



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, June 29, 2016, 11:00 AM

16-3982

Sponsored by: JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, County Commissioner, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, 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, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE and LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE WOUNDED AND ILL MEMBERS AND VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES FROM ALL WARS AND PROCLAIMING JUNE 29TH SILVER STAR SERVICE BANNER DAY IN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, the County of Cook has always honored the sacrifice made by the service men and women and Veterans of the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, America's courageous, wounded warriors and their families have made sacrifices that deserve a lifetime of gratitude and should never be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, the Silver Star Service Banner and Flag have been officially designated by the United States Congress to represent the members of the Armed Forces and Veterans who were wounded or became ill in combat in all wars past and present; and

WHEREAS, the Silver Star Service Banner is presented to those wounded or ill Military service members and Veterans who embody the integrity, honor and loyalty of Military service, have inspired us all with their dedication and commitment and make every American proud; and

WHEREAS, the Silver Star Families of America, formed in 2005 to recognize, remember and assist the wounded and ill of our Armed Forces, designed, manufacture and provide Silver Star Service Banners and Silver Star Flags free of charge to those who qualify; the volunteers of this organization worked tirelessly to make it the official banner and flag to honor the war wounded; and

WHEREAS, the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners are honored to have the opportunity to acknowledge the meritorious efforts of our valiant men and women in uniform and their families and the heroic contributions they have made to our Nation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that June 29, 2016 be proclaimed the eighth annual Silver Star Service Banner Day in Cook County, the official day to honor the wounded and ill service members and Veterans of Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to all eligible service men and women and Veterans in recognition of their bravery and of how much more they have given for our great Country and their fellow citizens.

16-4133

Sponsored by: STANLEY MOORE, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MRS. GLORIA D. McKEE

WHEREAS, Gloria D. McKee was born in Cleveland, Ohio on February 2, 1945 to Thomas and Juanita Wright; and

WHEREAS, during the 1960s, Gloria made the decision to devote her life to the church and enter the convent where she remained until 1968; and

WHEREAS, in 1970 she married Henry H. McKee, Jr., the love of her life; and

WHEREAS, that union blessed her with three sons, but also allowed her the opportunity to become a mother figure to several of their friends throughout the years; and

WHEREAS, Gloria McKee graduated with a dual Masters of Education degree from Loyola University of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, during her educational career she became the principal of six schools in the Archdiocese of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, she also taught at the college level at Dawson Tech College and Malcolm X College in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, always having been known as a person with a big heart and love for helping those in need, Gloria McKee went to Catholic Charities to become a foster parent for children waiting for adoption and to adopt children that she fostered; and

WHEREAS, Gloria McKee's enduring love and commitment to her husband, her sons, her daughters-in-law, her grandchildren, and her great-grandchildren will forever be remembered and missed; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Cook County shall recognize and honor Mrs. Gloria D. McKee in celebration of her life and accomplishments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the family of Mrs. Gloria D. McKee.

16-4146

Sponsored by: STANLEY MOORE, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MR. RONALD ‘KWESI’ HARRIS

WHEREAS, Ronald “Kwesi” Harris was born on November 22, 1959, the second eldest of Willie Lee and Jannie Mae Harris’ five children; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harris was a graduate of Simeon High School on the Chicago south side and later received his degree in Child Development and Social Work from Central State University in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, while at Central State University, Mr. Harris became a member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc.; and

WHEREAS, on September 8, 1990, Mr. Harris married his best friend and his “Queen” Donna F. Edgeworth; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, Mr. Harris worked alongside the Illinois Attorney General, other attorney generals from 30 states, grassroots organizations, local public health advocates and hip-hop organization worked against the KOOL cigarettes company to bring down the advertising campaign aimed at young urban population; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harris became the Program Director of the African American Resource Center (AAMRC) at Chicago State University in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harris was a strong advocate in improving the rate of African American males at Universities by making them more efficient and independent learners; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 Mr. Harris began his work with the African American Coalition for Prevention and the State of the Caner Union; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harris was a committed and passionate family man to his wife, daughter, three sons and four grandson; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Cook County shall recognize and honor the life and accomplishments of Mr. Ronald “Kwesi” Harris; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Ronald “Kwesi” Harris.

