



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

Consent Agenda

Tuesday, July 18, 2017, 9:00 AM

Special Consent Calendar Meeting - Second Set

17-4386

Sponsored by: BRIDGET GAINER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION**HONORING THE LIFE OF ROBERT W. PIERSON**

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Robert W. Pierson from our midst on June 6, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Robert (Bob) Pierson was born on June 18, 1941 in the South Suburbs where Bob resided his entire lifetime; and,

WHEREAS, Bob was initiated into IBEW Local 9 on December 1, 1966; and,

WHEREAS, due to his dedication and loyalty to Local 9, to the Brotherhood and for the betterment of the IBEW, Bob was appointed as assistant business manager in 1980; and,

WHEREAS, Bob's efforts and tireless labor to improve the lives of IBEW members of Local 9 earned him the respect of labor leaders across Northern Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, Bob earned the privilege to serve on the Executive Board of the Chicago Federation of Labor and the Executive Board of the State Conference of IBEW; and,

WHEREAS, Bob was appointed to the IBEW International Executive Council by IBEW President Edwin Hill on October 2005; and,

WHEREAS, on November 1, 2005 Bob was appointed the Chairman of the International Executive Council; and,

WHEREAS, Bob was twice reelected to the International Executive Council and served as Chairman of the International Executive Council of the IBEW is a lasting testament to his devotion, tireless work and the commitment of Bob for the best interest of members of Local 9 as well as the entire Brotherhood; and,

WHEREAS, Bob was married to his Shirley and raised 4 children, Wendy, Gary, Chad, and Todd; and,

WHEREAS, the people of Cook County and labor members commend Bob on his many accomplishments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Robert Pierson

and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss.

17-4402

Sponsored by: PETER N. SILVESTRI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

DOMINIC STORINO, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom called Dominic “Don” Storino from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Don Storino was the beloved husband of the late Mary (nee Hughes); and

WHEREAS, Don and Mary were the beloved parents of three children: Donald J. (Patricia), Noreen (Gerry) Moore, and Terri (John) Nuzzo; and

WHEREAS, Don Storino was the loving grandfather of Donald, John, Daniel, Timothy, Katie, Matthew, Brian, Anna, Joseph, and Serafina; and

WHEREAS, Don Storino was the dear great-grandfather of fourteen; and

WHEREAS, Don Storino served in Italy and Africa during World War II, and he received the Bronze Star for his service; and

WHEREAS, Don Storino was a fixture in his town of Elmwood Park, serving as Trustee there for more than thirty years and also serving as Mayor; and

WHEREAS, Don Storino ran a successful State Farm Insurance business from the 1960s to the time of his passing; and

WHEREAS, Don Storino was involved in many charitable groups over the years, including St. Celestine’s Parish and Holy Cross High School, where he served as President of the Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family of Dominic Storino; 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 Dominic Storino so that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

17-4407

Sponsored by: JOHN A. FRITCHEY, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, 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**CONGRATULATING CHANG BROTHERS TAEKWONDO ACADEMY FOR THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AT THE 2017 USA TAEKWONDO NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

WHEREAS, Chang Brothers Taekwondo Academy (CBTA) was established in 1983 by Grandmaster Ki Jin Chang and his three younger brothers: Ki Oh, Ki Hoon, & Ki Jang; and

WHEREAS, Grandmaster Ki Jin Chang first began learning martial arts under his father and then began his Taekwondo training at age eight, and later when he came to America in 1979, he continued his training at various schools. He taught martial arts to hundreds of students at Northern Illinois University before founding Chang Brothers Taekwondo Academy in 1983 in Hanover Park, IL. He went all over the Midwest performing demonstrations and furthering the development of Taekwondo in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Grandmaster Chang went on to coach at the state, collegiate, national and even international level. In 1995 he was chosen to be the head coach of the US National team for an international competition; and

WHEREAS, Grandmaster Chang helped thousands of children and adults during his time as Master of the school to better themselves through martial arts. Grandmaster Ki Jin Chang passed in 2006 and left a legacy that is Chang Brothers Taekwondo Academy and that legacy is now carried on by his son Master David Chang; and

WHEREAS, Master David Chang started Taekwondo at 3 years of age under the tutelage of his father and has over 25 years of Taekwondo and martial arts experience. He has taken over the Chang Brothers legacy with goals of furthering the path that his father began; and

