



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

Second Consent Agenda

for the

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, June 29, 2016, 11:00 AM

16-4185

Sponsored by: ROBERT STEELE, JERRY BUTLER, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, DEBORAH SIMS and TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF UNITED BAPTIST CHURCH

WHEREAS, On Saturday, June 25, 2016, United Baptist Church celebrated their 50th Anniversary with a Banner Dedication and Prayer Gathering of providing services to the North Lawndale Community; and

WHEREAS, Organized by Rev. Clarence Jones on June 12, 1966 who met with a band of seventy believers that came together for a common cause, which was to worship and met at 4205 W. Harrison Street; the members later secured a permanent place to worship at 4218-20 West Roosevelt Road; and

WHEREAS, a child planted the name “United” in the mind of Rev. Jones and the membership voted unanimously to accept the name United Baptist Church on July 24, 1966; and

WHEREAS, United’s membership continued to increase under Reverend Jones and by 1974 it had grown to approximately 250 members; and

WHEREAS, On April 28, 1974, Reverend Wilson Daniels became the Pastor of United and has served for 42 years with exemplary leadership, his motto being “Serving God Through Serving Humanity”; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Reverend Daniels, United Baptist Church has seen significant growth in its membership; and

WHEREAS, United Baptist Church provides weekly food giveaways which feeds more than 10,000 people annually. In addition established a weekly clothing give away in the church’s parking lot, provides several impactful services such as: Job training; Substance Abuse Intervention, and Ex-Offender and Anger Management Programs; and

WHEREAS, United Baptist Church also offers a computer Training Center, a Juvenile Justice Program for teens, provides scholarship opportunities for students to continue their pursuit of higher education and assisted in the building of over 75 homes for low income and 1st time home owners in Lawndale; and

WHEREAS, On June 8, 1996 Roosevelt Road was renamed, “United Baptist Church Road” beginning at Karlov (on the east) to Cicero Avenue (on the west); and

WHEREAS, United Baptist Church is a true beacon of hope for the community it has served for 50 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President of the Board along with the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate Reverend Wilson Daniels and United Baptist Church on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary and for the important and commendable service and leadership it provides to its congregation and surrounding community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this resolution be spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body and a ceremonial copy be given to Reverend Wilson Daniels in commemoration of this auspicious occasion

16-4189

Sponsored by: ROBERT STEELE, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

OBSERVING THE HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF JUNETEENTH INDEPENDENCE DAY

WHEREAS, News of the end of slavery did not reach frontier areas of the Unites States, and in particular the Southwestern States for more than 2.5 years after President Lincoln’s emancipation Proclamation, which was issued on January 1, 1863, and months after the conclusion of the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, On June 19, 1865, Union soldiers led by Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, with news that the Civil War had ended and that the enslaved were free; and

WHEREAS, African-Americans who had been slaves in the Southwest celebrated June 19th, commonly known as “Juneteenth Independence Day” as the anniversary of their emancipation; and;

WHEREAS, African-Americans from the Southwest continued the tradition of celebrating Juneteenth Independence Day as inspiration and encouragement for future generations; and

WHEREAS, for more than 151 years, Juneteenth Independence Day Celebrations have been held to honor African-American freedom while encouraging self-development and respect for all cultures; and

WHEREAS, the faith and strength of character demonstrated by former slaves remains an example for all people of the Unites States, regardless of background, religion, or race.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President of the Board along with the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes the historical significance of Juneteenth Independence Day to the Nation; supports the continued celebration of Juneteenth Independence Day to provide an opportunity for the people of Cook County to learn more about the past and to better understand the experiences that have shaped our great Country; and encourage the people of Cook County to observe Juneteenth Independence Day with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this resolution be spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body to commemorate this auspicious occasion

16-4204

Sponsored by: ROBERT STEELE, 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, SEAN M. MORRISON, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING THE 107TH BIRTHDAY OF MR. HENRY JENKINS

WHEREAS, Mr. Henry Jenkins of Chicago, Illinois has recently celebrated his 107th birthday surrounded by community members, family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jenkins was born on June 25, 1909 in Coffeerville, Mississippi to the Shirley & Henry Jenkins; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jenkins grew up farming in the small town of Coffeerville, MS during the era of legal segregation in the south; and

WHEREAS, in 1939 Mr. Jenkins moved from the cotton fields of Mississippi to the Englewood Community on Chicago's South Side as a part of the historic migration of African Americans who moved north for a better quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jenkins Served his Country as a member of the United States Army in the 1940's during World War II.; Upon his return from service Mr. Jenkins resides in the Englewood Community and has been a dedicated public servant and a pillar in Englewood for more than 40 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President along with the Cook County Board of Commissioners and on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County takes great pleasure in honoring and celebrating **Mr. Henry Jenkins** on the occasion of his 107th Birthday and wishes his continued health and happiness for years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution is shared upon the official celebrations of this Honorable Gathering and that an official copy of the same is tendered to **Mr. Henry Jenkins** in honor of this auspicious occasion.