



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY

Cook County Building, Board Room, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois

Consent Agenda

Tuesday, April 11, 2017, 9:00 AM

Fourth Set

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION**HONORING THE EXCEPTIONAL LIFE OF PHILIP KALAYIL, CHAMPION OF THE INDIAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY, EDUCATOR AND DEDICATED HUMANITARIAN**

WHEREAS, Philip Kalayil, an exceptional man whose life was devoted to family, faith and improving the community died at the age of 86 leaving behind a devoted family, countless friends and a community profoundly enriched for having known him; and

WHEREAS, Philip Kalayil represented the best qualities of citizenship and humanity through his tireless work building bridges in the Asian-American community and educating people. He will long be remembered for his work as a leader and organizer of the Indian-American community; and

WHEREAS, Philip Kalayil was born in the village of Keezhoor in the Indian state of Kerala. In 1956, he came to Chicago to study at Loyola University, where an uncle, a priest, was also studying. In 1959, his wife, Annamma, joined him in Chicago, briefly leaving their children in India. In 1964, she and their daughter Ann, who was born in Chicago, returned to India. Kalayil followed in 1965 to teach and be the librarian at St. John's Medical College in Bangalore. In 1967 Philip and Annamma decided to make the United States their home and to raise their family in Chicago. The two raised extraordinarily accomplished children who have each continued the family's proud legacy of commitment to community service; and

WHEREAS, Philip Kalayil's career was multidimensional but shared a common theme with his community service; in each he guided people to achieve their potential. He taught at a local business college briefly before going to work as a social worker for Catholic Charities in Chicago. In 1970, he went to work for the city of Chicago in its Department of Human Services. He was assistant director of emergency services with the department when he retired; and

WHEREAS, Philip Kalayil worked to bridge gaps between Asian-American groups divided by ethnicity, religion, and socio-economic levels. He brought those diverse groups together and helped them thrive and encouraged them to become active citizens. He is widely credited with having successfully organized an Indian Independence Day celebration in which over one thousand people participated. The success of the event was a turning point and helped launch the Indo-American Democratic Organization which is still going strong, decades later; and

WHEREAS, Philip Kalayil was a respected community leader throughout his life. His deeply held religious beliefs led him to establish the Indian Catholic Association of America. He helped start the Indo-American Democratic Organization and the Asian Forum to empower people to register to vote and

to make their opinions heard. His wisdom, compassion and political aptitude made him a major force for good in the community; and

WHEREAS, Philip Kalayil's many accomplishments were routinely singled out for distinction and appreciation. His leadership and bridge-building was recognized by the Association for Asian American Studies, when they awarded him their Heart of Asian America Community Award in 2008; and

WHEREAS, the impact felt by the loss of Philip Kalayil is significant and has left a tremendous void in the community. His loss will be felt most acutely by his wife Annamma and his children: Tom, Sales and Ann, his sisters, Sister St. John Kalayil, Sister Dominic Savio Kalayil and Tresia; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County commemorates the extraordinary life of Philip Kalayil, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions he has made to the Citizens of Cook County, Illinois; 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 the family of Philip Kalayil that his memory may be so honored.

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Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE NORTHWESTERN WILDCATS ON THEIR EXCEPTIONAL SEASON

WHEREAS, the Northwestern Wildcats have been playing basketball since 1904. The NCAA men's basketball tournament has existed, in some form or another, since 1939 when NU hosted the first NCAA Division 1 men's basketball tournament in Patten Gymnasium; and

WHEREAS this year the Northwestern University Wildcats made their first NCAA tournament appearance in school history; and

WHEREAS, Northwestern has a one of the best coaches in the NCAA. Chris Collins is a former Duke guard and Duke assistant who came to Evanston in 2013. In his fourth year he won twenty four games, which is more than any other NU team in history. Collins currently has a .549 career winning percentage and that is the first ever for a coach who has spent more than two years at Northwestern and was named one of four finalists for Naismith Men's Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Coach Chris Collins is a past Mr. Illinois Basketball 1992. Each year the Illinois Mr. Basketball award is given to the person chosen as the best high school basketball player in state of Illinois and is the highest honor to be achieved by a high school player in the state of Illinois. He played the final game of his high school career at Welsh Ryan Arena, the same arena where he currently coaches his winning team; and

WHEREAS the Northwestern University Wildcats earned the team's first NCAA tournament win with a 68-66 victory over Vanderbilt in the first round; and

WHEREAS the Northwestern University Wildcats won six consecutive Big Ten games for the first time since the 1932-33 season; and

WHEREAS the Northwestern University Wildcats advanced to the semifinals of the Big Ten tournament for the first time in program history; and

WHEREAS the Northwestern University Wildcats have three players who earned All-Big Ten recognition. Junior guard Bryant McIntosh was a consensus second-team all-league pick, while Scottie Lindsey was named by the league's head coaches to the third team and honorable mention by the media. In addition, redshirt sophomore Vic Law was selected by the coaches to the five-member All-Defensive Team; and

WHEREAS the Northwestern University Wildcats earned a top-25 ranking in the Associated Press poll for first time since the 2009-10 season; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County takes great pleasure in honoring and celebrating the winning season of the Northwestern University Wildcats; 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 the Northwestern University Wildcats.