



**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, December 16, 2015, 11:00 AM**

**16-0538**

**Sponsored by:** RICHARD R. BOYKIN, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE LIFE OF LORRAINE JAKES**

**WHEREAS**, God, in his infinite wisdom, saw fit to call Lorraine Jakes from our midst on October 29, 2015, at the age of 81; and

**WHEREAS**, Lorraine Jakes was born in Chicago to Hollis and Lovie Boggus on September 1, 1934; and

**WHEREAS**, Lorraine Jakes was the mother of two and enjoyed a career as a pre-school teacher in Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 16, 1957, Lorraine married the “love of her life,” Paul L. Jakes, who nicknamed his wife “Sweet Lorraine”; and

**WHEREAS**, after a 25-year career in early childhood education, Mrs. Jakes went back to school along with her husband to study Christian education and graduated with a certificate of studies in Christian Education from the Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Jakes, an accomplished pianist, played in the Baptist church for nearly 70 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Jakes gave her life to Christ when she was just 12 years old and began playing for Mount Union Baptist Church, under the pastorate of Rev. Dr. C.W. Jones, at the age of 14. She played the piano at New Tabernacle of Faith for 48 years. The National Baptist Convention honored Mrs. Jakes for her longevity in the musical field; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Jakes often shared her musical talents by also playing for church worship services, district associations, the Westside Minister’s Conference and the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education where she played before an audience of more than 50,000 people. She also played for the evening radio broadcasts of the Mount Carmel Baptist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, Lorraine Jakes leaves to mourn two sons, Rev. Paul Jakes and Rev. Martin Jakes, and a number of friends and relatives;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the deepest condolences of the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners be extended to the family of Lorraine Jakes and that the deepest appreciation of this body be extended for the unique and many contributions of Lorraine Jakes to her community and to Cook County.

**16-0539**

**Sponsored by:** RICHARD R. BOYKIN, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE LIFE OF EILEEN MARY QUINN**

**WHEREAS**, God, in his infinite wisdom, saw fit to call Eileen Mary Quinn from our midst on November 21, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, Eileen Quinn, born Oct. 18, 1917, was a native of Chicago's Englewood community on the South Side; and

**WHEREAS**, Eileen Quinn married Patrick Joseph Quinn, a naval officer, on January 2, 1943, during a leave in the middle of World War II. The couple later settled down after her husband became one of the first recipients of the GI Bill and obtained a loan to buy a home in Hinsdale in 1948; and

**WHEREAS**, Eileen Quinn went to high school at the Academy of our Lady, later known as Longwood Academy, in Chicago. She also attended Wilson Junior College, studying secretarial skills, and later worked 30 years in the Hinsdale District 181 school system as a secretary and administrative assistant; and

**WHEREAS**, Eileen Quinn was a devout Catholic who lived her life with empathy and purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, Eileen Quinn is survived by her three sons, Tom, John, and Pat Quinn, the 41st Governor of Illinois, as well as seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the deep condolences of the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners are hereby extended to the family of Eileen Quinn, with deep appreciation for the contributions of Eileen Quinn to her community and to Cook County.

**16-0541**

**Sponsored by:** RICHARD R. BOYKIN, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE LIFE OF WASH WESLEY**

**WHEREAS**, God, in his infinite wisdom, saw fit to call Wash Wesley from our midst on November 14, 2015 at the age of 112; and

**WHEREAS**, Wash Wesley was, at the time of his death, the oldest man in the State of Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, Wash Wesley was born January 21, 1903 in Ferriday, Louisiana to John and Luella Wesley and moved to the city of Maywood, Illinois in 1950 where he worked for Elmwood Park Ford and Oak Park Arms for many years; and

**WHEREAS**, Wash Wesley was a very active deacon at Second Baptist Church and was well known throughout the community for being a man of devout faith and strong independence; and

**WHEREAS**, at the age of 112, Wash Wesley had no objects to assist him such as canes, hearing aids, or walkers and was described as a person who did everything himself from cooking and cleaning to dancing and driving; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor of Maywood, Edwenna Perkins, has recognized Wash Wesley's birthday every year and Wash Wesley will be long remembered as a figure of great wisdom and enthusiasm for life;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners that the life of Wash Wesley is to be celebrated, and that the sincere appreciation of the President and the Board of Commissioners is to be extended to the survivors of Wash Wesley for his life and his contributions to his community and Cook County.

