraordinary accomplishments and express to him sincerest thanks and appreciation for his many contributions to the State of Illinois, to Cook County, and his dedication to improving the welfare of all Illinoisians.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a suitable copy of this resolution be made available to Governor Pat Quinn.

**15-1189**

**Sponsored by:** RICHARD R. BOYKIN, County Commissioner, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, LUIS ARROYO JR, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, GREGG GOSLIN, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, LARRY SUFFREDIN, and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD, CELEBRATING AND HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. changed our nation forever through his courage, leadership, service and commitment to the principles of nonviolence; and,

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. challenged America to end racial discrimination, segregation and to make good on its promise of human equality and civil rights for all Americans; and,

**WHEREAS**, Martin Luther King Day is a long fought-for, nationally and federally recognized holiday with deep personal and symbolic meaning for Cook County residents and Americans of all ethnic, racial and religious backgrounds; and,

**WHEREAS**, President Ronald Reagan signed legislation on November 3, 1983 establishing the 3rd Monday of every January as Martin Luther King Day, beginning in 1986; and,

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s leadership of the Montgomery Bus Boycott, which lasted from December of 1955 to December of 1956, created the conditions for the federal court decision in the case of *Browder vs. Gayle* that racial segregation on buses was unconstitutional; and,

**WHEREAS**, on August 28, 1963, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered the celebrated "I Have a Dream" speech at the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, in which envisioned an America void of racial inequality; and,

**WHEREAS**, Dr. King's continued advocacy and peaceful protest efforts played a central role in the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by the United States Congress; and,

**WHEREAS**, Dr. King's organizing efforts around the issue of Voting Rights, particularly in the State of Alabama, played a central role in the passage of the National Voting Rights Act of 1965 by the United States Congress; and,

**WHEREAS**, for a period of time in 1966 Dr. King moved his residence to Cook County, specifically the City of Chicago, where he partnered with the Coordinating Council of Community Organizations to lead the Chicago Freedom Movement, which sought to improve housing conditions and civil rights in Chicago; and,

**WHEREAS**, up until his death by an assassin's bullet on April 4, 1968, Dr. King never abandoned the principles of nonviolence upon which he based his life's work; and,

**WHEREAS**, on October 16, 2011, a monument was dedicated in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., making him the only African-American to be honored in such fashion; and,

**WHEREAS**, despite the fact Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. lived for only a short period of time, he irrevocably changed the course of American and world history.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the President of Cook County and the Cook County Board of Commissioners that we honor, celebrate, and give thanks for the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Clerk provide a copy of this Resolution to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change in Atlanta, Georgia.

**15-1193**

**Sponsored by:** RICHARD R. BOYKIN, LUIS ARROYO JR, JOHN P. DALEY, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, LARRY SUFFREDIN, and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION HONORING NEW YORK CITY POLICE OFFICERS RAFAEL RAMOS AND WENJIAN LIU, RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS THROUGHOUT COOK COUNTY, THE STATE OF ILLINOIS AND THE COUNTRY, AND THE DISPLAYS OF SUPPORT FOR THESE OFFICERS**

**WHEREAS**, Public Safety Officers in Cook County, the State of Illinois and throughout the country serve the citizens of our communities with selfless devotion, regardless of the peril or hazard to themselves; and

**WHEREAS**, As a county, a state, and a nation, we rely on Public Safety Officers to enforce our laws, respond in times of crisis, and keep our neighborhoods safe; and

**WHEREAS**, Public Safety Officers across America work to sustain peace and order; and,

**WHEREAS**, Every day Public Safety Officers put their lives in jeopardy to protect others, knowing the price of that bravery may result in injury, disability, or even death; and



**WHEREAS**, New York City Police Officers Rafael Ramos and his partner Wenjian Liu, who were brutally and tragically murdered in their patrol car on December 20, 2014 in Brooklyn, New York, were targeted solely because they were Public Safety Officers; and

