



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY**

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**Consent Agenda**

**Tuesday, June 6, 2017, 9:00 AM**

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**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE LIFE OF JUDGE RAYMOND MYLES, SR.**

**WHEREAS**, Raymond Myles, Sr. was the fifth of fourteen children born to Milry and Haskel Myles, Sr. on October 15, 1950, in Thyatira, Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS**, after receiving his Bachelor of Arts Degree, immediately followed by his Master of Arts Degree in Social Work, he continued his educational journey by receiving his Juris Doctor Degree from the University of Illinois in 1977; and

**WHEREAS**, Raymond Myles worked in private practice for some years, during which he was admitted in 1986 into the U. S. Navy Service School Command Court Marshal Division at Naval Station Great Lakes in Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1999, he was appointed Associate Judge to the Circuit Court of Cook County by the Illinois Supreme Court; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2009 Judge Myles was assigned to the Criminal Division at 26th and California, where he presided over trials involving misdemeanor offenses and juvenile court hearing matters; and

**WHEREAS**, although Judge Myles was strict with the youth that came into his court, he believed that it was his duty to steer the young offenders toward a better life by connecting them to opportunities and education; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Myles was involved in high profile cases and made his career on administering justice in all cases in his courtroom; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Myles was involved in several bar associations including the Illinois State Bar Association, the Chicago Bar Association, and the Cook County Bar Association; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Myles gave back to his community by participating in legal clinics, youth coaching, and academic learning centers; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board President and Commissioners of the Cook County Board will gather together to express their honor and sorrow on the passing of Judge Raymond Myles, Sr., and will extend to his family and friends their sincere condolences; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution is spread upon the permanent Record of Proceedings of the Board of Commissioner of Cook County, and that a suitable copy of this resolution will be prepared and presented to the family of Raymond Myles Sr. that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished

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**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT OF DORSEY A. RIVERS-GARDNER**

**WHEREAS**, Lincoln Elementary School is in Bellwood, Illinois, and serves 474 students, and

**WHEREAS**, Lincoln Elementary School has been led by Mrs. Dorsey Rivers-Gardner since 2013, and

**WHEREAS**, at the close of the 2017 school year, Mrs. Dorsey Rivers-Gardner retired from Bellwood School District 88, and

**WHEREAS**, prior to becoming principal, Mrs. Dorsey Rivers-Gardner taught in both elementary and middle school classrooms for more than 20 years, and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Dorsey Rivers-Gardner has dedicated 35 years of her life to the Bellwood community and the furtherance of excellent public education, and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to her work in Bellwood, Mrs. Dorsey Rivers-Gardner founded the Summer Enrichment Program Murchisom-Isom C.M.E, where she also serves as the Director of Christian Education, and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Dorsey Rivers-Gardner's dedication to her community will continue in her retirement as a volunteer in local hospitals.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners that Mrs. Dorsey Rivers-Gardner is congratulated on the occasion of her retirement and the sincere appreciation of the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners is extended to Mrs. Dorsey A. River-Gardner for her decades of service to so many Cook County citizens.

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**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RECOGNIZING SHIRLEY WILSON FOR HER DEDICATION TO HER COMMUNITY**

**WHEREAS**, Shirley Wilson was born January 1st, 1933 in Iowa City, Iowa, and;

**WHEREAS**, Shirley Wilson was blessed with five children, two boys, and three girls, and;

**WHEREAS**, she has volunteered for the Park District for 37 years, and has been a main volunteer and a member of Hope Community Church, and;

**WHEREAS**, Shirley Wilson is the Treasurer of Iowa Block Club, member of Sr. Bible Study of Hope Church, Deaconess at Hope Church, Craft Instructor with Sisters of the Hood, After School Program Craft Teacher, and a member of the Neighborhood Watch program, and;

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Wilson hand makes slippers and distributes them to shelters across the community, and;

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Wilson has worked closely with elected officials of the Austin Community to solve problems in the Austin Community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners to commend Shirley Wilson for her years of service in her community and the sincere appreciation of the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners is extended to Shirley Wilson for her service to her church and the wider community.

