



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

Second Consent Agenda

for the

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, October 7, 2015, 11:00 AM

15-5851

Sponsored by: ROBERT STEELE, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING JERMAINE FORD

WHEREAS, on October 12, 2015, Jermaine Ford will begin a new phase in his career as Director of Corporate College at South Louisiana Community College in Lafayette, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Jermaine will administer the Workforce Economic Development Program to connect people from unemployed to employed and from underemployed to gainful employment; and

WHEREAS, Jermaine Ford was born on May 5, 1974 to Franklin and Willa Ford; and

WHEREAS; Jermaine Ford was married on July 31, 1999 to Khalilah Ford to this union two daughters were born: Kailynn and Kaci Ford; and

WHEREAS, Jermaine is a dedicated, hard-working, and motivating educator. He served for over three years as the Business Services Consultant at Moraine Valley Community College where he facilitated new programs, a free men's suit drive with The Men's Warehouse which delivered 600lbs in free men's attire, and a career program with the largest steel company Arcelor Mittal to help over 5000 Cook County Resident's receive jobs earning between \$70,000 to \$120,000 per year; and

WHEREAS, In 2016, Jermaine Ford will release his first book "More Room to the Pie" which will help people view life as "Full Until It Overflows" instead of seeing the glass as full or half-full; and

WHEREAS, Jermaine has an Associate's Degree from Moraine Valley Community College, Bachelor's Degree from DePaul University, a MBA from the University of Phoenix and is currently pursuing his Doctorate of Education from Grand Canyon University in Organizational Leadership with an emphasis in Higher Education; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that that the President and Board of Commissioners of Cook County on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County takes great pleasure in honoring Jermaine Ford, husband, father, son, educator and business consultant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution is spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same is tendered to Mr. Jermaine Ford in honor of this auspicious occasion.

15-5852

Sponsored by: LUIS ARROYO JR, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING THE 20th ANNIVERSARY OF THE MIRACLE CENTER & MARY SANTANA

WHEREAS, on October 22, 1995, Mary Santana’s journey began with a dream of spending more time with her son, Adrian; and

WHEREAS, as a single mother, Mary felt the burden of being at work and away from her child. In a complete act of faith, Mary resigned from her position as a Sales Associate at a publishing company to turn her dream into a reality;

WHEREAS, initially focusing on the gifts and talents of her son, Mary soon realized that many of the children in her neighborhood had immeasurable amounts of obscured and promising abilities as well. Wishing to bring to light the potential of these children and to steer them away from the peer group prevalence of joining a gang or experimenting and using illicit drugs in the neighborhood, ‘Mary’s Camp’, a 9-week Summer Arts Camp was created; and

WHEREAS, operated from Mary’s basement apartment, children were taught various types of dance, choir, music and theater. By 1997, Mary’s vision expanded along with the list of children interested in participating. Thus, The Miracle Center (TMC) was born. Five years after the birth of The Miracle Center, TMC became unincorporated and recognized as an official non-profit organization; and

WHEREAS, concentrated on forging new paths for The Miracle Center, Mary cemented partnerships throughout Humboldt Park, where she ran the Summer Arts Camps. In 2002, TMC expanded to include an 8-week Saturday Arts activities, Christmas Break activities, carnivals and festivals for the community. By 2003, TMC began offering year round after school programs for children and youth 7 to 20 years old; and

WHEREAS, to date, TMC uses multidisciplinary arts approach to help children, adolescents and families grow spiritually, mentally, emotionally, socially and physically during after-school and out-of-school programs. TMC’s programming has grown to include an academic enrichment After-School program, Summer Camp, Youth Theater Ensemble, Young Entrepreneur’s Program, Emerging Leaders of Chicago Program, Community Awareness Program; and

WHEREAS, awarded the 2014 Safe Communities for Illinois grant, TMC partnered with community residents, local service providers, agencies, organizations and businesses to form Anti-Tobacco, Stay Fresh/Stay Sober and Healthy Hermosa campaigns. The Miracle Center has not only offered a focus on the performing arts and academic excellence but has created a community of young leaders, validated by the current staff members who were once program participants including her son, Adrian; and

WHEREAS, not only has The Miracle Center positively impacted thousands of children, youth and families lives, they have also provided these participants with a safe haven that will allow them to grow into the leaders their communities need.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does acknowledge the humanitarian contributions for our youth, made by Mary Santana and join in celebrating their 20th Anniversary of The Miracle Center on October 22, 2015.