**WHEREAS**, it is fitting and proper to honor Officers Ramos and Liu and those Public Safety Officers throughout Cook County, the State of Illinois and the United States of America who selflessly dedicate themselves to serving their communities, and to honor displays of support for those officers.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Cook County President and the Board of Commissioners that this Resolution honors New York City Police Officers Rafael Ramos and Wenjian Liu and the municipal, county and State Public Safety Officers in Cook County, Illinois and the United States of America who selflessly serve and protect the public, and honors displays of support for these officers; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Cook County President and the Board of Commissioners that copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners, shall be transmitted by the Secretary's Office to Chicago Police Superintendent Gary McCarthy, Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart, Illinois State Police Director Hiram Grau, and New York City Police Commissioner William Bratton.

**15-1212**

**Sponsored by:** PETER N. SILVESTRI, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE LIFE OF ROSEMARY MULLIGAN**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Rosemary Mulligan from our midst; and

**WHEREAS**, Rosemary Mulligan was born July 8, 1941, and passed away December 30, 2014, after a brief illness; and

**WHEREAS**, Rosemary Mulligan represented Des Plaines, Park Ridge, and surrounding communities in the Illinois House from 1993 to 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, Rosemary Mulligan also served as Maine Township Committeeperson and on the Des Plaines Library Board; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout her tenure, Rosemary Mulligan was known as a social moderate, working

effectively with both sides of the aisle; and

**WHEREAS**, Rosemary Mulligan used her expertise in the state's human services budget to become a fierce advocate for our most vulnerable citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, Rosemary Mulligan was considered to be a trailblazer in such issues as women's rights, LGBT rights, and the rights of the disabled; and

**WHEREAS**, Rosemary Mulligan has been honored by a variety of organizations, including receiving the Illinois Community College Trustee Association's Distinguished Alumni Award and being named "One of the Top 100 Women Making a Difference" by *Today's Chicago Woman*; and

**WHEREAS**, Rosemary will be remembered for her sense of humor, tenacious spirit, and willingness to ask-and tackle-the tough questions; and

**WHEREAS**, Rosemary Mulligan leaves behind two sons, Matthew (Christena) Bonaguidi and Daniel Bonaguidi, and was the caring grandmother of Sophia and Isabelle.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and Board of Commissioners of Cook County do hereby honor the life of Rosemary Mulligan and extend our heartfelt condolences to her friends and family; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Rosemary Mulligan so that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

**15-1231**

**Sponsored by:** ROBERT STEELE and RICHARD R. BOYKIN, County Commissioners, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, LUIS ARROYO JR, 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, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING MARSHALL METROPOLITAN HIGH SCHOOL-FARADAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHESS MENTORING AND PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, in 2009 Joseph M. Ocol, Math Teacher and Chess Coach at Marshall Metropolitan High School-Faraday Elementary School in Chicago, IL began the Marshall-Faraday Chess Mentoring and Partnership Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the current members of the Marshall-Faraday Chess Mentoring and Partnership Program are: Bobby Blankenship, Michael Hobbs, Charlie Wiley, Xavier Francher, Devell Conway, Jeremiah Townsend, Jimmeone Jackson, Juwan Jackson, Corey Benamon, Almier Dowdell, Latimer Mason, Taylor Watts, Antoine Christopher, Dominique Harold, Mikayla Phillips, Taylor Phillips, and Darrell Taylor; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Ocol's vision mainly was to save the lives of children in the West Garfield Community; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Ocol shared his philosophy with his students that trophies and medals are not as important as the values that they impart and share to the world in service to humanity and to God's glory; and

**WHEREAS**, this experience has imparted collaboration, discipline, and commitment in our youth; and

**WHEREAS**, Chess is a game of skill, honor and gamesmanship; and

**WHEREAS**, Marshall Metropolitan High School and Faraday Elementary School were the only two non-selective schools from Chicago Public Schools that competed in the 2014 National K-12 Grade Chess Championships held last December 12 to 14, 2014 in Orlando, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, Devell Conway, Xavier Francher, Bobby Blankenship, Michael Hobbs, and Charlie Wiley from Marshall Metropolitan High School and Darrell Taylor, Antoine Christopher, Taylor Phillips and Mikayla Phillips from Faraday Elementary School competed in the National K-12 Grade Chess Championships; and