WHEREAS, Chang Brothers Taekwondo Academy is committed to providing high quality martial arts instruction to peewees, children, teens, and adults by merging the values of traditional martial arts with the new aspects of modernized Olympic Taekwondo enabling students to use the teachings of martial arts in all areas of their lives; and

WHEREAS, Chang Brothers has one of the most active competition teams in all of Illinois. Their Olympic Sparring, Sports Poomsae (Forms), and newly added Demo Teams compete annually at the USA Taekwondo State and National Championships as well as other high level local and regional competitions and have won numerous medals and championships at these events; and

WHEREAS, Chang Brothers Competition teams recently competed at the 2017 USA Taekwondo National Championships in Detroit, MI from June 29th to July 6th and had a highly successful competition winning a total of 13 medals (6 Bronze, 3 Silver & 4 Gold) in both Olympic Sparring and Sports Poomsae competition as well as a competitive first Demo Team competition, 27 athletes in all; and

WHEREAS, competition team members included: Santiago Espinoza, Saiyuri Thammavongsa, Andrei Salud, Eduardo Morales, Sitalia & Sorran Mitchell, Jasmine Alanis, Francis Santiago, Jackie Gutierrez, Marcela Castillo, Bryant & Brandon Bactat, Alexia Ceci, Karolina Bosek, Kristofer Silva, America Cervantes, Gissell Tellez, Michael Kim, Kevin Cao, Jesus Gutierrez, Julian Chagoya, Ranbir & Puran Gill, Stefani Morales, Mia Schoening, Jose Banuelos, and Eduardo Quintana; and

WHEREAS, Chang Brothers athletes who brought home medals included: Santiago Espinoza (Bronze in Blue Belt Dragon Poomsae, Saiyuri Thammavongsa (Bronze in Green Belt Dragon Poomsae & Gold in Green Belt Dragon Sparring-Lightweight), Andrei Salud (Silver in Green Belt Dragon Poomsae & Gold in Green Belt Dragon Sparring-Lightweight), Eduardo Morales (Bronze in Red Belt Youth Poomsae), Sitalia Mitchell (Bronze in Red Belt Youth Poomsae), Jasmine Alanis (Gold in Red Belt Cadet Sparring-Bantamweight), Francis Santiago (Bronze in Red Belt Junior Sparring-Light Middleweight), Jackie Gutierrez (Silver in Black Belt Tiger Sparring-Middleweight), Marcela Castillo (Silver in Black Belt Ultra Sparring-Fin-weight), Bryant Bactat (Bronze in World Class Black Belt Junior Sparring-Fin-weight) and Alexia Ceci (Gold in World Class Black Belt Senior Sparring-Welterweight); and

WHEREAS, Alexia Ceci, the 2017 US Women's National Welterweight Champion, is the 1st World Class Black Belt Senior National Champion under Master David Chang, and the only adult black belt National Champion from Illinois this year. The victory qualified her to compete for the US National Team at trials competition early next year; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the fantastic results of the entire Chang Brothers Taekwondo Competition Teams at this year USA Taekwondo National Championships;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate Master David Chang and the entire Chang Brothers Taekwondo Academy Competition Teams on an outstanding 2017 National Championships and wish him and the entire CBTA community continued success in the future; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to Master David Chang in honor of Chang Brothers Taekwondo Academy's outstanding achievements.

17-4431

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION**HONORING FATHER DOMINIC GRASSI ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT**

WHEREAS, Father Dominic Grassi, pastor, teacher, counselor, coach, retreat and vocation director, inspirational speaker, editor, and popular writer said his final mass in June at Saint Gertrude Parish of Chicago. For over eleven years he was a treasured priest and leader of the faith community at St. Gerts, a congregation that under Father Dom made certain that all who came felt welcome. On his watch he made certain that their motto “All Are Welcome” truly became a reality, and

WHEREAS, Father Dominic Grassi’s family emigrated from Southern Italy. His father and uncle opened a grocery store, and by the time Dominic was born, they had one of the largest grocery stores in the city. His mother was famous for her extraordinary cooking; and

WHEREAS, as a child, Dominic Grassi’s family modeled strong values of multiculturalism decades before the term became commonly used. He grew up as a member of the only Italian family in a neighborhood that was a great melting pot, along the way learning from each of his neighbors and developing a deep appreciation of people’s differences; he became a compassionate listener and advocate; and

