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Consent Agenda

for the

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, March 23, 2016, 11:00 AM

16-2082

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

HONORABLE MORGAN F. MURPHY JR, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Morgan F. Murphy Jr. was born on April 16, 1932, to Morgan F. Murphy and Anne Murphy Sr., dear bother of Mary Rita (Robert) Stump, Jane (the late Raymond) Holmes, Bernard (Virginia) Murphy, the late Reverend John Michael Murphy, and Sister Carol Ann Murphy, RSM; and

WHEREAS, Morgan F. Murphy Jr. was the adored husband of the late Charlene Diane (Jurgensen); loving father of Morgan III, Michelle (Dan Hebert), Constance (Larry Doody), father-in-law of the Honorable Lisa Ruble Murphy; grandfather to Morgan F. Murphy, IV, Brendan P. Murphy, Riley P. Doody, Brieanne E. Hebert, and

WHEREAS, Morgan F. Murphy Jr. attended Chicago parochial schools and later Northwestern University in 1955 and was a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity, and he received a Juris Doctorate degree from DePaul University School of Law in 1962, and

WHEREAS, Morgan F. Murphy Jr. proudly served his county as a 1st Lieutenant of the United States Marine Corps from 1955-1957, including a one-year tour of duty in the Far East, and

WHEREAS, Morgan F. Murphy Jr. was an administrative assistant to Clerk of the Circuit Court of Chicago from 1958-1961, and commenced practice in Chicago, and

WHEREAS, Morgan F. Murphy Jr. was a Special Attorney for the Board of Election Commissioners, for the 1964 at-large elections, and

WHEREAS, Morgan F. Murphy Jr. was an attorney for the Chicago Dairyman's Association during the 1968 milk strikes, and a trustee-management representative of the Milk Wagon Drivers Union, and

WHEREAS, Morgan F. Murphy Jr. as a member of the United States House of Representatives from 1970-1980, were he served on the Rules Committee, Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Select Committee on Narcotics and Drug Abuse Control, Foreign Affairs, and as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Legislation, and,

WHEREAS, Morgan F. Murphy Jr. was a hearing officer for Local Liquor Control Commission, 1969-1970 and delegate to the Democratic National Conventions in 1968 and 1972, and

WHEREAS, Morgan F. Murphy Jr. served as a Board Member of the Cook County Zoning Board of Appeals from 2005-2014, and

WHEREAS, Congressman Morgan F. Murphy Jr, received the Central Intelligence Agency Award from the Director, Admiral Stansfield Turner, for outstanding leadership in legislative work for the CIA and intelligence communities in 1979, and

WHEREAS, Congressman Morgan F. Murphy Jr, received many honors including the Chicago South Chamber of Commerce Annual Award for Midway Airport Reactivation in 1978, the Catholic Man of the Year Award in 1976, and Catholic Lawyers Guild of Chicago's Lawyer of the Year Award in 1977, and

WHEREAS, Morgan F. Murphy Jr. will be remembered for his generosity, kindness and larger than life personality, and

WHEREAS, Morgan F. Murphy Jr's enduring love and commitment to his wife, his children and his grandchildren shall forever be remembered; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does recognize and honor the life and accomplishments of Morgan F. Murphy Jr ; and

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 the family of Morgan F. Murphy Jr. so that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

16-2106

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, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. HENRY ENGLISH

WHEREAS, almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, has called one of our community leaders, Mr. Henry English to His side; and

WHEREAS, Mr. English grew up in Chicago's Near West Side as the second of four children raised by parents who came to Chicago from Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Mr. English's career in activism began after returning to Chicago from the Marine Corps. It was at this time, while studying at Crane Junior College he successfully rallied students to the cause of having the school's name changed to Malcolm X College; and

WHEREAS, Mr. English served as the treasurer of the Black Panther Party; and

WHEREAS, along with his family Mr. English briefly left Chicago, for New York, where he would study at Cornell University. He would later return to Chicago and take a job as a health-care executive; and

WHEREAS, Mr. English played key roles behind-the-scenes in efforts that included voter-registration initiatives that helped elect Harold Washington as mayor in 1983. He also worked to preserve the buildings at the South Shore Country Club and transform them into the South Shore Cultural Center; and

WHEREAS, in 1983 Mr. English founded the Black United Fund in Chicago. The Black United Fund raises charitable donations to provide grants and expertise to small not-for-profit groups and programs for job training; and

WHEREAS, Mr. English is survived by his wife, Denise; two sons: Nkrumah and Jummane; and two daughters: Kenya and Kamillah.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the 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 Mr. Henry English; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to the loved ones of Henry English as a means of communicating our deep respect for Mr. Henry English's lasting legacy as a model of hard work and a driving force behind a number of progressive cause.