**WHEREAS**, two Marshall students--Devell Conway and Xavier Francher-- competed for the first time in a USCF tournament and despite being unrated and first-timers in a USCF national tournament, Devell Conway won 2nd place national trophy and Xavier Francher won 3rd place national trophy in the Unrated Section; and

**WHEREAS**, trips to the USCF national tournaments in California and Florida would not have been possible had it not been for Mr. Marty Grund (Vice President for Online Operations of the Internet Chess Club) and for the generosity of members of the Internet Chess Club from all over the world who assisted these talented young players in competing; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 10, 2015, Antoine Christopher of Faraday Elementary School chess team won 1st place championship trophy in the YCFC Chess Tournament's Novice Grade 7-8 Section of the YCFC Chess Tournament in Chicago, which YCFC was participated in by about 300 elementary school students from all over Chicago.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I Toni Preckwinkle, President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners along with the Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate Dr. Lori Campbell, Principal of Marshall Metropolitan High School, Dr. Tawana Williams, Principal of Faraday Elementary School, Mr. Joseph Ocol, Coach, Mr. Marty Grund, Vice President for Online Operations of the Internet Chess Club and members of the Marshall and Faraday Chess Mentoring and Partnership Program. We thank both schools leadership for their commitment, dedication and success in supporting the Marshall-Faraday Chess Mentoring and Partnership Program, and in winning four USCF national trophies in 2014 and one YCFC championship trophy in 2015, and for pursuing the program to save lives of our kids in Chicago through chess.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution is tendered to this honorable body and a copy of the same be given to congratulate the administrative leadership staff at both Marshall Metropolitan High School and Faraday Elementary School along with members of the chess mentoring and partnership program to commemorate this auspicious occasion.

**15-1233**

**Sponsored by:** STANLEY MOORE, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF FLORENCE “FLO” MAYDON**

**WHEREAS**, on Friday, December 19, 2014, God in his own way and in His infinite wisdom called to his eternal reward Florence “Flo” Maydon; and

**WHEREAS**, Florence Maydon was born on May 19, 1945 to Dolores Tovar and Edward Maydon; and

**WHEREAS**, Florence Maydon exemplified a strong commitment towards education as she received her B.A. Degree in Social Work from DePaul University and later went on to begin a Master’s Degree in Social Work at Loyola University; and

**WHEREAS**, through her dedication to social services and helping those in need, Florence Maydon had a great career as a public servant that included employment at the Haymarket House, Catholic Charities, and the Cathedral Shelter of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, Florence Maydon had a significant impact on the lives of women suffering from domestic violence and abuse. She understood the negative effects that this issue had on individuals, families, and communities, and she always did everything in her power to provide women involved in domestic violence and abuse with quality services and programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Florence Maydon used her skills and talents to assist many mothers that are ex-offenders. Florence successfully reunited many ex-offender mothers with their children, and helped them find housing upon reentering society after incarceration; and

**WHEREAS**, Florence Maydon dearly loved her family and friends; her kindness, generosity, and caring spirit will be missed by all that knew her.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, will gather together on the 21st Day of January, 2015 A.D., to express their honor and sorrow on the passing of Florence “Flo” Maydon, 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 Florence “Flo” Maydon.

**15-1234**

**Sponsored by:** STANLEY MOORE, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF ROBERT J. CAREY**

**WHEREAS**, on Wednesday, November 26, 2014, God in his own way and in His infinite wisdom called to his eternal reward Robert J. Carey; and

**WHEREAS**, Robert J. Carey dedicated and committed his life towards being an outstanding citizen and great role model; and

**WHEREAS**, Robert J. Carey understood the importance of an education and graduated from Illinois State University where he also played football; and

**WHEREAS**, Robert J. Carey had a passion for giving back to his community; he mentored many youth, especially young African American males by always encouraging them to seek job opportunities and providing them with positive and constructive activities to engage in; Robert was always willing to give guidance to youth and devoted himself to helping them succeed; and