**16-0542**

**Sponsored by:** RICHARD R. BOYKIN, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE LIFE OF LAQUAN MCDONALD**

**WHEREAS**, on October 20, 2014, the life of LaQuan McDonald, an African American teenager, was cut short in an untimely and unjustifiable manner at the hands of a Chicago Police Officer; and

**WHEREAS**, LaQuan McDonald is remembered by those close to him as a fundamentally good child who suffered setbacks early in his life through no fault of his own; and

**WHEREAS**, LaQuan McDonald was confronted with more than his share of life's obstacles, having been removed from the custody of his biological parents at an early age and placed in the protective custody of the State of Illinois as a child; and

**WHEREAS**, by all accounts, LaQuan McDonald, a resident of the West Side of Chicago and the 1st District of Cook County, was working hard to turn his life around; and

**WHEREAS**, over the summer of 2014 LaQuan McDonald successfully held down a job; and

**WHEREAS**, at the time of his death LaQuan McDonald was attending school and succeeding academically; and

**WHEREAS**, LaQuan McDonald was a young man with potential; and

**WHEREAS**, LaQuan McDonald's struggles, progress, and his fight to reclaim his future are emblematic of the same struggles faced by so many of the poorest, most vulnerable citizens of Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the poorest, most vulnerable citizens of Cook County for whom County government exists to provide a safety net; and

**WHEREAS**, it is fitting that this body should pause to take recognition of LaQuan McDonald's struggles, LaQuan McDonald's progress, and the single, overriding and incontrovertible truth that LaQuan McDonald's life mattered;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners that the deepest sorrow and condolences of this body are extended to the family, friends and community of LaQuan McDonald.

**16-0543**

**Sponsored by:** RICHARD R. BOYKIN, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING WILBERT COOK, JR.**

**WHEREAS**, Wilbert Cook, Jr. was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on January 13, 1943 to Ethel and Wilbert Cook, Sr.; and,

**WHEREAS**, Wilbert Cook, Jr. moved with his family to Chicago's West Side in 1947, where was baptized at Carey Tercentenary A.M.E. Church and attended Howland Elementary School, Hess Upper Grade Center, and Crane High School; and

**WHEREAS**, Wilbert Cook, Jr. served in the armed forces from 1960 to 1963, returning to Chicago after his honorable discharge; and

**WHEREAS**, Wilbert Cook, Jr. fell in love and married Beverly F. Perry in 1963; and

**WHEREAS**, Wilbert Cook, Jr. moved to the Village of Maywood, Illinois in 1974, where he fell in love and married his second wife, Katherine Susie Walker; and

**WHEREAS**, Wilbert Cook, Jr. served his community as an insurance broker with Met Life and a tax consultant with H&R Block Tax Preparation Company; and

**WHEREAS**, Wilbert Cook, Jr. also worked as an independent commodity broker and trader, and went on to start his own small business, WC Agency, which specialized in personal and business income taxes and accounting; and

**WHEREAS**, Wilbert Cook, Jr. later moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he remained until his passing on November 20, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, Wilbert Cook, Jr. is survived and celebrated by his six children, Sheila, Wilbert III, Leonard, Lynette, Andre, and Saboris, his second wife, Katherine Susie, his stepdaughter, Sheila, his two brothers, Joseph and Torrence (Shirley), his devoted friend, Annette Dixon, and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, godchildren, nieces, nephews, in-laws, cousins, and friends;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners honor the life of Wilbert Cook, Jr. and extend our deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

**16-0546**

**Sponsored by:** RICHARD R. BOYKIN, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**RECOGNIZING AND APPRECIATING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF JOURNALIST BRANDON SMITH TO THE CAUSES OF TRANSPARENCY AND JUSTICE IN GOVERNMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Nov. 24 video release of LaQuan McDonald being fatally shot 16 times on Oct. 20, 2014, by a Chicago police officer focused the attention of the City, the State and the country on the need for comprehensive reform in the Chicago Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, Brandon Smith, the journalist who filed the Freedom of Information Act request that led to the court-ordered release of the aforementioned video, fought for the video's release out of a commitment to transparency and justice; and