16-2206

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

HONORING SUPERBOWL CHAMPION MICHAEL SCHOFIELD

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2016, the Denver Broncos won Super Bowl 50 by defeating the Carolina Panthers by a score of 24 to 10; and

WHEREAS, one player on the Super Bowl Champion Denver Broncos, is Number 79, right tackle, Michael Schofield, who is a native of Cook County and specifically Orland Park in the 17th District; and

WHEREAS, Michael Schofield began playing football in sixth grade where he played for the Orland Park Pioneers; and

WHEREAS, Michael Schofield played football while a student at Carl Sandburg High School and as a sophomore became a lineman and as a senior he was a special mention 2008 Chicago Tribune All-State selection; and

WHEREAS, Michael Schofield was recruited by and committed to play at the University of Michigan where he played all 52 possible games; and

WHEREAS, Michael Schofield earned 2013 All-Big Ten Conference honorable mention recognition and excelled in the pre 2014 Senior Bowl earning NFL Network player of the day on Wednesday, January 22; and

WHEREAS, after Michael Schofield's superb career at the University of Michigan, on day 2 of the 2014 NFL Draft, the Denver Broncos drafted Michael with the 95th overall selection in the third round; and

WHEREAS, in his second year as a professional NFL player, Michael became the starting right tackle for the Denver Broncos; and

WHEREAS, Michael Schofield admittedly had a lot to learn but saved his best performances for the postseason where he once again excelled in his position; and

WHEREAS, Michael Schofield knowing the importance of maintaining a healthy body and also knowing the dangers of abusing one's body, he has made it a priority since his college days and now as a professional athlete to speak against drug abuse and making young people aware of those dangers; and

WHEREAS, Michael Schofield, due to his incredible work ethic and devotion to excelling at his craft is now a Super Bowl Champion; and

WHEREAS, Michael shared this special moment in time and had his own cheering section at the Super Bowl including his father, Mike; Mom, Kathy; siblings, Nicole, Stephanie, Kathleen, Jacqueline and Andrew; as well as his girlfriend, Kendall Coyne, who played on the U. S. Women's Hockey Team in the 2014 Olympics; and

WHEREAS, being a member of a winning Super Bowl team is one of the most coveted achievements in all of sports;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners joins with all sports fans in Cook County in extending our heartfelt congratulations to Michael Schofield for the outstanding achievement of being a Super Bowl Champion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the text of this resolution be spread across the journal of proceedings of this honorable body and that a suitable copy hereof be presented to Michael Schofield.

16-2247

Sponsored by: RICHARD R. BOYKIN, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CONGRATULATING THE NINETEENTH CENTURY CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION ON 125
YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, The Nineteenth Century Club was established in 1891 by a group of visionary women who believed that education, charitable activities, and civic involvement were vital elements in a thriving community; and

WHEREAS, the organization has spent the last 125 years focused on strengthening the community through learning, funding over 1,020 four-year college scholarships to local students and offering over 6,700 enriching and educational programs; and

WHEREAS, the organization has supported thousands of donations to community organizations and not-for-profits through direct community outreach, grant funding and the reduced or free use of their landmark building; and

WHEREAS, the organization has dedicated countless hours to sewing and knitting more than 56,000 garments for infants, children, soldiers, and those in need from natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, the organization has grown in the last 125 years to become a trusted community anchor that has touched innumerable lives; and

WHEREAS, the building owned by the organization, located at 178 Forest Avenue in Oak Park, finds its purpose in supporting and enabling their charitable, cultural, and educational endeavors, which are carried out by many volunteers, donors, and over 200 members; and

WHEREAS, the spirit of the founders continues through these many acts of benevolence; and

WHEREAS, their diverse membership continues to build mutually beneficial partnerships, practice and promote charitable giving, and advance intellectual stimulation, learning, volunteerism, and fellowship.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners, to commend the 125 years of service given by The Nineteenth Century Charitable Association and that the sincere appreciation of the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners is extended to The Nineteenth Century Charitable Association.

16-2257

Sponsored by: RICHARD R. BOYKIN, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE OAK PARK RIVER FOREST HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM ON WINNING THEIR THIRD CONSECUTIVE CLASS 3A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

WHEREAS, on February 27, 2016 the wrestling team of Oak Park River Forest High School, the Huskies, repeated as Class 3A state champions, defeating Marmion Academy 34-22 in the final of the IHSA Dual Team Tournament at U.S. Cellular Coliseum in Bloomington; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 the Huskies edged Sandburg High School 39-16 to claim the 3A dual-team tourney title and also produced three individual state champions in Jason Renteria, Isaiah White, and Allen Stallings and 6 more top-six, All-State finishers and two additional state qualifiers; and

WHEREAS, the Huskies have won four state championships over the last eight years, including two undefeated teams (28-0 in 2015; 24-0 in 2009); and

WHEREAS, nationally, OPRF finished as the top-ranked team in the country in 2016, per high school wrestling website IllinoisMatMen; and

WHEREAS, Huskie student wrestler Isaiah White has gone 3-0 in addition to his program-best three individual state titles. Isaiah was also the first Huskie student wrestler to win a title at the Walsh Ironman in 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Huskies overcame significant challenges off the mat on the way to their 2016 title. Just days before the tournament, junior Deundre Garner tragically lost his older brother Diamond to gun violence. Despite this setback, Deundre attended the tournament and wrestled, beating his opponent 8-5; and

WHEREAS, after the tournament, Coach Paul Collins paid tribute to Deundre's courage and commitment, praising the young man for showing up and competing in the face of adversity; and,

WHEREAS, Oak Park and River Forest High School senior and Huskie student wrestler Allen Stallings captured the focus and inner strength necessary to succeed in the Huskie wrestling program when he said "It's 10 times better winning a team state title than individual. These are my brothers. These are the guys I work with all year. Even though wrestling is an individual sport, it's really all about the team at the end of the day";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners that the Oak Park River Forest Huskies Wrestling Team is to be honored and commended, not just for their exceptional team and individual performances on the wrestling mat, but for their character and relentless pursuit of excellence in life and in school.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the students of the Oak Park River Forest Huskies Wrestling Team, their coaches and community, be congratulated on their Class 3A state championship by the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners and presented with a ceremonial copy of this resolution.