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

15-5869

Sponsored by: SEAN M. MORRISON, County Commissioner, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, 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

IN MEMORY OF TAMARA SWORD

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, has taken from our midst Tamara Sword, born into life on September 30, 1982 and born into eternal life on September 22, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Tamara was the beloved daughter of Andrew Holmes and Ruby Sword: granddaughter of Helen Honey Holmes: great granddaughter of Christina Greer: sister to five sisters: Andrea Holmes, ReAntte Holmes, Kesha Gray, Margaret Sword, DeAngela Sword: sister to five brothers: Thaddeus Holmes, Deion Holmes, Joe Nathan Sword, Darrell Riley, ReShaad Riley: also niece to countless aunts and uncles, cousin to many and friend to numerous; and

WHEREAS, Tamara’s greatest gift that she leaves to cherish her loving memories and legacy, her five beautiful and precious children: Kierra Sword, Joe Kidd, Jakiera Kidd, Terrell Sword, and Jeremiah Sword; and

WHEREAS, Tamara grew up in the Auburn Gresham neighborhood of Chicago, she was a vibrant, loving child who at a very early age created a relationship with Christ; as a child she loved to dance and play basketball; and

WHEREAS, Tamara was known as a wonderful mother, who loved and adored her children very much, working very hard to provide for her children’s futures: she was a graduate of Bowen High School, and was a manager at a local KFC in Indianapolis, and an active member of Abounding Grace Church of God; On her dining room wall, she had a stencil with the Gandhi saying: “Be the Change That You Wish To See in the World”; and

WHEREAS, Tamara’s beautiful and precious life was cut short by a senseless act of violence; Tamara, like countless of other innocent victims, was struck by a bullet intended for someone else in a gang related dispute. These cowardly acts of violence deprive children of their parents and parents of their

children; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President Toni Preckwinkle, Commissioner Sean M. Morrison and all the Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, do hereby express our deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family as well as to the many friends and loved ones of Tamara Sword; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the text of this resolution be spread across the Journal of these Proceedings and that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to the family of Tamara Sword so that her rich legacy may be so honored and ever cherished.

15-5871

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, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 19, 2015 AS STEM CAREER ACCELERATOR DAY

WHEREAS, There is a critical need in the United States to instill in the minds of students the possibilities unleashed by education and innovation in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM), and providing students, their teachers, and their parents with deep exposure to and a sustainable experience with companies and organizations that provide career paths in these specialized fields; and

WHEREAS, PepsiCo is partnering with STEMconnector and other companies and organizations across the United States, including NASA and Teach for America, to address the need for encouraging youth to pursue STEM degrees and careers; and

WHEREAS, as a strong supporter of STEM education, PepsiCo will host students, teachers, and parents in October of 2015 at its facility to provide career visibility, honor teachers, share insights into a real business environment, provide learning about innovation science, and engage parents; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County does hereby recognize the date of October 19, 2015 as STEM Career Accelerator Day and commend the students who will participate in the program at PepsiCo's Barrington research facility.

15-5874

Sponsored by: JESÚS G. GARCÍA, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THOUSAND WAVES MARTIAL ARTS AND SELF DEFENSE CENTER, NFP ON THEIR 30TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, Thousand Waves' co-directors Nancy Lanoue and Sarah Ludden have continued to build an organization and community dedicated to fostering fitness, healing, empowerment and peacemaking by promoting healthy minds and bodies through violence prevention, self-defense and traditional martial arts programs for adults and children of all ages; and

WHEREAS, Thousand Waves is the realization of founders, Nancy Lanoue & Jeannette Pappas', dreams to create a safe and beautiful place and to set waves of self-empowerment and violence prevention in motion; and

WHEREAS, since its foundation in 1985, a martial arts school made up of 50 women has evolved into a vital and vibrant institution in Cook County made up of more than 450 active members; and

WHEREAS, the founders' efforts have resulted in the expansion of anti-violence and empowerment programs that reach throughout the greater Chicago area; and

WHEREAS, Thousand Waves continues to foster diversity and equal access through scholarships to anyone in need, and welcoming members regardless of racial or ethnic background, religion, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, or fitness level; and

WHEREAS, through partnerships with schools, community based organizations, businesses and government agencies, Thousand Waves provides the tools of violence prevention and personal empowerment to diverse communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby honors Thousand Waves Martial Arts and Self Defense Center on its 30th year anniversary and recognizes the hard work and dedication of co-directors Nancy Lanoue and Sarah Ludden to Thousand Waves; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable body and a suitable copy be presented to Thousand Waves Martial Arts and Self Defense Center.

15-5881

Sponsored by: JESÚS G. GARCÍA, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING REV. DR. LEONARD DEVILLE ON HIS 25TH PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY AT ALPHA TEMPLE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Leonard DeVille was born on August 10, 1935 to the late Fadna & Mary DeVille in Okmulgee, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Rev. DeVille married Catherine DeVille and had 4 children, Enrico DeVille (deceased), Marcia Starks, Darryl Pulliam and Kenneth Pulliam, and have 8 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Rev. DeVille is a graduate of Langston University of Oklahoma, Chicago Baptist Institute of Chicago, Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, Gospel Ministers Outreach Theological Seminary/Doctorate of Divinity Degree, McCormick Theological Seminary/MATS Degree, Christian Education Administrative Specialist Instructor and National Baptist Convention, USA Instructor; and