**WHEREAS**, Brandon Smith began his journalism career in 2007 working as an editorial assistant at the Washington Court House Record-Herald in Ohio where he reported and photographed breaking news stories; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2009, Brandon Smith moved to Chicago to study journalism at Columbia College, where he worked for The Columbia Chronicle as an assistant sports & health editor; and

**WHEREAS**, Brandon Smith is committed to the notion of journalism in the public interest, and a form of investigative journalism that fulfills the role of "watchdog" on the public's behalf; and

**WHEREAS**, Brandon Smith was first made aware through activist William Calloway, that a video existed depicting the shooting of 17-year-old LaQuan McDonald 16 times by Chicago Police Office Jason Van Dyke, and that Officer Van Dyke was unprovoked; and

**WHEREAS**, Brandon Smith and William Calloway determined the best course of action in order to bring the incident to the awareness of the public at large was to file a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request with the City of Chicago to seek the video's release; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Chicago initially rejected Brandon Smith's FOIA request, which gave him standing to sue the City of Chicago in Cook County Circuit Court; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 19, 2015 Circuit Court Judge Franklin Valderrama held in favor of Brandon Smith and ordered the video released; and,

**WHEREAS**, the release of the dashcam video depicting the police shooting death of LaQuan McDonald has resulted in a necessary and long overdue public debate and movement to make the necessary reforms so that justice in Chicago is administered in a manner that is equal and constitutional, without regard to skin color; and

**WHEREAS**, if not for the tenacity and commitment of Brandon Smith, this video would not be released, and this difficult but necessary discussion would not be taking place;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Brandon Smith is to be commended for his fierce commitment to justice and transparency, and that the gratitude of the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners is to be extended to Brandon Smith for his contributions to the ongoing discussion and process of criminal justice reform.

**16-0547**

**Sponsored by:** RICHARD R. BOYKIN, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE LIFE OF NANCY DAVENPORT**

**WHEREAS**, almighty God, in his infinite wisdom, saw fit to call Nancy Davenport from our midst on November 4, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, Nancy Davenport was born on June 17, 1922 in Lexington, Mississippi to Lee- Henry Tillman and Callie Cooper Tillman. Nancy was the second oldest of fourteen children and ten preceded her in death; and

**WHEREAS**, Nancy met and married the love of her life, T.L. Davenport, a union which produced ten children- six girls and four boys; and

**WHEREAS**, Nancy attended Saints Industrial School in Lexington, Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS**, Nancy gave her life to the Lord at an early age. She was a member of Robertson Temple Church of God in Christ, where she was the cook of the church and she sang in the choir; and

**WHEREAS**, Nancy was also a midwife, and helped birth many children into the world; and

**WHEREAS**, Nancy moved to Chicago, Illinois in 1966, where she became a faithful member of the Highway Church of God in Christ under the leadership of Elder Ben Chambers. She was the Assistant Mother, Cook, Choir President and Sunday School Superintendent and worked faithfully without complaining; and

**WHEREAS**, Nancy later joined Greater Holy Temple Ministries in 1993, under the leadership of Bishop Earnest and Pastor Sherrie Hamilton, both of whom she loved very dearly. She served in the Mother's Ministry faithfully until her death; and

**WHEREAS**, Nancy Davenport was preceded in death by her husband T.L. Davenport; two sons, Edward and Willie Lee; and one daughter, Bessie Jean; and



**WHEREAS**, Nancy Davenport leaves to cherish her memory five daughters, two sons, two brothers, and one sister, as well as multiple generations of grandchildren and great-grandchildren numbering in the hundreds, along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and her Greater Holy Temple Ministries church family;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby extend their condolences to the family of Nancy Davenport on the occasion of her passing and their deep appreciation for her many contributions to her community and to Cook County.