16-2258

Sponsored by: RICHARD R. BOYKIN, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING REVEREND MARVIN E. WILEY ON 25 YEARS AS THE PASTOR OF ROCK OF AGES BAPTIST CHURCH

WHEREAS, Reverend Marvin E. Wiley was ordained in May 1981 at the Eighth Avenue Baptist Church in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, where he was also licensed at the age of seventeen and baptized at the age of seven; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Wiley served as a Pastor in Pine Bluff Arkansas from 1981-1991 until he made history by becoming the second pastor in forty years at Rock of Ages Church in March 1991; and

WHEREAS, due to the phenomenal growth the Church has encountered under the leadership of Reverend Wiley, a multi-million dollar Worship Service Facility was constructed at 1309 Madison Street to the glory of God and service of mankind; and

WHEREAS, under the guidance of Reverend Wiley, a 501(C) 3 organization, Vision of Restoration, Inc. was organized. Vision of Restoration provides education and economic development, mental health and social services, and career development and enhancement for the community; and

WHEREAS, since coming to Maywood, Reverend Wiley has continued to be concerned about evangelism both on a national, state and local level. He served on the executive committee of the corporate board of directors of the Sunday School Publishing Board of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Incorporated. He has also served on numerous civic and community boards during the course of his ministry; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Wiley was recognized in March of 2006 by the Village of Maywood with an Honorary Street Sign that spans the corners of 12th & Madison through 14th & Madison Streets; and

WHEREAS, most notably, Reverend Wiley was inducted into the Martin Luther King Jr. Board of Preachers of Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia on April 3, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Rock of Ages Church has experienced spiritual, numerical, and financial growth under Reverend Wiley's dynamic leadership; and

WHEREAS, former President William Jefferson Clinton, a native of Arkansas, came to Rock of Ages Church to celebrate Reverend Wiley's 25th Anniversary on Sunday, March 13th, 2016;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners, to commend Pastor Marvin E. Wiley for his 25 years of service in his community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sincere appreciation of the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners is extended to Reverend Marvin E. Wiley for his steadfast commitment to Rock of Ages Baptist Church and to the betterment of all humanity.

16-2271

Sponsored by: LUIS ARROYO JR, County Commissioner, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, 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 SCHORSCH VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION ON ITS 85TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, the Schorsch Village Improvement Association is celebrating its 85th Anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, the Schorsch Village Improvement Association is dedicated to serving an ethnically diverse community, located on the northwest side of Chicago, between Addison and Belmont, and Harlem and Narragansett, and

WHEREAS, on July 13, 1931, the Schorsch Village Improvement Association held the first meeting of an association of neighbors of 70 home owners for the purposes of organizing an improvement and social group for their neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the Association has met this mission by holding holiday celebrations, picnics and dances. Schorsch Village also has helped enforce local laws, including building and fire ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the Schorsch Village Improvement Association received a Charter of Incorporation on May 29, 1939, to incorporate for the above purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Association continues to be a unifying force in the neighborhood, holding numerous social events. The Village also has an active Men's Club and a social group for Senior Citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate the residents of Schorsch Village on the 85th Anniversary of the Schorsch Village Improvement Association, and we offer our appreciation to them for 85 years of service to Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Schorsch Village Improvement Association in celebration of this joyous occasion.

16-2276

Sponsored by: STANLEY MOORE, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TECHNOLOGY MANUFACTURING ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, The Technology and Manufacturing Association (TMA) was founded in 1925 by eight small manufacturing companies who chose to create an association in order to better represent their members, add value and serve their industry; and

WHEREAS, throughout the years, members established programs and services to help their businesses grow and prosper, train their employees, and provide medical and retirement benefits thereby assisting in the development of the member's global competitiveness; and

WHEREAS, as a result of these efforts, TMA has grown into a 1,000 member not-for-profit organization of precision manufacturing and supplier companies representing 30,000 employees throughout Illinois; and

WHEREAS, since its founding, TMA has served as a valued source of employee learning and development for member companies and has evolved into a leader in hands-on training and workforce development by continually expanding the scope of TMA's educational offerings to meet the evolving needs of its members and manufacturing students of all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, TMA is a leading voice in an evolving manufacturing industry and a major economic driver and job creator for Illinois, and has worked on behalf of its members to raise the level of awareness of the importance of manufacturing through its advocacy programs at the local, state and federal levels; and,

WHEREAS, TMA is currently celebrating its 90th Anniversary; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Members of the Cook County, Board of Commissioners that Cook County shall recognize TMA for its lasting contributions to our County, Region and State and wholeheartedly congratulate TMA on this milestone anniversary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Chief Executive Officer of The Technology and Manufacturing Association.