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**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO RECOGNIZE ANTISHA L. BROWN FOR HER DEDICATION TO HER COMMUNITY**

**WHEREAS,** Antisha L. Brown is the founder of a non-for-profit organization called Divinely Orchestrated, and;

**WHEREAS,** Divinely Orchestrated is an organization that consists of multiple established youth, adult and good service programs with many more on the horizon, and;

**WHEREAS,** Divinely Orchestrated currently provides outreach across the Westside of Chicago and west suburbs of Chicago, and;

**WHEREAS,** Antisha Brown successfully heads this organization utilizing her extensive experience in corporate leadership, as she also currently serves as Client Service and National Account Manager for international distribution company, BUNZL.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners to recognize Antisha L. Brown and the sincere appreciation of the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners is extended to Antisha L. Brown for her service to her community.

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**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**CONGRATULATING THE WINNERS OF THE THIRD ANNUAL “BE HEARD: ONE VOTE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD” ART AND ESSAY CONTEST ON THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS**

**WHEREAS,** in 2017 students from all over Cook County submitted entries as part of the Third Annual “Be Heard: One Vote Can Change the World” Essay and Art Competition cosponsored by Comcast’s Intergovernmental Affairs Department; and

**WHEREAS,** the “Be Heard: One Vote Can Change the World” Essay and Art Competition, by focusing on the importance of voting and civic education, seeks to teach youth the importance of active citizenry and democratic participation to young people; and

**WHEREAS,** out of all the entrants, six students submitted entries that stood out for their creativity, insightfulness and overall excellence; and

**WHEREAS,** Brianna Ornelas from McKinley Elementary School is awarded the 3rd place prize of the “Be Heard: One Vote Can Change the World” art contest; and

**WHEREAS,** Michael Burrell from Haven Middle School is awarded the 2nd place prize of the “Be Heard: One Vote Can Change the World” art contest; and

**WHEREAS,** Aaliyah Merrick from St. Agnes School is awarded the 1st place prize of the “Be Heard: One Vote Can Change the World” art contest; and

**WHEREAS,** Mahmooda Ali from Proviso West High School is awarded the 3rd place prize in the “Be Heard: One Vote Can Change the World” essay contest; and

**WHEREAS,** Gloria Jarrett from Hyde Park Academy is awarded the 2nd place prize in the “Be Heard: One Vote Can Change the World” essay contest; and

**WHEREAS,** Andrea Ayala from Proviso West High School is awarded the 1st place prize in the “Be Heard: One Vote Can Change the World” essay contest.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED,** by the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners that congratulations and best wishes on behalf of the President and Cook County Board be extended to the winners of the “Be Heard: One Vote Can Change the World” art contest: Brianna

Ornelas, Michael Burrell, and Aaliyah Merrick; and,

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED**, that the congratulations and best wishes of the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners be extended to the winners of the “Be Heard: One Vote Can Change the World” essay contest: Mahmooda Ali, Gloria Jarrett, and Andrea Ayala.

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**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CELEBRATING JUSTIN JOHNSON FOR BEING THE FOUNDER OF KICKS 4 THE CITY**

**WHEREAS**, Kicks 4 the City was launched during the fall of 2012 from a relationship between 23 year old Justin Johnson and Montrell, a homeless man who was similar in age to Justin, and;

**WHEREAS**, Justin and Montrell’s friendship grew and Justin learned that Montrell only had one pair of heavily worn shoes that had holes in them, and;

**WHEREAS**, Justin suggested to a group of friends that they should start collecting shoes for homeless citizens, and;

**WHEREAS**, Kicks 4 the City has to date been responsible for collecting over 50,000 pairs of shoes for those in need in nine cities with the generous support of over 500 volunteers and ambassadors, and;

**WHEREAS**, Kicks 4 the City recently partnered with The Athlete’s Foot and is also expanding their bandwidth into Ghana, partnering with the nonprofit organization Homeland Africa, and;

**WHEREAS**, Justin’s desire to help homeless citizens and less fortunate children in the Chicagoland area by supporting The Night Ministry, Chicago Public Schools Students in Temporary Living Situations and Pacific Garden Mission.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners that Justin Johnson is to be honored for his commitment to give back to others, and that the sincere appreciation of the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners is extended to Justin Johnson for his service to Cook County citizens.