**WHEREAS**, Robert J. Carey was a proud member of the Guardian Angels; he sacrificed his life to protect Chicago communities from violence and through his dedication to keep the City of Chicago safe, Robert empowered people of all ages to take pride in their neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, Robert J. Carey had many talents and hobbies; he competed as a martial artist and performed as a poet; Robert also was an avid gardener and loved animals, especially rabbits, dogs, and birds; and

**WHEREAS**, Robert J. Carey dearly loved his wife, family, and friends; Robert was known as a man of great character and was a beacon of inspiration to his community. He will be dearly missed by all that knew him.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, will gather together on the 21st Day of January, 2015 A.D., to express their honor and sorrow on the passing of Robert J. Carey, and will extend to his 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 Robert J. Carey.

**15-1241**

**Sponsored by:** LARRY SUFFREDIN, JOHN P. DALEY and JESÚS G. GARCÍA County Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**COMMEMORATING THE LIFE, ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND MEMORY OF THE HONORABLE DAVID FAGUS**

**WHEREAS**, David Fagus lived a life dedicated to public service. He dutifully served the medically uninsured and underinsured for more than 20 years, working under five administrations in the Cook County Health and Hospital System; and

**WHEREAS**, David Fagus passed away suddenly on December 24, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, David Fagus was the Director of Administration for both the Fantus Clinic and Cermak Health Services of the Cook County Health and Hospital System; and

**WHEREAS**, in his administrative role at the Cook County Health and Hospital System he developed systems that modernized the delivery of medicine to hundreds of thousand Cook County Residents; and

**WHEREAS**, after leaving Cook County, David Fagus went to work with Governor Pat Quinn where he helped build the Illinois Health Information Exchange, an innovative tool for handling electronic medical records; and

**WHEREAS**, David Fagus' work on the Illinois Health Information Exchange made possible the Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act; and

**WHEREAS**, David Fagus was a lifelong resident of Edgewater and Rogers Park. He attended Sacred Heart Academy and graduated from Notre Dame High School in 1980. He went on to earn his B.A. in political studies at the University of Illinois at Springfield and his Master's degree in Public Administration at Roosevelt University; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1993, David Fagus was offered the position of 49th Ward Democratic Committeeman by retiring Committeeman Lee Preston. As Committeeman for over two decades, he was a strong supporter of diversity and worked to make sure that the organization became truly reflective of the diversity of the ward. Under his leadership, the Democratic Party of the 49th Ward became the first Democratic Ward organization in the City to allow its members to determine which candidates for office to endorse rather than letting the party leaders control the process; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2004 David Fagus was one of the earliest supporters of Barack Obama for the United States Senate and was the first north side committeeman to endorse him. He helped forge a statewide

coalition that elected Barack Obama to the United States Senate; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2008 David Fagus was one of the earliest organizers of hundreds of citizens in Illinois to travel to Iowa to campaign for Senator Obama's nomination for the Presidency; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2008 and 2012 David Fagus successfully organized field operations for Barack Obama in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Wisconsin and Iowa and was a major factor in Barack Obama's election as President of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, David Fagus also devoted a good portion of his time to community activities, serving as a member, board member, contributor or volunteer in countless projects, committees and organizations. Organizations such as the Participatory Budgeting Project, the 49th Ward Zoning and Land Use Advisory Committee, the Rogers Park Business Alliance, the Rogers Park Section 8 Tenants Council and the Morse Avenue Redevelopment Task Force benefited greatly from his hard work and insights; and

**WHEREAS**, David Fagus is survived by his beloved mother, Dorothy, and brother, Mark, as well as a niece, Sarah, and a nephew, Matthew; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board on behalf of the nearly the 5.2 million residents of Cook County takes great pleasure in commemorating the life of David Fagus, 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 coworkers, family, and many friends of David Fagus and joins them in sorrow at the sudden loss of this remarkable and accomplished civil servant and community leader; 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 David Fagus, that his memory may be so honored.