16-2278

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

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. QUENTIN YOUNG

WHEREAS, almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, has called a champion of civil rights and public health, Dr. Quentin Young from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Quentin Young, the son of immigrants, grew up on the South Side of Chicago and graduated from Hyde Park High School; and

WHEREAS, Quentin Young received a bachelor's degree from the University of Chicago in 1944, despite his studies being interrupted by his Army service during World War II. In 1947 Dr. Young received his medical degree from Northwestern University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Young began his medical training at Cook County Hospital before leaving for Michael Reese Hospital in 1952; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Quentin Young eventually returned to Cook County Hospital as the "Chairman of Medicine" in 1972, a role he retained until 1981. There he worked tirelessly to improve the County's public healthcare system and its ability to help the poor and underserved; and

WHEREAS, in addition to leadership positions within Cook County-Dr. Young served as President of the Chicago Board of Health and the American Public Health Association, and he co-founded the Health and Medicine Policy Research Group; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Young was also busy agitating and fighting for social change. He volunteered to register black voters during Mississippi's Freedom Summer in 1964; and marched from Selma, Alabama to Montgomery, Alabama in 1965; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Young provided medical care to Martin Luther King Jr. during his stops in Chicago, as well as to campaign volunteers, civil rights workers, and anti-war protesters as founder of the Medical Committee for Human Rights; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Young is survived by two sons: Michael and Ethan; three daughters: Nancy, Polly, and Barbara; and two stepchildren: William and Karen Weaver. His wife, Ruth, passed away in 2007.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the 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 Dr. Quentin Young; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to the loved ones of Dr. Quentin Young as a means of communicating our deep respect for Dr. Young's fight for civil rights for all, and his contributions to the Cook County public healthcare system.

16-2282

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

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FRIENDS OF CHICAGO RIVER'S OVERFLOW ACTION DAYS

WHEREAS, the Chicago River system, including the Calumet River, is an important ecosystem that provides home to wildlife; a natural escape from urban pressure; and a corridor for fish, wildlife, and people to move through both urban and suburban neighborhoods, and

WHEREAS, Stormwater runoff and sewer overflows threaten the health of the Chicago River system; and

WHEREAS, As little as .3 inches of rainfall within the Chicago River sewershed can cause a sewer overflow, flushing harmful pollution such as untreated sewage and street debris directly into the Chicago River; and

WHEREAS, Heavy rains can also cause flooding and widespread property damage, and

WHEREAS, Over the past 100 years, the number of extreme rain events has doubled throughout the Midwest due to climate change; and

WHEREAS, More residents than ever before are using the Chicago River system to fish, kayak, row, run, and relax, live, and dine along, making water quality a public health priority; and

WHEREAS, A clean Chicago River system depends on both individual and municipal actions; and

WHEREAS, Chicagoans can help reduce the number of sewer overflows by participating in Friends of the Chicago River's *Overflow Action Days*, an initiative aimed at reducing the amount of water consumed at home in order to increase water treatment capacity across the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago's water reclamation plants; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, that we support *Overflow Action Days*, which will engage stakeholders and partners to conserve water at home, and encourage implementation of Friends' notification system to alert stakeholders and partners to the risk of sewer overflows as well as practices to protect waterways from harmful pollution that is released to the river; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we pledge to promote at-home and business water conservation practices and develop sustainable policies to manage stormwater and eliminate sewer overflows into the Chicago River system.

16-2283

Sponsored by: JESÚS G. GARCÍA, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING BLUE|1647 AND FOUNDER EMILE CAMBRY JR

WHEREAS, BLUE|1647 was founded by EMILE CAMBRY JR., Chief Executive Officer, in August of 2013; and

WHEREAS, BLUE|1647 is a technology and entrepreneurship innovation incubator and center focused on technology education, workforce development, and economic development in technology and 21st century skills; and

WHEREAS, BLUE|1647 was listed in the first City of Chicago Technology Plan; and

WHEREAS, BLUE|1647 is headquartered in the Pilsen community, and provides classes, workshops, apprenticeship and internship programs; and

WHEREAS, since its inception has worked with over 10,000 students with programs such as Latina Girls Code, where youth work on hardware and software development; 1919 Women in Tech, a cohort based training for women; Code Chicago, a technology boot camp series; the 21st Century Youth Project that includes youth tech programs including Minecraft coding; and Civic BLUE, a civic tech cohort training on data, analytics and community impact; and

WHEREAS, the 21st Century Youth Project, is an Edison Award-Winning program for teaching youth mobile and web app development, as well as hardware and 3D printing; and

WHEREAS, BLUE|1647 has also served as a gathering space for inventors, civic engagement, and community building; and

WHEREAS, BLUE|1647 has branched out to other parts of the country, where in March of 2016 the Missouri State Legislature recognized MR. CAMBRY for establishing an innovation hub in the city of St. Louis, and

WHEREAS, EMILE CAMBRY JR. is a business professor, filmmaker, and social entrepreneur born, raised and still calling Chicago and Cook County home; and

WHEREAS, EMILE CAMBRY JR. sits on the Mayor's Council for Technology Diversity; and

WHEREAS, EMILE CAMBRY JR. received his Bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of Chicago and his MBA from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management; and

WHEREAS, EMILE CAMBRY JR. gained experience in Investment Banking for J.P. Morgan Chase as well as teaching as a Professor at North Park University and is recognized as one of the Top 50 Business School Professors; and

WHEREAS, EMILE CAMBRY JR. has produced films that have been licensed by HBO and Cinemax, as well as Showtime; and

WHEREAS, EMILE CAMBRY, JR. is the President of the Chicago International Social Change Festival which showcases films that heighten public consciousness; and

WHEREAS, EMILE CAMBRY, JR. was named to Ebony Magazine's Power 100, Chicago Crain's Tech 50, recognized as a Top 100 Innovator in Chicago by the Chicago Tribune, as a 40 Game Changer Under the Age of 40 awarded by Verizon Wireless, and awarded the Community Service Award by the South by Southwest Conference; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize and honor EMILE CAMBRY JR. for his work and dedication to providing technology and entrepreneurial opportunities to the Southside of Chicago and other Midwest areas, and for creating BLUE|1647 that continues to serve as a beacon of hope for economic development.

