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Consent Agenda

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE ACADEMY OF NUTRITION AND DIETETICS FOR CELEBRATING THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, now headquartered in Chicago, was founded on October 20, 1917 in Cleveland, Ohio, then known as the American Dietetic Association, by a mission driven group of women who were dedicated to helping the government improve the public's health and nutrition during World War I, and;

WHEREAS, the Academy grew from its original 58 members and is now the largest organization of food and nutrition professionals in the world with over 100,000 credentialed practitioners as members, including registered dietitian nutritionists, students, educators, clinicians and scientists, and;

WHEREAS, Dietetic practitioners work in many fields including health care systems, home health care, foodservice, as well as private practice and use nutrition services to treat chronic conditions and illnesses, and ;

WHEREAS, Members of the Academy, through education, advocacy and research, are experts in a variety of issues including diabetes prevention, breastfeeding, food safety, and childhood obesity, and; shaping the public's food choices, and;

WHEREAS, the Academy has committed 100 years to improving the nation's health, shaping the public's food choices and advancing the profession of dietetics, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners to recognize the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics for celebrating their 100th Anniversary and the sincere appreciation of the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners is extended to the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics for their service to the public health of the United States.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING GREATER TRUE VINE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH FOR CELEBRATING THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, With Rev. Walter Coolidge as pastor, Greater True Vine Missionary Baptist Church began their mission on November 29, 1967 at 3226 W. Roosevelt Road in Chicago, IL, and;

WHEREAS, In January of 1982 the church relocated to their present location, 5932-38 W Division Street where the members of the church came together and worked tirelessly to remodel the building, and;

WHEREAS, On September 1, 1996, Pastor L. C. Caver resigned as pastor after 27 years of service and October 6, 1996, Rev. John E. Collins Sr. officially became pastor of Great True Vine MBC, and;

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Pastor John E. Collins many ministries have been added, preachers have accepted their call into the ministry, the church has grown in its number of members and the church itself has expanded and been remodeled. The Church has created programs to feed the hungry, help the needy and promote Christian Education, and;

WHEREAS, Pastor John E. Collins Sr.'s focus and vision is uplifting Christian education and the church is now a part of the Sunlight District, United Baptist State Convention, and The National Baptist Convention.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners to recognize Greater True Vine Missionary Baptist Church for celebrating their 50th Anniversary and the sincere appreciation of the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners is extended to Greater True Vine Missionary Baptist Church for their service to the wider community.

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Sponsored by: BRIDGET GAINER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 13 - 19, 2017 AS NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK THROUGHOUT COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners knows a highly skilled workforce is necessary to compete in the global economy and to support economic growth; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Committee on Workforce, Housing & Community Development was in part created to promote conversation about ways apprenticeships can continue to respond to workforce challenges in the 21st century,

WHEREAS, the increasingly competitive global labor market calls for a rigorous and innovative investment in training, and it is increasingly clear that apprenticeships are part of the answer. To build the workforce of the future, we need to build a diverse pipeline today; and

WHEREAS, registered apprenticeships are becoming increasingly innovative and diverse in design, partnerships and timeframes; and will continue to evolve to meet emerging skills and employer requirements; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that we continue to encourage the development of, and enrollment in, apprenticeship programs, as they are a win-win for both employers and employees and a tried and tested method of skilling up our workforce; and

WHEREAS, celebration of National Apprenticeship Week honors industries that use the registered apprenticeship model that encourages expansion of the registered apprenticeship model to prepare highly skilled workers of the United States in advanced manufacturing, the trades, and increasingly in the financial and IT sectors; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim November 13 - 19 as Apprenticeship Week across Cook County.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION HONORING OFFICER LEO AUGLE AND OFFICER COLIN RYAN

WHEREAS, On May, 2, 2017, 9th District Chicago Police Officer Leo Augle (Star # 12848) and Chicago Police Officer Colin Ryan (Star #18694) were driving in a covert vehicle conducting gang surveillance; and

WHEREAS, While stopped at the intersection of 4300 South Ashland, two vehicles surrounded Officer Augle and Office Ryan's police vehicle and opened fire with high a powered assault rifle; and

WHEREAS, the attackers fired 28 shots, 23 of which struck the officer's vehicle; and