16-4163

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE VICTIMS OF THE ORLANDO NIGHTCLUB SHOOTING

WHEREAS, at approximately 2:00 AM on June 12, 2016, an act of hate and terror was inflicted upon the patrons of “Pulse” a popular Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) nightclub in Orlando, Florida; and

WHEREAS, there has been a tremendous outpouring of support for the victims, the families who have lost loved ones and the entire Orlando community by people across Cook County, and rest of the nation; and

WHEREAS, this attack is the deadliest mass shooting in the history of the United States; and

WHEREAS, during this horrific event fifty-three (53) people were injured, and forty-nine (49) people were killed. The names of those killed were: Stanley Almodovar III, 23 years old; Amanda Alvear, 25 years old; Oscar A Aracena-Montero, 26 years old; Rodolfo Ayala-Ayala, 33 years old; Antonio Davon Brown, 29 years old; Darryl Roman Burt II, 29 years old; Angel L. Candelario-Padro, 28 years old; Juan Chevez-Martinez, 25 years old; Luis Daniel Conde, 39 years old; Cory James Connell, 21 years old; Tevin Eugene Crosby, 25 years old; Deonka Deidra Drayton, 32 years old; Simon Adrian Carrillo Fernandez, 31 years old; Leroy Valentin Fernandez, 25 years old; Mercedes Marisol Flores, 26 years old; Peter O. Gonzalez-Cruz, 22 years old; Juan Ramon Guerrero, 22 years old; Paul Terrell Henry, 41 years old; Frank Hernandez, 27 years old; Miguel Angel Honorato, 30 years old; Javier Jorge-Reyes, 40 years old; Jason Benjamin Josaphat, 19 years old; Eddie Jamoldroy Justice, 30 years old; Anthony Luis Laureanodisla, 25 years old; Christopher Andrew Leinonen, 32 years old; Alejandro Barrios Martinez, 21 years old; Brenda Lee Marquez McCool, 49 years old; Gilberto Ramon Silva Menendez, 25 years old; Kimberly Morris, 37 years old; Akyra Monet Murray, 18 years old; Luis Omar Ocasio-Capo, 20 years old; Geraldo A. Ortiz-Jimenez, 25 years old; Eric Ivan Ortiz-Rivera, 36 years old; Joel Rayon Paniagua, 32 years old; Jean Carlos Mendez Perez, 35 years old; Enrique L. Rios, Jr., 25 years old; Jean C. Nives Rodriguez, 27 years old; Xavier Emmanuel Serrano Rosado, 35 years old; Christopher Joseph Sanfeliz, 24 years old; Yilmery Rodriguez Solivan, 24 years old; Edward Sotomayor Jr., 34 years old; Shane Evan Tomlinson, 33 years old; Martin Benitez Torres, 33 years old; Jonathan Antonio Camuy Vega, 24 years old; Juan P. Rivera Velazquez, 37 years old; Luis S. Vielma, 22 years old; Franky Jimmy Dejesus Velazquez, 50 years old; Luis Daniel Wilson-Leon, 37 years old; Jerald Arthur Wright, 31 years old; and

WHEREAS, the month of June is recognized as LGBT Pride Month, we have yet another reason to stand in unity and solidarity with our LGBT brothers and sisters to celebrate, strengthen, empower, and unify with the LGBT community, their families and allies throughout Cook County, Orlando, the United States of America and the entire world; and

WHEREAS, like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said during his 1963 “Strength to Love” speech: “Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”

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 citizens of Orange County and The City of Orlando, all survivors, victims, and those who lost loved ones in this horrific event.