**15-1249**

**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**

**CARMELA DIPIAZZA, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Carmela DiPiazza (nee Nicastro) from our midst; and

**WHEREAS**, Carmela DiPiazza was the beloved wife of the late Joseph DiPiazza; and

**WHEREAS**, Carmela DiPiazza was the loving mother of Gina (Giacomo) Nicastro, Thomas (Laura) DiPiazza, Vincenza (Robert) Koch, and Joseph DiPiazza M.D.; and

**WHEREAS**, Carmela DiPiazza was the loving daughter of the late Salvatore and Vincenza Nicastro; and

**WHEREAS**, Carmela DiPiazza was the dear granddaughter of Vincenzo Nicastro and Carmelina Alfano; and

**WHEREAS**, Carmela DiPiazza was the fond grandmother of Joseph DiPiazza, Laura (Michael) Vinci, Joseph (Mary) Nicastro, Thomas Nicastro, Stellina (Daniel) Costa, Mark Heneghan, Frank, Angelina, and Thomas Koch, and great grandmother of Andrew, Sabrina, Sara and Anthony Nicastro, Marco and Dominic Vinci and Lilliana Costa; and

**WHEREAS**, Carmela DiPiazza was the dear sister of Alfio (the late Gennieve LoPresti) Nicastro and the late Ellena (Salvatore) Falletta, Antionette Nicastro (Michael) Ferlisi, and Vincenzo Nicastro; and

**WHEREAS**, all who knew her will attest that Carmela DiPiazza 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 Carmela DiPiazza, 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 Carmela DiPiazza so that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished...end

**15-1250**

**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**

**MARIA CORTESE, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Maria Cortese from our midst; and

**WHEREAS**, Maria Cortese was the beloved wife of the late Jack Cortese; and

**WHEREAS**, Maria Cortese was the loving mother of Carmen (Judy) and Frank (Joy) Cortese; and

**WHEREAS**, Maria Cortese was the cherished Nona of Dan, Chloe Maria, and Francesca; and

**WHEREAS**, Maria Cortese was the loving sister of Giovanni (Carmella) Tavano, Vittorio (Tina) Tavano, Vonda (Maria) Rotello, Irma (Franco), Dina (Bruno) Tavano, and the late Theresa; and

**WHEREAS**, Maria Cortese was the fond sister-in-law of Dorothy (the late Joe) Cortese, and the late Anthony, Fred, and Mary (the late Frank) Fratto; and

**WHEREAS**, Maria Cortese was the fond aunt of many nieces and nephews; and

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

**15-1251**

**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**

**PATRICIA BRACKEN, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Patricia Bracken from our midst; and

**WHEREAS**, Patricia Bracken was the beloved sister of of Marilyn Bergdolld (Ret. C.P.D.), James (Marylou Barrett), Joseph, the late MaryEllen "Tootsie" Stack, Maureen (C.F.D.), Daniel (Donna), Patrick, Jacqueline (Thomas) Fegan; and

**WHEREAS**, Patricia Bracken was best friend of Mary Dahl (Ret. C.P.D.); and

**WHEREAS**, Patricia Bracken was the dear daughter of James "Wobbles" (Bertha nee Clemente) Bracken; and

**WHEREAS**, Patricia Bracken was the fond sister-in-law of Dorothy (the late Joe) Cortese, and the late Anthony, Fred, and Mary (the late Frank) Fratto; and

**WHEREAS**, Patricia Bracken was the fond aunt of many nieces and nephews; and

**WHEREAS**, Patricia Bracken served her community honorably as a Cook County Sherriff; and

**WHEREAS**, all who knew her will attest that Patricia Bracken 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 Patricia Bracken, 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 Patricia Bracken so that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished...end

**15-1254**

**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**

**ROSE SACCARO, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Rose Saccaro (nee Roti) from our midst; and

**WHEREAS**, Rose Saccaro was the beloved wife of the late August Saccaro; and

**WHEREAS**, Rose Saccaro was the loving mother of Mary Saccaro, Diane (Ronnie) Calderone; and Cindy (the late Joey) Levato, and