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**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF DR. DONALD MARION PEDRO**

**WHEREAS,** Donald Marion Pedro was born July 7, 1929 in Manhattan, New York to George and Georgie Pedro; and

**WHEREAS,** Donald completed his undergraduate degree in 1951 at Lincoln University in Pennsylvania and graduated from Howard University Medical in 1955; and

**WHEREAS,** While attending medical school Donald met and married Dolores Massey which was blessed with three children; and

**WHEREAS,** Donald M. Pedro, M.D. received an honorable discharge after serving in the U.S. Army in the 82nd Medical Company - 82nd Airborne Division in Ft. Bragg, North Carolina from 1957 until 1959; and

**WHEREAS,** He returned to Illinois and established his practice under the name of The Morgan Park Medical Center; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Pedro was a constant and faithful contributor to the Morgan Park Community as well as a supporter of the Jackie Robinson West Little League and its annual parade; the annual Phoebe's Place Health Fair at the Maple Park United Methodist Church and the Gatling's Chapel Annual Fest ; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Pedro was an active member of the Midwest Bridge Unit, he served as president and was honored in 2005 with the organization's highest recognition for outstanding service, The Life Membership Award; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Pedro was the only physician in the greater Chicagoland area to continue the service of making house calls long after the service was assumed obsolete; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Pedro steadfast dedication to serving others is depicted throughout his career. Illinois Senate Democratic Leader, Emil Jones, Jr. appointed him to serve as a member of the Electoral College for the 1996 and 2000 Presidential election. In October 2000, 111th and Halsted Street was named "Dr. Donald M. Pedro Way" in recognition of his dedication to the community; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Pedro retired and left his practice in March 2008. At that time, when asked what advice



he would give to the doctors of today and tomorrow, he responded, "You have to like people... if you don't like people - get another job; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board President and the members of the Board of Commissioners would like to extend their deepest condolences, and heartfelt sorrow at the passing of Dr. Donald Marion Pedro; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Cook County Board President and the Board of Commissioners shall recognize and honor Dr. Donald Marion Pedro in celebration of his life, accomplishments, and commitment to the citizens of Chicago; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings and the Cook County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the family of Dr. Donald Marion Pedro.

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

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

##### **HONORING DEIDRE CLAYTON UPON HER RETIREMENT**

**WHEREAS**, Deidre Clayton began her health care career in 1976 at St. Mary of Nazareth Hospital as the Assistant Director of Volunteer Services; and

**WHEREAS**, while in this position she was tapped to coordinate the hospital reception for the visit of Pope John Paul II, and to host her first health fair, which led to the creation of a Junior Volunteer program with more than 150 students from Roberto Clemente High School; and

**WHEREAS**, Deidre Clayton transferred to South Chicago Community Hospital/Trinity Hospital in 1978 as the Director of Community and Volunteer Services; and

**WHEREAS**, As Director, Deidre was responsible there for several initiatives, including working with ABC reporter Dianne Burns to highlight stories on health initiatives at South Chicago Hospital; initiating a speaker's bureau utilizing physicians to discuss health related topics with church groups, community and business agencies; as well as creating a youth Medical Exploring Post with high school students; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1993 she moved to Cook County's Provident Hospital, where she hosted the 1996 visit of Diana, Princess of Wales, and coordinated the celebrity visits such as football Hall of Famer player Walter Payton, Ms. Black Illinois, comedian Dick Gregory, CBS news reporter Harry Porterfield, and Disney's Mickey and Minnie Mouse; and

**WHEREAS,** Deidre was given the freedom to create strategic alliances with organizational leaders and politicians who would become Provident Hospital's Community Advisory Board; and

**WHEREAS,** she was instrumental during this time in implementing several programs, including 4 Men Only Health Fair, the Bud Billiken Parade First Aid Stations, the Medical Careers program at Beasley Academy, and several senior initiatives at St. Edmund's Towers, TRC Senior Village, North Washington Park Senior Manor, and Judge Green Senior Village; and

**WHEREAS,** in 2016, Dee Clayton recreated Provident's Employee Christmas Toy Drive, which donated 300 toys to the children from the Center for New Horizons and Ounce of Prevention. Through the support of the medical staff, she was able to coordinate the hospital's 5th, 10th, 15th, and 20th anniversaries; and

**WHEREAS,** Deidre has always prioritized God, family, and career in that order; and

**WHEREAS,** Charles, her wonderful husband of 39 years; supports Dee Clayton 2 lovely grown children, Charles Jr. and Christina; and her mother, who always will be her eternal guardian angel. Having 41 years of administrative healthcare experience, Deidre Clayton embraced her role of facilitating and creating internal and external special events for the community and employees; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Cook County shall recognize Deidre Clayton's service to the citizens of Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Cook County Clerk is authorized to spread upon the record of proceedings and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to be presented to Deidre Clayton in recognition of her retirement.