**16-0549**

**Sponsored by:** ROBERT STEELE, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**IN RECOGNITION OF THE LAUNCH OF LE MEDAILLON**

**WHEREAS**, on November 8, 2015, Chicago-based Company DLUX Brand launched Le Medallion, an authentic grower champagne produced in Celles-Sur-Ource, Champagne, France; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1788, Le Medaillon's old-world winemaking techniques have been perfected by the wine's exclusive producer, the House of Cheurlin, producing distinctive champagne. Le Medaillon grows each grape from their vines and bottles; and

**WHEREAS**, Le Medaillon is handcrafted by 10th generation winemakers in Celles-Sur-Ource, France; and

**WHEREAS**, Le Medaillon offers a Brut and Brut Rose, as well as a limited production Cuvee Reserve which earlier this year was named the Winner of the 2015 Gold Medal for Champagne at the San Francisco International Wine Competition; and

**WHEREAS**, the entire winemaking process is controlled by Le Medaillon from vine to bottle; the champagne is aged for 30 months; and

**WHEREAS**, Le Medaillon's owner, DLUX Brand was founded by Chicago inventor and entrepreneur Jay Dhillion who also founded numerous businesses including Unlimited CD a pioneer of the CD Marking Industry and CD Business Cards.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on the behalf of the residents of Cook County, do hereby congratulate Jay Dhillion of DLUX Brand on the launch of Le Medallion Champagne in the County of Cook and wishes him continued success in all of his business ventures; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Jay Dhillion of DLUX Brand and suitable copy of the same be tendered to this auspicious body.

**16-0558**

**Sponsored by:** ROBERT STEELE, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**CELEBRATING MR. KENDALL C. JONES BEING AWARDED THE LINCOLN ACADEMY OF ILLINOIS ABRAHAM LINCOLN CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AWARD**

**WHEREAS**, on Saturday, November 7, 2015, Kendall C. Jones was awarded the Abraham Lincoln Civic Engagement Award and thereby becomes a Student Laureate of the Lincoln Academy of Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, Kendall C. Jones was awarded the Abraham Lincoln Civic Engagement Award for his leadership and service in the pursuit of the betterment of humanity and for overall excellence in curricular and extracurricular activities; and

**WHEREAS**, Kendall is currently a senior at VanderCook College of Music, pursuing a Bachelor of Music Education degree; and

**WHEREAS**, Kendall grew up in Lake Villa, Illinois, and began playing saxophone in fifth grade at Pleviak Elementary School; and

**WHEREAS**, Kendall attended Grayslake North High School, where he played in concert band, jazzband, jazz combo, marching band, and the pit orchestra; and

**WHEREAS**, Kendall began to explore his interest in teaching junior year when he became section leader in concert band and marching band, and became leader of the jazz combo; and

**WHEREAS**, Kendall attended the College of Lake County in Grayslake, where he pursued and received an Associate Degree in Music Performance for saxophone in 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, Kendall plays in the Symphonic Band, Concert Choir, Philharmonic Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, and Jazz Combo at VanderCook. He has also served as the treasurer for the VanderCook chapter of the National Association for Music Education for 2 years. Through these ensembles and positions, Kendall has advanced himself as a musician, performer, and leader; and

**WHEREAS**, Kendall has performed with multiple swing bands and jazz combos, performing at many locations such as receptions, weddings, and as a house band; and

**WHEREAS**, when Kendall receives his degree from VanderCook, he hopes to teach band, jazz band, and orchestra to a high school group. He also hopes to keep performing as much as possible and to continue pushing himself to become the best musician he can be. This extra musicianship will enable him to become the best teacher possible for his students and help him share his passion with every student he meets.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Robert B. Steele President Pro-Tempore of the Cook County Board along with the Cook County Board of Commissioners, and on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County, do hereby congratulate Mr. Kendall C. Jones for being awarded the Abraham Lincoln Civic Engagement Award and thereby becoming a Student Laureate of The Lincoln Academy of Illinois.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to Mr. Kendall C. Jones and a copy is spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body.