**WHEREAS**, Rose Saccaro was the beloved daughter of the late Bruno and Mariangela Roti; and

**WHEREAS**, Rose Saccaro was the loving daughter-in-law of the late Charles and Mary Saccaro; and

**WHEREAS**, Rose Saccaro was the fond grandmother of Alyssa and Gianna Levato; and

**WHEREAS**, Rose Saccaro was the dear sister of Sam (the late Ann), the late Rocco (the late Sue), Frank (the late Mariette), and Fred (Marie) Roti; and

**WHEREAS**, Rose Saccaro was the fond aunt of many nieces and nephews; loving sister-in-law and friend of many; and

**WHEREAS**, all who knew her will attest that Rose Saccaro 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 Rose Saccaro, 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 Rose Saccaro so that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished...end

**15-1255**

**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**

**RICHARD BOKOR, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Richard Bokor from our midst; and

**WHEREAS**, Richard Bokor was the beloved husband of Ann, nee Vodoklys, and

**WHEREAS**, Richard Bokor was the loving father of B.J. (Julie) Jenkins, Shannon (Doug Roscoe) Jenkins, and Courtney (David) Thomas; and

**WHEREAS**, Richard Bokor was the proud grandfather of Tatum and Trey Jenkins, Quinlan and Berkley Roscoe, and Carter and Evelyn "Evie" Thomas; and

**WHEREAS**, Richard Bokor was the loving brother of Geri (Ken) Sandford; and

**WHEREAS**, Richard Bokor's father died when Richard was just sixteen years old, and he went on to attend DePaul University on a track scholarship; and

**WHEREAS**, Richard Bokor was inducted into the DePaul Sports Hall of Fame in 2001 in recognition of his exemplary collegiate track and cross country career that included one of the top twenty fastest results in the 600 yard dash in the world one year; and

**WHEREAS**, Richard Bokor was as an educator, spending nine years in District 15, twenty-five years in District 211, and more than ten years at National-Louis University as an Adjunct Professor; and

**WHEREAS**, Richard Bokor took pride in serving his community, living in Palatine for over forty years, contributing to several charities, and serving as an elected school board official and vice president for District 15; and

**WHEREAS**, Richard Bokor loved coaching and mentoring young athletes, and throughout his tenure at Fremd served as an assistant coach for the boys track team, head coach for the boys track team, and head coach for the boys and girls cross-country teams, earning him a spot in Fremd's Hall of Honor in 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, Richard Bokor truly cared about his former students and athletes, taking the time to keep in touch with them many years in the future and continuing to provide advice, guidance, and friendship; and

**WHEREAS**, all who knew him will attest that Richard Bokor was a kind and compassionate man, virtuous of character and gentle in spirit, admired and respected by many, and dearly loved by an army of family, friends, students, and athletes; 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 Richard Bokor, 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 Richard Bokor so that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

**15-1280**

**Sponsored by:** DEBORAH SIMS, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF ESSIE STEPHENSON**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, has called Ms. Essie Stephenson from our midst; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1970 when Essie Stephenson joined the Chicago Police Department as a crossing guard, this outstanding citizen has shown unsurpassed dedication in promoting the public safety and welfare of the children in her charge; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1971, Essie has added to her assignments the direction of traffic for summer school children, the teaching and nurturing of summer camp students in arts and crafts programs for the Chicago Park District; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to raising two children, David and Debee, and the love of her life grandson

Prince Roy. Essie has helped to nurture the minds and hearts of many hundreds of children throughout the years; and

**WHEREAS**, after making sure her own children were safe and sound, she leaves her home on this city's far south side at 4:00 a.m. to travel to her post at Ashland and Barry Avenue on the north side; and

**WHEREAS**, Essie stood for safety through rain, sleet, snow and the dark of the winter months, often not returning to her home until well after 4:00 p.m.; and

**WHEREAS**, many children looked on Essie as family, she was asked to accompany the children on field trips, or attend their graduation ceremonies. After 50 years she finds herself being a crossing guard to children who are sons and daughters of the children she had been a crossing guard to in a previous decade; and

**WHEREAS**, Essie was a fixture with her winning smile and loving personality that have made a difference in the lives of many children. She had learned which child needs the extra touch, a little extra encouragement, help with clothing or even a hug; and

**WHEREAS**, the world can be a dangerous place for a child attempting to cross a big city street. Essie has shepherded three generations of pint sized pedestrians. Her dedication exemplifies the highest standard of public service; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family of Essie Stephenson.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to the family of Ms. Essie Stephenson and a copy be spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body.