WHEREAS, Officer Augle sustained a gunshot wound to his back and Officer Ryan sustained a gunshot wound to his arm; and

WHEREAS, While being wounded, both Officer Augle and Officer Ryan returned fire and were later able to provide descriptions of the offenders and the vehicles involved; and

WHEREAS, the information being provided by the officers led to the arrest of the man who drove the dangerous gunmen; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners praises Officer Augle and Officer Ryan for their actions under duress and their remarkable bravery and rightfully commends those officers of the law who put the greater good ahead of their own well-being and who went beyond the normal call of duty in an effort to protect their fellow citizens; and, therefore

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby applaud Chicago Police Officer Leo Augle and Chicago Police Officer Colin Ryan for their professionalism, valor and exceptional efforts on behalf of the citizenry of Chicago and Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and an official copy of same be presented to Officer Leo Augle and Officer Colin Ryan as a token of our appreciation and esteem.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION HONORING OFFICER VICTORIA MENDOZA, OFFICER DAVID PEREZ, AND MR. RICARDO JIMENEZ

WHEREAS, On July 21, 2017, 9th District Chicago Police Officer David Perez (Star #14864) and Chicago Police Officer Victoria Mendoza (Star #14334) were responding to a call of a robbery in progress in the 4300 block of South Ashland; and

WHEREAS, Upon arrival at the scene officer Perez and officer Mendoza observed multiple subjects exiting the business and matching the descriptions given of the possible offenders; and

WHEREAS, When Officer Perez and Officer Mendoza attempted to stop the subjects the offenders turned and began firing multiple rounds in the direction of the officers; and

WHEREAS, Officer Mendoza sustained a gunshot to the knee; and

WHEREAS, Officer Perez continued pursuing offenders on foot while encountering multiple rounds of gunfire; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ricardo Jimenez, owner of Leslie's Hair Salon, a local business in the area, emerged from his establishment and observed Officer Mendoza in distress; and

WHEREAS, Despite the ongoing gunfire exchanged, Mr. Ricardo Jimenez saw Officer Mendoza bleeding from her knee and attempted to tie a tourniquet around her wound to slow the bleeding and assist her until medical units had arrived; and

WHEREAS, thanks to the superb training, quick reflexes and courage of the two Chicago Police Officers the armed offenders were apprehended and later charged accordingly; and,

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby applaud Chicago Police Officer David Perez and Chicago Police Officer Victoria Mendoza for their professionalism, valor and exceptional efforts on behalf of the citizenry of Chicago and Cook County; and, therefore

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby extend their gratitude and thanks for the bravery of Mr. Ricardo Jimenez jumping into action to

assist wounded Officer Victory Mendoza; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and an official copy of same be presented to Officer David Perez, Officer Victoria Mendoza and Mr. Ricardo Jimenez as a token of our appreciation for their exceptional efforts in ensuring the safety of our community.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING PRESIDENT EMERITUS BOBBIE L. STEELE ON HER 80TH BIRTHDAY

WHEREAS, President (Emeritus) Bobbie L. Steele was born in Cleveland, Mississippi on October 18, 1937. She completed her formal education in 1954 following her attendance to the illustrious Alabama A&M University in Huntsville, Alabama for two years; and

WHEREAS, Bobbie L. Rodgers migrated to Chicago, IL in 1954 where she soon met the love of her life, Robert Pearl Steele, and was fortunate to have six children (Valerie, Joyce, {Robert}, Byron, Donna, and Elisha), bless this great union; and

WHEREAS, While providing for her family, Bobbie L. Steele attended night school in addition to working full time, eventually earning her degree in Elementary Education from Chicago's Teacher's College. Bobbie continued her educational pursuit, ultimately earning a Master's Degree in Supervision and Administration from Roosevelt University; and

WHEREAS, for twenty years Bobbie L. Steele was an educator for the Chicago Public School System teaching and inspiring thousands of children who became successful and productive citizens; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, at the beckoning of Mayor Harold Washington, Bobbie L. Steele decided it was time for a career change and ran successfully for a seat on the Cook County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure of 20 years on the board she championed major issues to including but not limited to, an amendment to the Cook County Purchasing Ordinance, which established a goal of 25% participation for minorities and 10% for women on all County Purchases, Co -Sponsorship of the Cook County's Human Rights and Ethics Ordinances, Re-naming the Cook County Hospital after than board President John H. Stroger Jr, and the establishment of an on-site daycare center for county employees. Along with these innovative accomplishments, she introduced the Cook County Re-Entry Employment