WHEREAS, Dominic Grassi was the third of his three older brothers to attend the seminary before him but he was the only one of the three to finish seminary. He attended the college seminary, which was Niles College. It was originally a junior college and later before he graduated, it had affiliated with Loyola. He received an undergraduate degree in literature. While he was a seminary student, the country was in the midst of deep turmoil. During the 1960’s the country was involved in the Vietnam War and the struggles surrounding the civil rights movement, among others. These events had a formative impact on his world view; he was ordained in 1973; and

WHEREAS, in childhood, Dominic Grassi attended school near a large public library; reading became a very important past-time for him. A great reader grew into a great writer later in life. He became a popular author, his books include: Bumping into God, Bumping into God Again, Bumping into God in the Kitchen, and Still Called by Name, and the coauthor of Living the Mass; and

WHEREAS, Father Dominic Grassi has always had and will always have the backs of those who are marginalized for any reason. As the youngest child in his family and being an Italian-American priest at time when non-Irish priests were marginalized, he had an acute familiarity with how it felt to be forced to the sidelines; and

WHEREAS, Father Dom’s first assignment as a priest was in the African American community. He later went into teaching. He was part of the Industrial Areas Foundation, Saul Alinsky’s group, and he was a major force in the social justice movement. He maintained his advocacy for worker’s rights and a

living wage throughout his career as an educator and pastor, most recently with the hospitality employees at Loyola University; and

WHEREAS, Father Dominic Grassi's abilities singled him out for distinction and he has often been honored for his exceptional contributions. He was awarded the St Pope John XXII award from the Association of Chicago Priests. The award is given to a priest for excellence in priestly ministry and for significant contribution to the life of the Church of Chicago. In 2012, he received the Distinguished Pastor Award from the National Catholic Educational Association, as pastor of Northside Catholic Academy; and

WHEREAS, in retirement, Father Dominic Grassi will likely continue to write, give retreats, advocate for people on the margins of society and provide a sympathetic ear, wise counsel and great Italian cooking for all whom he encounters; 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 hard work, accomplishments and exceptional career of Father Dominic Grassi 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 Father Dominic Grassi.

17-4432

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE 100th BIRTHDAY OF JAMES SPROWAL

WHEREAS, James Sprowal was born in Greenwood, South Carolina on May 13, 1917, the first born of Frank and Willie Sprowal. Over the next twenty years, Frank and Willie Sprowal presented James with three brothers and four sisters. The family lived on a farm in the south during the Great Depression and segregation; and

WHEREAS, James Sprowal grew up and married his beloved Eddie Mae Tucker on December 24, 1941 at the Justice of the Peace and paid \$5.00 for the license. James has been quoted as saying that "those five dollars were the best investment I ever made." The couple were married for over 68 years until Eddie Mae's death in 2011. Together they raised a wonderful family, two children of their own, three nieces and a nephew: Mrs. Emma Sprowal, Mr. John Sprowal, Rev. Ernie C. Bibbs (Sharon), Angela Y. Fisher, Leticia Fisher, Toni L. Fisher; and

WHEREAS, James Sprowal proudly served his country in the military. He was a decorated veteran of the United States army and served in World War II. Three of his children followed in his footsteps and

served: John Sprowal in the United States Army, Ernie Bibbs in the United States Army, and Toni L. Fisher who served in the United States Marines; and

WHEREAS, James Sprowal's family has a history of long life and prosperity. His mother died at the age of ninety-nine and at the age one hundred James has the stamina and schedule of a person half his age; he is still driving, taking care of his own lawn, singing in the church choir, and paying his own bills; and

WHEREAS, James Sprowal is legendary in his tireless commitment to his faith and church. He is an active member and serves as Trustee Emeritus at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, where he has been a member for more than fifty years; 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 100th birthday, hard work and many accomplishments of James Sprowal 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 James Sprowal in honor of his 100th Birthday.