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**Sponsored by:** LARRY SUFFREDIN and JOHN P. DALEY, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION HONORING MARK E. PEYSAKHOVICH ON THE OCCASION OF HIS DEPARTURE FROM AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION**

**WHEREAS,** Mark E. Peysakhovich will be leaving the American Heart Association on June 30, 2017; and

**WHEREAS,** Mark E. Peysakhovich has dutifully served the American Heart Association for more than eighteen years. In those years, he served with distinction and earned the respect and affection of his fellow employees, the patients and volunteers; and

**WHEREAS,** throughout his eighteen years at the American Heart Association, Mark E. Peysakhovich has served the organization in multiple ways. During his time at the AHA, he focused on health prevention initiatives and ensuring a quality system of care for cardiac and stroke patients in Illinois. He was a member of the Illinois Alliance to Prevent Obesity (IAPO) Leadership Committee, Co-chair of the Childhood Nutrition and Physical Activity in Educational Settings workgroup of IAPO, Co-chair of the State Tobacco Workgroup Prevention Committee, Founding member of Stroke Survivors Empower Each Other and is currently a Board member of genHkids, Mentor at Matter Chicago & Polsky Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation at the University of Chicago, among many other ventures; and

**WHEREAS,** in his role as Senior Director of Government Relations his many accomplishments include; making Illinois a healthier place to live, work and play with successful passage of Smoke Free Illinois, defending the health of our kids by proactively working for and protecting daily physical education for all students across Illinois, limiting access of tobacco by raising the price of those products in the state of Illinois, Cook County and the city of Chicago where cigarettes are the highest price in the nation, ensuring a seamless chain-of-survival for cardiac arrest victims by requiring AEDs in public places including schools and gyms and requiring that all high school students in Illinois are trained in CPR prior to graduation, establishing a stroke system of care in Illinois ensuring that those who suffer a stroke receive the right care, right away leading to the better patient outcomes, leading the forefront of nutrition policy by working to pass a sweetened beverage tax for Cook County Illinois, covering more than 5.2 million people and becoming the largest government entity in the country to approve this heart-health policy; and

**WHEREAS,** throughout the years, Mark has been active in Illinois politics, and worked with a number of federal, county, state and local elected officials. In addition to this work, he also worked with the American Jewish Committee and Chicagoland SSI Coalition and will continue to work to improve the lives of others in his new endeavors; and

**WHEREAS,** there will likely be no greater anticipated post-AHA pursuit for Mark than fishing and spending time with his wife Barbara and daughter Sophie; 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 Mark E. Peysakhovich on his eighteen years of service and accomplishments at the AHA, and herewith honors and thanks to him for all that he has done bettering the lives of the citizens of Illinois; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that an official copy be tendered to Mark E. Peysakhovich.

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**Sponsored by:** LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**COMMEMORATING THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE OF JAMES C. ROONEY**

**WHEREAS**, James “Jim” Rooney, community activist who founded United Power for Action and Justice, respected lawyer, artist, editor and vice president of publishing company Commerce Clearing House, now Wolters Kluwer died May 10, leaving behind family, countless friends and a community enriched for having known him; and

**WHEREAS**, Jim Rooney was noted for his intelligence, exceptional attention to detail and excellence. He had an abiding love of language as both communication and art which was reflected in both his work and his life outside of the publishing company where he worked for nearly four decades. He loved theater and film; he taught film classes at Oakton Community College. He will long be remembered for his love of the precision and nuances of grammar; and

**WHEREAS**, Jim Rooney was also an admirer of the art of photography. His landscapes and his photos of his friends and family revealed a deep affection for his subjects and will be treasured as a lasting reminders of John and his art; and

**WHEREAS**, more than anything Jim Rooney represented the best qualities of citizenship and humanity through his life-long commitment to volunteering in the community; he was an active volunteer in many organizations. His knowledge of art was shared with the teenage boys at Maryville Academy. He was active with the Evanston 4-H group and is credited with helping to organize the Evanston Housing Coalition which rehabs derelict buildings for resale to low-income families; and