Ordinance which seeks to reinforce the fact that formerly incarcerated individuals can succeed when employed. The Ordinance was designed to provide jobs for adults who are first time non-violent offenders throughout Cook County; and

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2006, Bobbie L. Steele was elected unanimously by her peers the first female President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Bobbie L. Steele served in various capacities including but not limited to: President of National Association of Black County Officials (NABCo), Chairperson of the National Association of County Officials Deferred Compensation Advisory Committee, Life member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated, member of the National Council of Negro Women, League of Women Voters, Lake Shore Links, Founding Board member of Illinois Women Institute for Leadership in Government and an active member of the United Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Wilson Daniels; and

WHEREAS, President (Emeritus) Bobbie L. Steele is known for her vision of teaching and educating the next generation of community leaders by providing them with a foundation and environment to learn and grow.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on behalf of Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, and the Cook County Board of Commissioners and on behalf of the over 5.2 million residents of Cook County, do hereby recognize President (Emeritus) Bobbie L. Steele for her 80th birthday, as well as for the commendable work that she has contributed to the citizens of Cook County, and lastly her importance to history as a trailblazer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we wish President (Emeritus) Bobbie L. Steele every continued success in her future endeavors wish her continued health, happiness for years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution is shared upon the official body and that an official copy of the same is tendered to President Emeritus Bobbie L. Steele in honor of this auspicious occasion.

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Sponsored by: BRIDGET GAINER and JOHN A. FRITCHEY, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION HONORING POET TYEHIMBA JESS ON RECEIVING THE 2017 PULITZER PRIZE

WHEREAS, born in Detroit, poet Tyehimba Jess came to Cook County after high school to attend the University of Chicago where he earned his bachelor's degree in public policy in 1991 followed by an MFA from New York University; and

WHEREAS, during his 18 years living in Chicago, Mr. Jess was a two-time member of the Chicago Green Mill Slam team and a prominent voice in Chicago's poetry scene where he showcased his work as a writer and spoken word performer; and

WHEREAS, Tyehimba Jess is currently poetry and fiction editor of African American Review and professor of English at the College of Staten Island (New York), having also previously taught at the Juilliard School and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; and

WHEREAS, Tyehimba Jess has won numerous awards over the course of his career, and most recently became the recipient of the 2017 Pulitzer Prize in poetry for his second book Olio, where he weaves sonnet, song, and narrative to examine the lives of mostly unrecorded African American performers directly before and after the Civil War up to World War I; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jess has had an illustrious career, with honors including a Whiting Writers' Award, a Chicago Sun-Times Poetry Award, and a Gwendolyn Brooks Open Mic Poetry Award, along with fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Illinois Arts Council, and the Fine Arts Work Center at Provincetown; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners commends Tyehimba Jess for winning the illustrious Pulitzer Prize and thanks him for his many contributions to Chicago and Cook County's urban fine arts and poetry communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and official copy be given to Tyehimba Jess in honor of his many achievements.

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Sponsored by: DENNIS DEER, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, STANLEY MOORE, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, DEBORAH SIMS, GREGG GOSLIN, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI and LUIS ARROYO JR, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING WHITNEY M. YOUNG HIGH SCHOOL DOLPHINS 2017 STATE CHAMPIONS

WHEREAS, members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners are proud to recognize excellence in high school sports; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes the importance of team sports in developing the qualities of respect, collaboration, hard work and dedication in young adults; and

WHEREAS, the Whitney M. Young Dolphins Girls Tennis Team excelled in the sport during the 2016-2017 season with a record of (13-5); and

WHEREAS, on October 28, 2017 the girls varsity tennis team of Whitney M. Young Magnet High School captured the state title along with Stevenson High School; and

WHEREAS, this is a first time in history for any girls team to win the title, Senn High School's boys tennis team was the last Chicago Public Schools team to win the title in 1944; and

WHEREAS, under the direction of Coach Dempsey Willard and Coach Carl Abram the team also won the city championship and the sectional championship; and