**16-0568**

**Sponsored by:** ROBERT STEELE, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE LIFE OF MOTHER LORRAINE JAKES**

**WHEREAS**, almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, has called Mother Lorraine Jakes from our on midst on October 29, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 1, 1934, Lorraine was one of four children born to the union of Hollis and Lovie Boggus in Chicago, Illinois at Cook County Hospital; and

**WHEREAS**, Lorraine accepted Jesus Christ at the age of 12 years old at Mount Union Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Dr. C. W. Jones; and

**WHEREAS**, at the age of 13, Lorraine began her ministry to the Lord through music. Her and her siblings attended choir rehearsal with their mother and began taking music lessons. Her music teacher recognized her musical talent and selected her to play for the gospel chorus at the Greater Union Missionary Baptist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, Lorraine had an accomplished and distinguished musical career. She had the honor of playing for recording artist Mahalia Jackson and Elder James Lennox. She also played for church worship services, district associations, the Westside Minister's Conference and before an audience of over 50,000 at the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education; and

**WHEREAS**, Lorraine was educated in the Chicago Public School System. After high school, she attended Herzl Junior College and studied Early Childhood Development at Loop College and Malcolm X College; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 16, 1957, Lorraine was fortunate to marry her true love and soul mate, Paul L. Jakes and to this union two sons were born, Paul Jr. and Martin. The two were not only partners in life but also in ministry. Lorraine supported and assisted Paul Sr. when he was called to ministry in 1963; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1967 Mother Jakes was a founding member and consummate “First Lady” of the Old Saint Paul Missionary Baptist Church where Rev. Paul Jakes, Sr. was founding pastor; and

**WHEREAS**, in Mother Jakes twenty-five year career in Early Childhood Development, she educated and developed the young minds of children as an assistant helper and then lead teacher; and

**WHEREAS**, after retiring from teaching, Mother Jakes still had a thirst for knowledge. She and her husband enrolled at the Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary and graduated with a Certificate of Studies in Christian Education; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1967, Mother Jakes served the New Tabernacle of Faith Baptist Church as Christian Education Director, Missionary Society President, Anniversary Chair Person, Youth Director and the Church Musician until her health prevented her from attending church; and

**WHEREAS**, Mother Jakes physical presence maybe gone but she should forever live in hearts as a woman who loved and served the Lord and touched the lives of many through her music ministry.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Robert B. Steele President Pro-Tempore of the Cook County Board along with the Cook County Board of Commissioners, and on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County, do extend their deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family as well as to the many friends and loved ones of Mother Lorraine Jakes for me join them in their time of sorrow during this time of loss..

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to the family of Mother Lorraine Jakes and a copy is spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body.

**16-0594**

**Sponsored by:** JERRY BUTLER, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**RECOGNIZING THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COOK COUNTY FOR IMPLEMENTING SMOKE-FREE HOUSING THROUGHOUT ITS MULTI-UNIT HOUSING PROPERTIES**

**WHEREAS**, tobacco use remains the single largest preventable cause of death and disease in the United States, killing more than 480,000 Americans each year with an estimated 42,000 of these deaths from exposure to second-hand smoke; and

**WHEREAS**, research indicates that there is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke and only 100% smoke-free environments protect from dangers of second-hand smoke; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to create 100% smoke free environments, we need to work together to create smoke-free campuses, parks, and homes; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County has laws to protect the health of the residents of suburban Cook County, such as the Smoke Free Illinois Act and the Cook County Clean Indoor Air Ordinance (06-O-12) which prohibits smoking in all enclosed public places and places of employment within the County of Cook. This includes all hospital properties and campuses throughout the Cook County Health and Hospitals System, all of which are 100% smoke-free; and

**WHEREAS**, in an effort to mitigate the irritation and known health effects caused by secondhand smoke, reduce the maintenance, cleaning, and redecorating costs attributable to smoking, and decrease the risk of fire from smoking, all Housing Authority of Cook County developments are implementing smoke-free protections on December 1, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, working together, the Housing Authority of Cook County and the Cook County Department of Public Health have educated tenants as to the risks of tobacco use and second-hand smoke, and have established supports for tenants who want to quit smoking; and

**WHEREAS**, the Housing Authority of Cook County has partnered with the Cook County Department of Public Health-led "Healthy HotSpot" initiative, which builds healthy places in suburban Cook County through community partnerships; and

**WHEREAS**, all Housing Authority of Cook County tenants will now live in smoke-free environments, including their individual units, all Housing Authority developments have been identified as Healthy HotSpots.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby applaud the Housing Authority of Cook County for their leadership in protecting the health of their tenants and for promoting smoke-free housing protections throughout suburban Cook County.