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 EMILE CAMBRY JR.

16-2324

Sponsored by: JESÚS G. GARCÍA, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE HISPANIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ON ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, the Hispanic Housing Development Corporation is celebrating its 40th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, the Hispanic Housing Development Corporation (HHDC) serves as a non-for-profit organization striving to help create affordable housing in Chicago's Latino neighborhoods, for people across the Chicago area to improve their lives-and achieve the American dream; and

WHEREAS, HHDC builds comfortable, affordable and sustainable housing that people are proud to call home that becomes a catalyst for economic prosperity and community growth; and

WHEREAS, HHDC's vision is to build and revitalize neighborhoods, to provide a place for people of all ages, thereby creating new housing, employment and business opportunities that help stabilize communities; and

WHEREAS, HHDC's uniquely comprehensive approach helps to create and maintain healthy communities, and it has become one of the largest and most effective community development organizations in the nation; and

WHEREAS, while HHDC has grown, HHDC's mission has always remained the same: to help people make a better life for themselves, their families and their community; and

WHEREAS, the HHDC has developed or acquired an impressive 4,200 properties since its inception in 1976 consequently providing sustainable housing that thousands of Cook County residents are delighted to have the opportunity to reside in; and

WHEREAS, there are currently 3,600 residential units that the HHDC management team directly oversees; and

WHEREAS, 7,295 tenants have been provided with affordable housing in Chicago's neighborhoods in part to the mission of HHDC and their phenomenally ambitious team of only 175 persons; and

WHEREAS, the HHDC's commitment to develop communities has led them to mature \$429 million in developments through 54 distinct projects across the State of Illinois and neighboring states thereby attracting financiers from a variety of sources, including local, state, and federal government programs, foundations, banks, and private investors; and

WHEREAS, HHDC adopts a sustainable vertically integrated model, working from the ground-up to build strong communities by directing neighborhood construction and rehabilitation projects thereby creating economic opportunities for residents; and

WHEREAS, HHDC has effectively worked to give back to the communities they have served by offering students internship and scholarship opportunities through their scholarship program and even offer residents assistance with finding, holding and improving job skills, and offer education assistance and personal development opportunities to employees; and

WHEREAS, HHDC is commitment to improving the livelihood of communities they reside in and therefore provide assistance to local residents with resumes, job searches and upgrading computer skills via their open computer lab sessions; and

WHEREAS, the HHDC's presence presents a considerable boost to the local economy by providing jobs that previously were not there, including but not limited to Tropic Construction, their subsidiary construction company, which trains and hires residents from the neighborhoods they serve; and

WHEREAS, the HHDC has been nationally recognized as a model for community development by private organizations, foundations, government agencies and has been featured in numerous publications recognized for what it has accomplished over the last 40 years.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we recognize and commemorate the phenomenal work that the Hispanic Housing Development Corporation has engaged in for the last four decades as it continues to strive and improve the lives of marginalized communities all throughout the Midwest, and more specifically, our very own Cook County.

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 Hispanic Housing Development Corporation.

16-2325

Sponsored by: JESÚS G. GARCÍA, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO'S LATIN AMERICAN RECRUITMENT AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES PROGRAM (LARES) ON ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

WHEREAS, the University of Illinois at Chicago's Latin American Recruitment and Educational Services program (LARES) is celebrating its 40th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, The LARES was established to assist UIC in the recruitment of Latinos and to provide academic support to increase their chances for success; and

WHEREAS, since then, the program has grown from approximately 100 students to its present enrollment of more than 3300; and

WHEREAS, LARES's mission is to empower students by providing personal growth and educational opportunities and to prepare leaders who will make individual and collective contributions toward the cultural and social advancement of the Latino community; and

WHEREAS, LARES is a recruitment and academic assistance program at the University of Illinois at Chicago. It was established to recruit and to provide academic advising, financial aid and educational assistance to Latino students at both the high school and college levels. LARES was primarily designed to assist Latino students who are interested in pursuing higher education and who are in need of guidance and support; and

WHEREAS, in order to fulfill the mission of the program, LARES has developed numerous initiatives that attempt to address the comprehensive needs of students, and through encouragement and support has helped Latino students achieve their academic goals; and

WHEREAS, LARES is the premier Latino academic support program in Illinois and the largest academic support unit on the UIC campus; and

WHEREAS, UIC Latino students are well represented in local and national scholarship programs as well as special opportunity efforts targeted for minority students; and

WHEREAS, UIC Latino students continue to rank number one in the number of Hispanic Scholarship awarded in the Midwest and moreover, Latino graduation rates have steadily increased at UIC over the last few years.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this text be spread upon the proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to the UIC Latin American Recruitment and Educational Services Program.