**15-1306**

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**IN MEMORY OF QUINN KYLES**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Quinn Kyles from our midst on December 22, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, Quinn Kyles was born in Chicago on December 2, 1991, to parents Theresa Cropper and Dwain J. Kyles; and

**WHEREAS**, Quinn Kyles was a strong baby who could smile through his breathing tube and was cuddled throughout his always evolving medical procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, Quinn Kyles made headlines as “Baby Quinn” when he received a rare and successful heart transplant at Children's Memorial Hospital PICU; and

**WHEREAS**, Through the generosity and understanding spirit of an organ donor, “Baby Quinn” began his new life with his new heart on December 15, 1991; and

**WHEREAS**, Quinn Kyles’ arrival was received with great fanfare, making “Baby Quinn” the object of many people’s hopes and aspirations including icons such as Stevie Wonder for beating the odds; and

**WHEREAS**, Quinn Kyles attended LaSalle Language Academy in Old Town and Whitney Young Magnet High School on the near west side; and

**WHEREAS**, Quinn Kyles played soccer as a child and would protect the goal with a tenacity and strength that belied his age and size, as a testament of his spirit; and

**WHEREAS**, Quinn Kyles led a wonderful and rewarding life, in which he enjoyed music, radio production, and playing the euphonium; and

**WHEREAS**, Quinn Kyles was a gifted writer, winning two state titles in the Illinois Young Author’s competitions; and

**WHEREAS**, Quinn Kyles’ playful, comedic spirit was welcomed by those who knew him and brought laughter to many people, such that he had begun to dabble in standup comedy; and

**WHEREAS**, Quinn Kyles’ love for the arts - music, television and movies - along with his natural flair in radio production, led him into studying Radio and Voice Over at Columbia College; and



**WHEREAS**, Quinn Kyles was loved by many and will forever be remembered as loyal, compassionate, creative, fearless, stylish, witty, and possessing an enchanting smile and an easy-going spirit.

**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 Quinn Kyles, 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 Quinn Kyles.

**15-1307**

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**IN MEMORY OR JAMES “OLLIE” WHEELER**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called James “Ollie” Wheeler from our midst on December 25, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, James Wheeler was born in Albany, Georgia on August 28, 1937, the youngest of four children born to Albert Wheeler and Leola Johnson; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1959, at the age of nineteen, James Wheeler headed to Chicago to join his older brother, Golden Wheeler, who played the harmonica throughout the blues community; and

**WHEREAS**, James Wheeler found love and wed his sweetheart, Ida Terry, in 1959 and started a family; and

**WHEREAS**, James Wheeler was the loving father of Milton Terry (Lavonzell) and Tammy Wheeler; and

**WHEREAS**, James Wheeler formed his own blues band, “The Jaguars” in 1963 and played at clubs throughout the City of Chicago until 1972; and

**WHEREAS**, James Wheeler played alongside some of the greats, such as McKinley Mitchell, B.B. King, Esther Phillips, Otis Rush, Millie Jackson, Etta James, Al Green, Johnny Taylor, The Chi-Lites, and O.V.

Wright; and

**WHEREAS**, James Wheeler played at Rosa's Lounge and in other venues around the City of Chicago and abroad, imparting his unyielding passion for blues at every show; and

**WHEREAS**, James Wheeler is a Chicago blues legend that will forever be celebrated and will be missed by his fans, mentors, and band members alike in the blues community.

**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 James "Ollie" Wheeler, 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 James "Ollie" Wheeler.