17-4433

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING PATRICK L. KREIS ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE WINNETKA POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Patrick L. Kreis retired from the Winnetka Police Department on June 06, 2017 after over twenty-six years as a law enforcement officer; and

WHEREAS, Patrick L. Kreis began his career as a law enforcement officer with the Winnetka Police Department on January 02, 1991; and

WHEREAS, Patrick L. Kreis was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on December 08, 1994; and

WHEREAS, Patrick L. Kreis attended and graduated from the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command on September 25, 1995; and

WHEREAS, Patrick L. Kreis was awarded Police Officer of the Year for 1996; and

WHEREAS, Patrick L. Kreis attended and graduated from the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy on March 18, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Patrick L. Kreis was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant on April 20, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Patrick L. Kreis was promoted to the rank of Deputy Chief on August 11, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Patrick L. Kreis was appointed Interim Chief of Police on January 31, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Patrick L. Kreis was appointed Chief of Police on July 07, 2011; and

WHEREAS, during his career, Patrick L. Kreis served as an operator, team leader and board member of the Northern Illinois Police Alarm System Emergency Services Team, board president of the Northeastern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy, Co-Manager of the department's Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Use of Force and Critical Incident Response Instructor, Master Firearms Instructor, coordinated the renovation of the Winnetka Police Public Safety Building, and was recognized by his superiors and the citizens he served, receiving numerous Honorable Mentions and letters of appreciation from citizens; and

WHEREAS, Patrick L. Kreis served his department and community with distinction, and the people of Cook County owe him a debt of gratitude for his service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County does hereby offer Patrick L. Kreis congratulations on his retirement and thanks him for his years of public service as a law enforcement officer; 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 same be tendered to Patrick L. Kreis.

17-5434

Sponsored by: RICHARD R. BOYKIN, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), LUIS ARROYO JR, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, 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

CELEBRATING BISHOP JAMES SPRINGFIELD, JR.'S 80TH BIRTHDAY

WHEREAS, Bishop James Springfield was born July 7, 1937 to James and Myria Bee Springfield in Boises, Mississippi, and was the oldest of 10 siblings and;

WHEREAS, Bishop James Springfield graduated from Coleman High School Greenville, Mississippi in 1956 and attended senior prom with his wife of 59 years Barbara Evans Springfield, and;

WHEREAS, Bishop James Springfield answered the call to the Ministry in 1983, call to pastor January 4th, 1987. He attended Chicago School of Ministries, a subsidiary of Oral Roberts University, Chicago

Baptist Institute, International Bible College and Seminary, and he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Biblical Studies July 1, 1998, and;

WHEREAS, Bishop James Springfield has been pastoring for 30 years and presently is the pastor of Greater Hope Baptist Ministries in Maywood, Il. He is the Chaplain of Proviso Township Ministerial Alliance, Treasurer Interfaith Illinois, and involved in many other community initiatives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners to congratulate Bishop James Springfield for his 80th birthday and the sincere appreciation of the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners is extended to Bishop James Springfield for his service to his church and the wider community

17-4435

Sponsored by: RICHARD R. BOYKIN, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), LUIS ARROYO JR, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, 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

A RESOLUTION OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONGRATULATING PASTOR TOMMY WOOLRIDGE FOR HIS 32ND PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, Pastor Tommy Woolridge was born May 2, 1963 in Arkansas, and;

WHEREAS, Pastor Tommy Woolridge has been married for 32 years and with his wife they have 3 children, and;

WHEREAS, Pastor Tommy Woolridge is a member of the faith based community of the 15th district with the Chicago Police, and;

WHEREAS, Pastor Tommy Woolridge is an Associate to the Sheriff's Department as a Chaplain, and;

WHEREAS, Helping Hand Missionary Baptist Church has been established for 61 years, Pastor Tommy Woolridge has been a member for 45 years before becoming pastor for 32 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners that Pastor Tommy Woolridge 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 Pastor Tommy Woolridge for his service to Cook County citizens.

17-4436

Sponsored by: RICHARD R. BOYKIN, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), LUIS ARROYO JR, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, 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**A RESOLUTION OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RECOGNIZING MICHELLE EVANS ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT**

WHEREAS, Michelle Evans is a graduate of Northern Illinois University class of 1985, and;

WHEREAS, Michelle Evans started working in the Cook County Comptroller's Office July 21, 1987 as a Clerk under Comptroller Thomas Beck, and;

WHEREAS, Michelle Evans was promoted to Garnishment Supervisor and has served in that capacity for the last 26 years where she was responsible for Child Support, Bankruptcy, Student Loans, Citations, IRS and State Levies, and;

WHEREAS, Michelle Evans received the Cook County Employee of the Year award from President Richard Phelan in 1994, and;

WHEREAS, Michelle Evans served under seven Comptrollers and three Interim Comptrollers during her years of service, and;

WHEREAS, Michelle Evans is currently working on an electronic filing system for all bankruptcy payments that are submitted to the trustees in order to cut back on paper checks.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners to commend Michelle Evans 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 Michelle Evans for her years of service to Cook County Government.