16-2326

Sponsored by: JESÚS G. GARCÍA, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING LAYLA P. SULEIMAN GONZALEZ, PH.D., J.D., FOR HER CONTINUED DEDICATION TO THE COMMUNITIES OF COOK COUNTY IN HONOR OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, March is Women's History Month in which we not only highlight the contributions of women in history but also in contemporary society; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Layla P. Suleiman González, Ph.D., J.D., is the Executive Director, Illinois Latino Family Commission and Director, Human Services Program, Loyola University Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Suleiman González, J.D, has been an advocate, policymaker, professor and researcher, advancing access and equity for Latinos and other minority groups for almost 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Suleiman González received her degree in Applied Developmental Psychology at Loyola University of Chicago and her J.D., with a certificate in International Law and Human Rights, from DePaul University and is the proud mother of 8-year old Ismael, who lights up every day of her life; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Suleiman González has dedicated her life to serving others including students, nonprofits, and the community at large, her practice and scholarship focusing on human and civil rights approaches to health and human services; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, Dr. Suleiman González wrote legislation to establish the State of Illinois Latino Family Commission and in 2013 she became its founding Executive Director and in this role, she has been a fierce advocate for Latinos in state government, writing several pieces of legislation and promoting equity in state programs, employment, grants and contracts; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Suleiman González previously served as the Federal Court Appointed Monitor for the Burgos Consent Decree which demands fair treatment of Latino families throughout the Illinois Department and Family Services and currently represents the Latino community on numerous Boards, Commissions and Task Forces; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Suleiman González has worked with nonprofits, foundations and government to build capacity and deepen understanding of the Latino community, providing training and technical assistance, to facilitate growth and sustainability, through strategic planning, change management, collaborative facilitation, policy development and evaluation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Suleiman González served as the Director of Strategic Planning/Chief Results Officer (CRO) for the Illinois Department of Human Services where she led the Budgeting for Results implementation efforts for a 6 billion dollar state agency with over 200 programs; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Suleiman González is the director of the Human Services interdisciplinary undergraduate program at Loyola University Chicago and previously taught in its School of Education, was faculty at DePaul University for ten years where she worked to help students develop their skills and understanding about social inequality, and helping them realize their professional goals; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Suleiman González has received several awards in recognition of her work including the “Distinguished Alumna” award from the DePaul University Latino Law Student Association, “Community Advocate” from Healthcare Alternative Systems, “Community Advocate for Renewal and Empowerment” Award from Rincon Family Services, the Celeste Peña “Beacon of Light” award from the IDCFS Latino Advisory Committee, and the “Si Se Puede: Por Los Niños Award” from the CWLA National Council of Latino Executives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby honors Layla P. Suleiman González, Ph.D., J.D., for her continued dedication to the communities of Cook County.

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 Layla P. Suleiman González, Ph.D., J.D.

16-2327

Sponsored by: JESÚS G. GARCÍA, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING DIANA SOLÍS AND TERESA MAGAÑA FROM PILSEN OUTPOST FOR THEIR CONTINUED DEDICATION TO THE PRESERVATION OF CULTURE AND ART IN HONOR OF WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, March is Women's History Month in which we not only highlight the contributions of women in history but also in contemporary society; and

WHEREAS, the Pilsen Outpost was set up on November 1, 2014 to preserve culture and serve as a testament to the empowerment of women and their ability to serve as leaders of business, politics, and cultural preservation; and

WHEREAS, the Pilsen Outpost is a gallery-retail hybrid catering to an entire community of artists, providing a platform and venue for artists of all types to present their work in a formal setting; and

WHEREAS, the Pilsen Outpost negates what is trendy or popular, and instead focuses on the narratives of society’s underrepresented; and

WHEREAS, the South Side Weekly’s María Álvarez identified that, “Pilsen Outpost serves as both an oasis and blank canvas for a creative community,” and Extra News’s Alex V. Hernández deemed it “A gift for everyone”; and

WHEREAS, the Pilsen Outpost was founded, preserved, and remains currently operated by Diana Solís, Teresa Magaña and Pablo Ramírez; and

WHEREAS, Diana Solís is a visual and multi-disciplinary artist with art featured in numerous solo and group exhibits across Chicago, and the world, including exhibitions in Mexico City, Toluca, Mexico, Barcelona and Berlin; and

WHEREAS, Diana Solís has expressed her passion for the arts for over two decades by teaching in Chicago area public schools, community arts programs, and partnerships with arts education departments at the Museum of Contemporary Art and the National Museum of Mexican Art in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Teresa Magaña is an emerging artist living and working in Chicago, Illinois, famed for her heavily themed *Día de los Muertos* style art, she is self-taught in her craft and works with a variety of mediums, inspired by her influences of rich Mexican culture in both Chicago and southern Texas; and

WHEREAS, Magaña has also expressed her passion for the arts by teaching at with the National Museum of Mexican Art in Chicago.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognizes Diana Solís and Teresa Magaña from Pilsen Outpost for their continued dedication to the to the preservation of culture and art and honors them this Women's History Month.

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 Pilsen Outpost's Diana Solís and Teresa Magaña.