**15-1316**

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, DEBORAH SIMS, 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, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF QUIANA KARI WHITTTLER MARTIN CLEVELAND**

**JOHN 14:1-3:** *(1)Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.(2)In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. (3)And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.*

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom has called Quiana Kari Whittler Martin Cleveland from our midst on January 8, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, Quiana leaves to cherish her memory her husband Thomas Cleveland III of Houston, Texas; two children Caleb Thomas and Gabriela Noel of Houston, Texas, and her beloved parents Anthony M. Martin, Sr. and Zelda R. Whittler Martin; and

**WHEREAS**, Quiana was born on December 5, 1976 in Chicago, Illinois to the union of Anthony M.

Martin, Sr. and Zelda Whittler Martin, their only child, warmly known as “KiKi” by family and friends, grew up in Markham, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, at the age of 12, Quiana gave her life to Christ at Bel-Aire M.B. Church in Markham, Illinois and was a member until she relocated to Houston, Texas where she joined with Southwest Community Church. In 2011, she united with Brookhollow Church Without Walls, also located in Houston, Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, at 10 years old, she cut out a newspaper clipping of a job listing for an architectural engineer (that included salary) and proudly declared her career choice which she achieved through intelligence, determination and hard work; and

**WHEREAS**, Quiana attended the University of Illinois in Urbana, IL and completed internships as Research Assistant and an Engineering Technician. She also studied abroad at the University of Fortaleza in Fortaleza Ceara, Brazil and received numerous honors and awards including: Presidential Scholar Award, Will County farm Bureau Scholar, APWA Continuing Education Scholar and was inducted in the Gamma Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1998, Quiana earned a B.S. in Civil/Environmental /Hydrosystems Engineering with a minor in International Engineering - Latin America Studies; and

**WHEREAS**, Quiana began her professional career in 1998 with Baxter and Woodman Consulting Engineer as Consulting /Project Engineer. In 2001, she began working for the Cook County Highway Department as Resident Engineer /Project Manager in the Construction Division and, by 2005, was the Assistant Director of the Construction Office Bureau. Later in 2005, she realized one of dreams and became CEO/Founding Partner of Urban Infrastructure, LLC - a firm which specialized in Geographic Information Systems (GIS), construction management and transportation consulting. Urban Infrastructure, LLC designed and managed projects in excess of \$40MM. The firm relocated to Houston, Texas in November of 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 25, 2006, Quiana married her “prince charming” Thomas Cleveland III and they began the “grand adventure” of their lives: traveling all over the world, taking pleasure in untold dining experiences and etc. Thomas and Quiana loved each other and enjoyed life together; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2007, she decided it was time to expand their family and began planning and executing project “perfect pair”. On December 21, 2008, she gave birth to twins Caleb Thomas and Gabriela (Gabby) Noel and found her true calling; and

**WHEREAS**, Quiana loved, taught, corrected, shared, prayed with and focused herself completely on the health, welfare and happiness of Caleb and Gabby and, at the same time, loved her husband completely, shared a unique bond with her mother, spent time with family and friends, travelled, and was a passionate and gifted photographer. And oh, how she loved the Lord; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2010, Quiana earned a coveted professional credential, the Professional Engineering (P.E.) License. In 2011, she began working for Lectrus Corporation in Houston, TX. As a Business Developer Manager where she remained employed until December, 2014. Amazingly, in November of 2014, she obtained a Texas Real Estate License; and

**WHEREAS**, Quiana was affiliated with a number of professional organizations including: National Society of Black Engineers, Houston Minority Business Council, Society of Women Engineers, American Society of Civil Engineers and American Public Works Association.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Cook County President Toni Preckwinkle and the Board of Commissioners of Cook County do hereby offer our deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to her husband Thomas Cleveland III, son Caleb Thomas, daughter Gabriela Noel and parents Anthony M. Martin, Sr. and Zelda R. Whittler Martin as we join them in their sorrow during this time of loss; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to the family of Quiana Kari Whittler Martin Cleveland and a copy be spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body.