17-4437

Sponsored by: RICHARD R. BOYKIN, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), LUIS ARROYO JR, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, 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**A RESOLUTION OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RECOGNIZING BRENETTA HOWELL BARRETT FOR HER 85TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

WHEREAS, Brenetta Howell Barrett was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois. She is a mother, grandmother, great grandmother, great great grandmother and a surrogate mother to many, and;

WHEREAS, Brenetta Howell Barrett worked in many capacities, paid and unpaid, to promote the causes of human/civil rights and civil liberties, and;

WHEREAS, Brenetta Howell Barrett served as an advisor, officer, or board member for a broad range of organizations and institutions, such as Third Unitarian Church of Chicago, Third World Conference Foundation, Chicago Focus, Path Press, Introspect Youth Services, Chicago Forum, Illinois Chapter, American Civil Liberties Union, and the Chicago Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression, and;

WHEREAS, Brenetta Howell Barrett previously served as Vice President, and has been a board member of the Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights for over three decades, and;

WHEREAS, Mayor Harold Washington appointed her Commissioner of the Department of Consumer Services, also Chicago's lead agency for environmental protection, and;

WHEREAS, through her lifetime work of advocacy and community organizing Ms. Barrett has implemented an approach that emphasizes empowerment and personal capacity-building as key elements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners to congratulate Brenetta Howell Barrett 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 Brenetta Howell Barrett for her service to her church and the wider community.

17-4438

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION**HONORING THE KEYSTONE FOUNDERS SOCIETY OF PRESENCE SAINT FRANCIS HOSPITAL ON REACHING THEIR GOAL TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE SHEILA M. AND ROBERT L. HULSEMAN CENTER FOR CANCER CARE**

WHEREAS Presence Saint Francis Hospital is a nationally recognized, full-service teaching hospital and named one of Chicago's Best Hospitals; and

WHEREAS, the Keystone Founders Society of Presence Saint Francis Hospital is comprised of donors who support the hospital with annual gifts of \$1,000 or more. Since 1988 the Keystone Founders Society has contributed more than 3.4 million dollars. Past projects include breast screenings for low-income women, providing an oncology nurse navigator to shepherd patients throughout their cancer journey and dedicating a sleeping room for family members with a critically ill patient; and

WHEREAS in April of 2017, the Presence Saint Francis Hospital Keystone Founders Society reached their goal of fundraising \$500,000 to fund improvements to the hospital's cancer center. With help from an anonymous \$250,000 matching challenge, the Keystone Founders reached their goal nine months ahead of schedule; and

WHEREAS Presence Saint Francis Hospital Center for Cancer Care will be named in memory of Sheila and Bob Hulseman, in recognition of the Hulseman's tireless devotion to Saint Francis Hospital. The Hulseman's are among the hospital's most significant supporters over the past forty years. Their generosity has touched nearly every corner of the hospital. Their gift in 1996 enabled the hospital to purchase its first linear accelerator to treat patients with cancer, which transformed cancer care in Evanston; 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 Presence Saint Francis Hospital reaching their fundraising goal to transform cancer care in Evanston and herewith honors the progress and impact they have made in bettering the lives of 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 Presence Saint Francis Hospital.

17-4440

Sponsored by: JESÚS G. GARCÍA, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION**CONGRATULATING THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF MEXICAN ART (NMMA) ON ITS 30TH ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, In 1982, Carlos Tortolero organized a group of fellow educators and founded the Mexican Fine Arts Center Museum, which opened its doors in 1987; and

WHEREAS, the Mexican Fine Arts Center Museum aimed to fill a void in Chicago: the lack of a place to present Mexican art and history and to celebrate the culture so vital to the Pilsen neighborhood, Chicago's Mexican community, and the city at large; and

WHEREAS, the goal was to establish an arts and cultural organization committed to accessibility, education and social justice all while also providing a positive influence for the local Mexican community, especially since many other art institutions did not address Mexican art; and

WHEREAS, over the years, the institution has grown, its audience has broadened, and its reach now extends across the United States and beyond; and

WHEREAS, to support this evolution, in 2001, the museum expanded to a 48,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art facility in the heart of Pilsen and in 2006 they unveiled a new name, the National Museum of Mexican Art (NMMA); and