16-2328

Sponsored by: JESÚS G. GARCÍA, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING EVELYN CHINEA GARCÍA FOR HER CONTINUED DEDICATION TO THE COMMUNITIES OF COOK COUNTY IN HONOR OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, March is Women's History Month in which we not only highlight the contributions of women in history but also in contemporary society; and

WHEREAS, Evelyn China García, born in Chicago on May 31, 1959; and

WHEREAS, raised by a single mom, who moved often to keep her children out of harms' way, Evelyn China García lived in several different Chicago neighborhoods growing up, including Lincoln Park and Garfield Park, before her family settled in Little Village; and

WHEREAS, Evelyn China García married in 1977, and has two sons, a daughter, and three beautiful grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Evelyn China García has dedicated her career to helping children with special needs in Chicago Public Schools (CPS); and

WHEREAS, Evelyn China García attended the City Colleges of Chicago and studied Early Childhood Education at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC); and

WHEREAS, Evelyn China García helped establish a non-profit childcare, and worked as a Bilingual Special Education Teacher's Assistant before retiring from CPS in 2014; and

WHEREAS, a founding member of the Southside's Independent Political Organization (IPO), Evelyn China García has been a constant source of inspiration and support to others throughout her life, no doubt due to her "*si, se puede*" attitude; and

WHEREAS, for many years Evelyn China García has worked through a debilitating illness, however, has continued to fight for fairness in the workplace as a union member, and has raised a family in challenging times; and

WHEREAS, Evelyn China García has a knack for helping others and continues to advocate for working families, and especially children.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby honors Evelyn China García for her continued dedication to the communities of Cook County.

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 Evelyn China García.

16-2329

Sponsored by: JESÚS G. GARCÍA, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING KATYA NUQUES FOR HER CONTINUED DEDICATION TO THE COMMUNITIES OF COOK COUNTY IN HONOR OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, March is Women's History Month in which we not only highlight the contributions of women in history but also in contemporary society; and

WHEREAS, Katya Nuques was born and raised in Guayaquil, Ecuador; and

WHEREAS, Katya Nuques received a Master in Science of Administration (MSA) in International and Community Development from Andrews University after completing an internship with the United Nations Sustainable Development Division in New York; and

WHEREAS, after graduation, Katya Nuques moved to Lima, Perú to serve as the project coordinator for the Adventist Development and Relief Agency in Perú; and

WHEREAS, Katya Nuques' enthusiasm for community involvement drove her to promote participatory approaches in processes such as strategic planning, grant writing and evaluation; and

WHEREAS, Katya Nuques, through her work in international aid work was able to diversify and substantially increase partnerships with multilateral and bilateral cooperation agencies, resulting in a much more diverse project portfolio; and

WHEREAS, Katya Nuques began her calling at Enlace Chicago in 2005 as the Director of Community Schools where she played a substantial role in the expansion of Enlace's community schools network, significantly increasing staff and funding levels and diversifying revenue sources; and

WHEREAS, as Enlace's Director of Education, a role she assumed in 2007, she expanded the organization's involvement in teacher preparation programs, internships and post-secondary access, and led Enlace's participation in coalitions such as the Illinois Federation of Community Schools; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, Katya Nuques became the Associate Director of Enlace, overseeing programs in the areas of immigration, education, economic development, health and community engagement, and providing direct support to department directors; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, Katya Nuques led the process to develop a partnership with CALA, the Community Activism Law Alliance, and through this partnership community residents from Pilsen, Little Village and Back of the Yards receive free legal services making this clinic a huge success, as there is a very high need for affordable legal services in these communities; and

WHEREAS, Katya Nuques is a board member of the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, serves on the Advisory Council for the City of Chicago's Office of New Americans, is a member of the Latino Policy Forum's Immigration Acuerdo, a Leadership Greater Chicago fellow, and the Co-Chair of the Illinois Latino Agenda Representation Committee; and

WHEREAS, she dedicates her personal time and resources to support undocumented students' education; and

WHEREAS, in December 2015, the Enlace Chicago Board of Directors named Katya Nuques the incoming Executive Director, making her the first woman to hold the position for the organization.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby honors Katya Nuques for her continued dedication to the communities of Cook County.

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 Katya Nuques.

16-2330

Sponsored by: JESÚS G. GARCÍA, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING IRENE LÓPEZ FOR HER CONTINUED DEDICATION TO THE COMMUNITIES OF COOK COUNTY IN HONOR OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, March is Women's History Month in which we not only highlight the contributions of women in history but also in contemporary society; and

WHEREAS, Irene López was born in Zitacuaro Michoacan on December 11, 1985 to David Lopez and Carolina Lopez; and

WHEREAS, Irene López immigrated to the United States with her family at the age of 4 years old and was raised in the Back of the Yards neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, at a very young age, Irene López began to get involved in extracurricular activities such as the children's choirs at Holy Cross Parish, the Mexican Ballet Folklorico at the Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council and the Holy Cross Marimba Ensemble; and

WHEREAS, at the age of 14 years old, Irene López dedicated her life to working with youth through Mayor Daley's YouthNet Program; and

WHEREAS, Irene López later became the after-school program Director at Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council working with the Department of Family and Support Services as Region 4 Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, Irene López has had responsibilities ranging from annually planning and developing community events such as back to school events with up to 800 participants, Hoops in the Hood, and leading the Quality of Life Plan through the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC); and

WHEREAS, Irene López was one of the initial members that began the community newspaper The Gate which serves the Back of the Yards community and the surrounding neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Irene López is on the board of the Union Impact Center that brings tools necessary for developing physical, intellectual, emotional and spiritual growth to youth in various communities; and

WHEREAS, Irene López continues to volunteer her time with community organizations, planning events, and fundraising at her local Parish Holy Cross/Immaculate Heart of Mary; and

WHEREAS, Irene López is also a public servant at Cook County working as a financial counselor at Cook County Health and Hospitals Systems.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby honors Irene López for her continued dedication to the people of Cook County and recognize her this month also known as Women's History Month.