**WHEREAS**, Jim Rooney was committee to social justice and was a major force for good in the community. He believed in and worked for an active, involved, Catholic laity, and pursued cross-religious community and inclusivity. He was a guiding force in creating a Jewish-Catholic dialogue group that met over the past three decades; and

**WHEREAS**, Jim Rooney was a devoted outdoorsman and shared that love with his children. He was a thoughtful expert who shared his knowledge of the genus, species and common name of every plant along every hike, wilderness excursion or station wagon cross country camping trip, many of which were captured in his beautiful photographs; and

**WHEREAS**, the community has lost a great friend in Jim Rooney; he will missed by his wife Mary, his sister Patricia Trimble, his children Jim (Sue), Brian (Karen), Dan (Sue), Kate (Ray), Trish (Steve), Matt (Janine), and Andy (Andrea) as well as grandchildren Caitlin, Megan, Brianna, Michael, George, Kristin, Allison, Mandy, Shannon, Joe, Grace, Marissa, James, Eric and Nathan, and great-grandchildren Nora, Adele, Clara, and Audrey along with scores of friends, neighbors and colleagues; 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 James Rooney 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 James Rooney.

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF MARK WHITE POST #6870 OF THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS**

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Chicago's Bridgeport community, in recognition of the need for a neighborhood-centered facility to provide for the social and supportive requirements of local veterans, founded and established the Mark White Post #6870 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and

**WHEREAS**, in its early days, the Post was known for its great camaraderie, and welcoming environment where members of all generations could gather in fellowship, and

**WHEREAS**, today Mark White Post #6870 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars is a vibrant organization, looked upon as a widely-respected community asset, and beneficiaries of its charitable support include many families in need throughout the community, and

**WHEREAS**, throughout its proud history, the Post has held among its ranks numerous community leaders that have been active in improving the lives of veterans and also the lives of residents in the Bridgeport community, and

**WHEREAS**, Mark White Post #6870 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars is proud of its many friends and members who have served our country in the armed forces, with members having fought in World War I, World War II, Korea, Viet Nam, the Persian Gulf, Iraq and Afghanistan, and

**WHEREAS**, on Saturday, June 17, 2017, the Mark White Post #6870 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will host a celebration at the Post on 3152 S. Wallace in Chicago to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the establishment of the Post, now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, that the Board does hereby extend its congratulations to all the members, past and present, of the Mark White Post #6870 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, for 70 years of outstanding service to the community, and offers its best wishes for continued success, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a ceremonial copy of same be presented to the members of the Mark White Post #6870 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars as a token of appreciation from a grateful community.

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**Sponsored by:** LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

##### **IN MEMORY OF AVY MEYERS**

**WHEREAS**, Avy Meyers, long-time host of *North Town News Magazine*, opinionated owner and publisher for the newspaper *Jewish Chicago* and well known cable and You Tube interviewer who was perhaps best known for his judicial interviews died at the age of 66, leaving behind family, friends, colleagues and a community enriched for having known him; and

**WHEREAS**, Avy Meyers was a long time journalist at *North Town News Magazine*, Chicago's only weekly televised neighborhood news magazine, which later had a powerful presence on the internet as well. Over the course of the run of the show he conducted more than ten thousand interviews and drew some of the highest You Tube viewership of any local cable show in the country; and

**WHEREAS**, as a young journalist Avy Meyers went to work for the Chicago Defender and became their first white reporter. He covered countless criminal trials and became interested in issues regarding the judiciary. It was partly this interest that focused his scrutiny on judicial candidates. He was also actively involved with issues concerning community policing and consequently involved in local oversight of the Chicago Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, most recently, on *North Town News Magazine* Avy Meyers drew national attention for his interview with former Cook County State's Attorney Anita Alvarez regarding her handling at the time, of the killing of a young black teenager, Laquan McDonald; and

**WHEREAS**, Avy Meyers will long be remembered for his interviews with local politicians. His interviewees were members of both parties. Each of his subjects would join him in front of a sheet in his make-shift studio in the dining room of his West Rogers Park home; and

**WHEREAS**, Avy Meyers had the unique ability to work without rancor and as a result was genuinely respected by those on both sides of the political aisle. While a very opinioned man, as a journalist, he was genuinely interested in listening to the viewpoints of those he disagreed and he often used his show as a platform to share those opinions. He always treated his subjects with fairness and respect even candidates he disliked personally. Likewise, he was known for his fairness when it came to selling advertising space for his publication. He was immensely proud of the fact that his endorsements were not in any way influenced by the size of an ad purchased by a candidate, or whether a candidate bought an ad at all; he was particularly harsh on those who thought his endorsement and good opinion could be bought; and

**WHEREAS**, Avy Meyers' exceptional work was frequently recognized by his peers; he was singled out for distinction when he was awarded the Award of Excellence in Community Outreach from the Illinois State Crime Commission, and three National Awards for Best News Show and Making a Difference in the Community conferred by the Alliance for Community Media; 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 exceptional life of Avy Meyers and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable and innumerable 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 Avy Meyers.