WHEREAS, while the NMMA presence has grown, it remain true to the founding mission: *To showcase the beauty and richness of Mexican culture by sponsoring events and presenting exhibitions that exemplify the majestic variety of visual and performing arts in the Mexican culture; to develop, conserve and preserve a significant permanent collection of Mexican art; to encourage the professional development of Mexican artists; and, to offer arts-education programs;* and

WHEREAS, today, the NMMA stands out as one of the most prominent first-voice institutions for Mexican art and culture in the United States and is home to one of the country's largest Mexican art collections, including more than 10,000 seminal pieces from ancient Mexico to the present; and

WHEREAS, as the first Latino museum accredited by American Alliance of Museums, the NMMA recognizes the unique responsibility to present exhibitions of artistic and cultural value and to deliver high-quality education that demonstrates the breadth and depth of Mexican art, culture and history; and

WHEREAS, twenty of the NMMA's exhibitions have traveled across the United States and six have traveled to Mexico. Landmark exhibitions that have traveled include *The Art of the Other Mexico* (1992), *Maria Izquierdo* (1996), *The African Presence in Mexico* (2006), and *Frida's Contemporaries: Women Artists of Modern Mexico* (2007); and

WHEREAS, the NMMA also hosts cultural programs- including symposia, theater, dance, music, authors and performance companies- that share the rich diversity of the Mexican culture; and

WHEREAS, the NMMA believes in art as a bridge between communities, and that art in education expands minds and breaks down barriers while preserving cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, the NMMA offers a wide range of educational programs for children and families, teens, school groups, and educators and its art exhibitions, performance arts, and educational programs are experienced by more than 130,000 visitors annually, including 58,000 K-12 students; and

WHEREAS, the NMMA is also a national leader and mentor for cultural institutions and community organizations, and for its advocacy of “first voice” and cultural equity issues; and

WHEREAS, from building a world-class institution in Chicago’s largely Mexican American neighborhood of Pilsen to creating groundbreaking exhibitions and forming partnerships with institutions in Mexico, the NMMA has a history of being bold and activist in its approach and reach.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby congratulates the National Museum of Mexican Art (NMMA) on its 30-year legacy and anniversary; 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 the National Museum of Mexican Art (NMMA).

17-4441

Sponsored by: JESÚS G. GARCÍA, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE AND WORK OF WILLIAM “BILL” DREW

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom called William “Bill” Drew of Waukegan from our midst on May 14, 2017 at the age of 69; and

WHEREAS, Bill Drew contributed an enormous amount to his community of McKinley Park and the greater southwest side of Chicago, where he lived, loved, organized, and nurtured the community for the past 38 years; and

WHEREAS, Bill Drew has touched the lives of hundreds of individuals throughout his longstanding fight for justice and social change; during his college days, he was involved in the anti-war movement at the University of Wisconsin-Madison; and

WHEREAS, in 1972, Bill Drew moved to Milwaukee where he became the editor of the Milwaukee Worker, where he organized and wrote stories about the struggles of the factory workers and minorities

in the Cream City; and

WHEREAS, Bill Drew moved to Chicago in 1979 where he taught English as a second language to Mexican immigrants at Robert Fulton Elementary in the Back of the Yards, and where he also worked as an intake counselor for dislocated factory workers of the stockyards; and

WHEREAS, it was in this neighborhood that Bill Drew met his beautiful wife, Gloria, whom he described as “incredibly strong, hard-working, and disciplined and the best thing that ever happened to me”; and

WHEREAS, Bill Drew was a tireless activist and leader, always pushing ahead with ways to make a positive difference in people’s lives; and

WHEREAS, Bill Drew had multiple talents, and was a computer programmer and a tenacious and thoughtful organizer; and

WHEREAS, one of Bill Drew’s greatest talents was his ability to find ways to collaborate and build relationships with people far and wide; there are few people who have had such a profound impact in the political empowerment of working and immigrant communities in the southwest side of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, during his later years, he worked furiously to create a space where McKinley Park residents could come together and use their collective power to improve their community and to fight for the rights of working families; and

WHEREAS, Bill Drew’s effort, which he named the McKinley Park Progressive Alliance, later morphed into the creation of the 12th Ward Independent Political Organization- which has propelled community engagement and served as an epitome for civic engagement in other wards of the southwest side of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Bill Drew’s spirit and legacy live on in the hearts of the hundreds of people whose lives he touched; he is survived by his wife, Gloria, and his two sons, Richard “Ricky” Drew and William D. “Billy” Drew Jr.- whom he often referred to as his “biggest pride and joy”; and his siblings, Nora Renzulli, Jane Waller, and John Drew.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and many friends of William “Bill” Drew, and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to the family of William “Bill” Drew so that his memory may be honored and ever cherished.