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 Irene López.

16-2331

Sponsored by: JESÚS G. GARCÍA, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING KATIE MARCINIAK AND ASIYAH ALI FROM THE INNER-CITY MUSLIM ACTION NETWORK (IMAN) FOR THEIR CONTINUED DEDICATION TO THE COMMUNITIES OF COOK COUNTY IN HONOR OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, March is Women's History Month in which we not only highlight the contributions of women in history but also in contemporary society; and

WHEREAS, Katie Marciniak and Asiyah Ali, coming from different schools with unique backgrounds, have portrayed that the ability to provide positive impact is not hindered by age; and

WHEREAS, Katie Marciniak and Asiyah Ali are evidence that youth are our future and the impact they have provided to their communities and peers parallels some of the great work that youth have provided in the 7th District and throughout Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Katie Marciniak is a junior at Gage Park High School and a longtime resident of Chicago Lawn; and

WHEREAS, Katie Marciniak has maintained a strong commitment to her local community, as evidenced by her involvement in BuildOn in Gage Park, a student organization committed to increasing student retention rates and increasing student literacy, as well as her work with the Inner-City Muslim Action Network; and

WHEREAS, Katie Marciniak has played a considerable amount of leadership roles within her role as the youth leader for the Inner-City Muslim Action Network (IMAN), tackling issues ranging from food justice to criminal justice reform; and

WHEREAS, Asiyah Ali is a freshman at Lindblom Math & Science Academy and a resident of Chicago Lawn; and

WHEREAS, Asiyah Ali has been a longtime member of the Youth Council at the Inner-City Muslim Action Network (IMAN) and has emerged as a thoughtful and passionate young leader; and

WHEREAS, Asiyah Ali has played a critical role in IMAN's instrumental Corner Store Campaign and has traveled to Springfield countless times to advocate for youth summer employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Asiyah Ali has a strong commitment to not only her education, but the education of her peers, and currently serves as a member of the award-winning Lindblom Math Team.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize and commemorate the noble work the both Ms. Katie Marciniak and Ms. Asiyah Ali have contributed to their local communities as they strive to make education a priority for themselves and their peers.

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 Katie Marciniak and Asiyah Ali.

16-2332

Sponsored by: JESÚS G. GARCÍA, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING PEPE VARGAS - FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CHICAGO LATINO FILM FESTIVAL & THE INTERNATIONAL LATINO CULTURAL CENTER OF CHICAGO

WHEREAS, Pepe Vargas grew up in a small town in Colombia and in 1976, received his degree in Law & Social Sciences from the National University of Buenos Aires in Argentina; and

WHEREAS Pepe Vargas arrived in Chicago in 1980 with only a few dollars in his pocket and without speaking much English earned a degree in Broadcast Journalism & Television/Film production from Columbia College Chicago in 1985; and

WHEREAS, Pepe Vargas founded the Chicago Latino Film Festival in 1985 with a budget of \$10,000, an audience of 500 and 14 films projected on a wall; and

WHEREAS, since 1986, the Chicago Latino Film Festival has evolved into the largest Latino film festival in the U.S. and is now Chicago's biggest International Latino cultural event; and

WHEREAS, after 32 years the Chicago Latino Film Festival has grown its audience to more than 70,000 people who enjoy the multinational, cross-cultural exchanges offered every year; and

WHEREAS, building on the success of the Film Festival, Pepe Vargas created the International Latino Cultural Center of Chicago to showcase the boundless multinational talent of Latino artists and the Center prides itself for its outstanding multidisciplinary and international cultural programming that includes a wide variety of art forms from Latin America, Spain, Portugal and the United States; and

WHEREAS, Pepe Vargas has served as a juror in various film festivals in Latin America and Spain, and as a media panelist for several institutions including the Illinois Arts Council and the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs, amongst others and served as a trustee of the Illinois Humanities Council; and

WHEREAS, Pepe Vargas has received many recognitions and awards, including Chicago Tribune's Chicagoan of the Year 2003 and an Honorary Doctoral Degree from Lake Forest College and was one of the two winners of the Chicago Community Trust 2006/7 Fellowship for Community Leaders, which allowed him to travel extensively through Latin America, Spain, France, and the United States visiting other cultural institutions and in 2011, the Chicago Tribune named Pepe Vargas as a Remarkable Person, and in December of 2015 Crain's Chicago featured him in their "Take Away" column; and

WHEREAS, Pepe Vargas continues to pursue his dream of building a state-of-the-art, cultural complex in Chicago that allows residents to share the visual and performing arts, language, music, comedy, poetry, films, the culinary arts and many other cultural expressions that reflect the lives of more than 600 million Latinos worldwide.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize and honor Pepe Vargas for his work and dedication to fostering the understanding of Latino culture through the universal language of the arts by showing, through our cultural expressions, that Latinos are defined by more than 20 different nationalities and come from all social and racial backgrounds; and

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 Pepe Vargas.