WHEREAS, Rev. DeVille joined Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church in 1955 under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Clay Evans and in 1964 was crowned Deacon at Fellowship M. B. Church and served as Administrative Assistant for the Garage/Bus Ministry; and

WHEREAS, Rev. DeVille was called to preach the Gospel, and he answered that Call on January 4, 1974; and

WHEREAS, Rev. DeVille has possessed numerous leadership roles in various civic and social religious venues including being a former Alderman of the 21st Ward, Chairman for the Community Renewal Society for the Youth, Director of REACH 2010-Alpha Temple, organizer for United Power for Justice, Board Member of United Christian Churches Co-op, Committee Chairman for Boy Scouts of America Pack 3598, former President of the Baptist Ministers Conference of Chicago & Vicinity, member of Operation Push, and many more; and

WHEREAS, Rev. DeVille became Pastor of Alpha Temple Missionary Baptist Church in 1990; and

WHEREAS, since then, Rev. DeVille has demonstrated faithful devotion and determination in his ministry and has attended to the spiritual needs of Alpha Temple M.B. Church and the community, and has worked closely with all the faithful parishioners; and

WHEREAS, Rev. DeVille has fulfilled Alpha Temple M.B.'s mission of winning disciples for Christ in the community, striving to proclaim the good news, and creating a safe gathering space to connect people to Jesus Christ and to each other; and

WHEREAS, Rev. DeVille is a valorous man of God and a living example to all that know him.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate Rev. Dr. Leonard Deville on his 25th Pastoral Anniversary at Alpha Temple Missionary Baptist Church.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Rev. Dr. Leonard Deville in honor of this auspicious occasion.

15-5890

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE COOK COUNTY GOVERNMENT SOFTBALL TEAM FOUR-TIME INTERGOVERNMENTAL SOFTBALL LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

WHEREAS, the 2011 Cook County Softball team won the first intergovernmental softball league title with wins over the Mayor’s Office and the Governor’s Office; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, the Cook County Softball team returned with an even stronger team, thoroughly dominating the competition from the Mayor’s Office, City Council, Governor, Senator Kirk and Chicago City Treasurer for a second undefeated season; and

WHEREAS, the 2013 Cook County team rolled to a third straight championship defeating the Mayor’s Office, City Council, Governor, Chicago City Treasurer and U.S. General Accounting Office; and

WHEREAS, in 2014...well, we don’t really talk about 2014; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, Cook County took to the field looking to recapture the Intergovernmental Softball championship from the Chicago City Council; and

WHEREAS, Cook County would defeat the Mayor’s Office and the U.S General Accounting Office in the playoffs to advance to a rematch with the Chicago City Council in the Championship game; and

WHEREAS, in the Championship Game, the Chicago City Council brought a raucous crowd of hecklers and trash talkers, attempting to distract and demoralize Cook County; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago City Council would jump out to an early 9-4 lead, feeling overly confident of their chances; and

WHEREAS, Cook County would exhibit a “Won’t Quit” spirit, climbing back into the lead with six runs in the sixth and one run in the seventh, only for the City Council to tie the game at 10 going into extra

innings; and

WHEREAS, Cook County would score four runs in the top of the ninth followed by a 1-2-3 bottom of the ninth to win the 2015 Championship over the Chicago City Council 14-10; and

WHEREAS, Cook County has now won four of five intergovernmental softball championships, running their record to 35 wins and 3 losses; and

WHEREAS, the team's spirit and camaraderie were great examples of an active and fun after-hours activity for coworkers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that President Toni Preckwinkle, and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, does hereby express congratulations to the members of the Cook County Softball Team for 2015 on their fourth championship season;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President and Board of Commissioners recognizes the following offices for contributing players to the team: the Office of the President, the Secretary to the Cook County Board of Commissioners, the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, the office of Commissioner Jesús G. García, the office of Commissioner Luis Arroyo Jr, the office of Commissioner Stanley Moore, the office of the State's Attorney; the office of the County Clerk, the office of the Sheriff, the Cook County Board of Review, the Department of Transportation and Highways; the Department of Facilities Management, the office of the County Auditor, the Bureau of Administration and the Department of Revenue,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution is presented to the following team members to commemorate their contributions to the team's success-Christopher Adas, Alma Anaya, the Honorable Luis Arroyo Jr, Patrick Carey, Robin Colon, Matthew DeLeon, Tim Egan, Michael Gamboney, Jake Gillespie, Joe Gitterie, Victor Hernandez, Michael Hickey, Damon Howell, Iris Millan, Nicole Pagani, Manuel Perez, Katie Rutter, Andrew Schwarm, Luis Tubens, Rudy Urian, Bob Warnock, Vannessa Yanez and the Honorable Toni Preckwinkle, President; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution also be presented to the Mayor of Chicago, Governor of Illinois, Treasurer of Illinois and President Pro Tempore of the Chicago City Council, acknowledging their best efforts in a friendly spirit of competition.