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Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President) and DEBORAH SIMS, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION**HONORING EDWARD W. PAESEL**

WHEREAS, in 2016 Edward W. Paesel retired as the executive director of South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Paesel has served as executive director of the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association for the past seventeen years and served his home community of Sauk Village, Illinois for twenty-two years as mayor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Paesel has promoted cooperation and regional pride with mayors and managers throughout the Southland of Cook County. The work of the SSMA under Ed Paesel was cited as exemplary in a 2013 Brookings Institution book "Confronting Suburban Poverty in America;" and

WHEREAS, Mr. Paesel has served on the boards of Metra, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning(CMAP) and as a Commissioner for the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Paesel, despite his retirement continues his work in Cook County's Southland communities; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners welcomes Kristi DeLaurentiis as the new director of the SSMMA. Ms. DeLaurentiis brings a high level of experience in planning and community development and, as a Lansing resident, has volunteered with the Illinois Nature Preserve Commission and the American Cancer Society Illinois Division and has served on the Governors State University Board of Trustees; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, express profound gratitude to Edward W. Paesel for his many years of professional and personal contributions to the people of Cook County.

17-4443

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION**HONORING PROFESSOR LEWIS POWELL, ESQ.**

WHEREAS, Professor Lewis Powell, Esq. has made significant contributions to the African American community and to the citizens of Cook County and in recognition of his long-term service and leadership at the Chicago Bar Association and numerous other civic and community organizations; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Powell has taught as an adjunct professor at The John Marshall Law School Fair Housing Clinic for over twenty years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Powell was elected President of the Cook County Bar Association in 1994 and has held various positions at the bar association over the past twenty years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Powell has served as the Corporate Counsel for the Austin African American Business Association and is a current board member of the Cook County Legal Assistance Foundation, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Powell has been awarded The Cook County Bar Association Centennial Presidential Award and The John Marshall Law School Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that President Preckwinkle and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, recognizes Professor Lewis Powell, ESQ. for his essential contribution to the health and viability of Cook County.

17-4444

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION**HONORING THE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF HOWARD AREA COMMUNITY CENTER**

WHEREAS, Howard Area Community Center is a social service agency that provides affordable and free education, employment, and health assistance and programs for the greater Rogers Park area. Their mission is to assist low-income individuals and families in the greater Rogers Park and adjacent communities to stabilize their lives and to develop the social skills necessary to become effective community members. In order to accomplish this mission, the agency's programs provide emergency intervention, family stabilization, and promote developmental growth. Many of their services are life-sustaining; and

WHEREAS, Howard Area Community Center began as a food pantry in 1967 when parishioners from St. Jerome Roman Catholic Church in Rogers Park saw their neighbors living in poverty. They organized

to give out food and clothing to lend a helping hand. Since then, the organization has grown exponentially into a major force for good in Cook County. They still feed thousands every year, but now they offer comprehensive resources for the entire family, like adult and early childhood education, youth programs, health and human services, and employment aid to over 8,000 residents annually; and

WHEREAS, on August 25, 2017, the staff, participants, neighbors and donors will all join together to celebrate Howard Area Community Center's fifty years of exceptional service. The organization continues to be an invaluable safety-net for countless people looking to care for themselves and their families and pursue their dreams; 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 50th Anniversary of the Howard Area Community Center and herewith honors the progress and impact they have made in bettering the lives of 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 Howard Area Community Center.

17-4445

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING KRISTA ALSTON

WHEREAS on July 9, 2017, Reverend Krista Alston celebrated her second anniversary as Pastor of Pleasant Gift Missionary Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS Reverend Alston is a spiritual leader who serves both the church and her community; and

WHEREAS Reverend Alston is a strong advocate on social justice issues, particularly as they pertain to the education of the children; and

WHEREAS Reverend Alston fought the closing of fifty schools in Chicago in 2013 locally and by advocating for our children with senators and congressmen in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS Reverend Alston is currently the secretary the Local School Council at Dunbar High School, where her son attends.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, recognize Pastor Krista Alston for her essential contribution to the health and viability of Cook County.