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**Sponsored by:** ROBERT STEELE, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), 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, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING TIM KING, FOUNDER, PRESIDENT AND CEO OF URBAN PREP ACADEMIES STUDENTS AND FACULTY ON THEIR EIGHTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR FOR ACHIEVING 100% COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE RATE INTO COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES**

**WHEREAS**, Tim King is the Founder, President and CEO of Urban Prep Academies a nonprofit organization operating a network of public college prep boys' schools in Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, Urban Prep Academy was the nation's first all-male charter high school aimed at promoting college success; and

**WHEREAS**, Urban Prep's mission is to provide a comprehensive, high- quality college preparatory education to young men; and

**WHEREAS**, Urban Prep's motto "**WE BELIEVE**", is a constant reminder that Urban Prep students will not fall into the trap of stereotypes and low expectations but believe in their potential and their ability to exceed far beyond that potential ; and

**WHEREAS**, Urban Prep Charter Academy for Young Men, Englewood Campus opened in 2006, followed by Urban Prep Academy West Campus in 2009 and Urban Prep Academy for Young Men Brownsville Campus in the fall of 2010 are the only all-boys public schools in the State of Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, 888 students are enrolled at Urban Prep Academies; and

**WHEREAS**, Urban Prep Academies employ 129 total staff members which includes their downtown personnel; and

**WHEREAS**, 230 students which consists of the entire class of 2017 have been accepted into college/and or a (4) year universities; and

**WHEREAS**, the majority of Urban Prep graduates are African American males; and

**WHEREAS**, Urban Prep have graduated 1,054 young men from (2010-2016); and

**WHEREAS**, \$15.1 million dollars have been awarded to Urban Prep students to date; and

**WHEREAS**, Tim King serves as an Adjunct Lecturer at Northwestern University. He also was named ABC World News "Person of the Week," Chicago's Magazine's Chicagoan of the Year, featured on Good Morning America and recognized by Presidents Barack Obama and Bill Clinton for his work with youth. In addition he serves as Co-Chair of Chicago's My Brother's Keeper Initiative just to name a few.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President of the Board along with the Commissioners does hereby recognize Tim King Founder, President and CEO of Urban Prep Academies, the students and faculty for their commitment, dedication and continued pursuit for academic achievement on their eighth consecutive year for achieving 100% college acceptance rate into colleges/universities and hereby congratulates the Class of 2017.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to Tim King, Founder, President and CEO of Urban Prep Academies and a copy of the same be saved by this body in recognition of this auspicious occasion.



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**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, EDWARD M. MOODY, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF ANDREW KRUZEL**

**WHEREAS**, after seventeen (17) years of dedicated service to the Department of Real Estate Management, Mr. Andrew Kruzel has retired from his position as Senior Real Estate Analyst, effective June 30, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, he was born in Chicago and is a lifelong Cook County resident; and

**WHEREAS**, his customer service and dedication to the community started at the young age of 10 while working in his family's store, Kruzel Certified market, in Bridgeport; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1978, he started in property management and became a Licensed Real Estate Broker; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2000, he left a position as property manager and began work at the County under the direction of John Davis; and

**WHEREAS**, he was one of the last employees out of the Cook County Administration Building after the fire in 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, after the fire he met with Director Davis to find solutions for the impending crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, he was instrumental in identifying space for relocations of the displaced workers after the fire; and

**WHEREAS**, he has extensive work negotiating leases, licenses and contracts maintained by the Department of Real Estate Management; and

**WHEREAS**, he has overseen the department's disposition process of surplus County property, which has resulted in increased revenue for the County; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, do recognize Andrew Kruzel for all that he has contributed to the Department of Real Estate Management.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be

tendered to Andrew Kruzel as a means of communicating our appreciation for his service.