WHEREAS, Darinka Stepan and Camryn Salter were finalists in the main draw and Madison and McKenzie Beckham (twins) were successful in the back draw and contributed to the win; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Williams won her first round match and added to the win; and

WHEREAS, the team will be honored at the Chicago Public Schools board meeting on December, 6th 2017; and

WHEREAS, Teammates, Camryn Salter, Darinka Stepan, Madison Beckham, Mackenzie Beckham, Sarah Williams are to be congratulated on leading Whitney M. Young High School Girls Tennis team to a great season and impressive championship we are all proud of.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners join the Whitney M. Young School family, Dr. Joyce D. Kenner, friends and community in congratulating the coaching staff and team members of the Whitney M. Young team on their great

achievement and their sense of teamwork, respect, hard work and dedication.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread across the official text of the proceedings of this honorable body and that suitable copies hereof be presented to the administration, coaching staff and team members in honor of this occasion.

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING ERIC SOLORIO ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER TEAM ON WINNING THE ILLINOIS HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 2A CHAMPIONSHIP

WHEREAS, Eric Solorio Academy High School (Solorio) is an outstanding public high school located in the City of Chicago's Gage Park neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Solorio has been rated Level 1+ by Chicago Public Schools which is defined as a "nationally competitive school with opportunity to share best practices with others"; and

WHEREAS, Solorio is renowned as an exemplary high school by ranking within the list of Top 20 "Best Public Schools in Chicago" by Chicago Magazine; and

WHEREAS, Solorio has gained national recognition for its excellence in education by the 2017 U.S. News and World Report, which rated Solorio as a Silver Medal School for its high level of college readiness; and

WHEREAS, Solorio's varsity soccer team, the Sun Warriors, won the state soccer Class 2A and 3A Championship as regulated by the Illinois High School Association on November 4, 2017; and

WHEREAS, this victory concludes the 2017 Illinois High School Association Class 2A and 3A Boys Soccer State Finals; and

WHEREAS, this is the first state championship for Solorio Academy and the fourth for a Chicago Public School; and

WHEREAS, the team won under the leadership of Team Captain Oscar Ramírez and Coach Adrián Calleros; and

WHEREAS, this victory is of special significance to both the team and the student body of Solorio due to the passing of former Sun Warrior Christian Morales in Summer 2016; and

WHEREAS, Christian Morales was a key member and role model to the soccer team and is deeply

missed by his teammates and coach; and

WHEREAS, students at Solorio created a mural within the school as a tribute to Christian Morales and his team has continued to honor him with this historic championship.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate Eric Solorio Academy High School's Boys Soccer Team, the Sun Warriors, on winning the 2017 Illinois High School Association Class 2A and 3A Boys Soccer State Finals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to Eric Solorio Academy High School's Sun Warriors Boy Soccer Team for their accomplishment and hard work.

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Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE OF BYRON HARDWICK WILSON

WHEREAS, Byron Wilson represented the best qualities of citizenship and service. When he died at the age of 98, on October 24th he left behind a family, countless friends and a community enriched for having known him; and

WHEREAS, Byron Wilson was born March 15, 1919 in Huntsville Alabama. He moved to Evanston in 1930 and graduated from Evanston Township High School in 1938; and

WHEREAS, Byron Wilson served his country in the United States Army where he became a drill instructor. He served in Europe during World War II and later in life he retraced the places where he had served in Europe and developed a fondness for world travel. He was also a member of the Evanston Traveling Football Club; and

WHEREAS, Byron Wilson will long be remembered for his success in business. He owned and operated a successful dry cleaning business and was the night manager at Murphy's Liquors in Skokie. After retiring briefly, he returned to work part-time at Schaefer's Fine Foods and Spirits, a longtime fixture on the North Shore where he became well known for his beer tasting events. He was also a popular bartender who freelanced with Ratzer's catering; and

WHEREAS, Byron Wilson freely and generously gave of his time to his community. He was a life member of both the Evanston American Legion Post 42 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7186 where he served as a commander. He was a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Evanston North Shore Branch. He was and a founder of the Norshore 12, social and civic club and served on the Evanston Liquor Control Board; and

WHEREAS, Byron Wilson's unfailing loyalty and his great generosity of spirit won him the affection and respect of the community. He was a role model and a mentor to many; he will be deeply missed; and

WHEREAS, Byron Wilson will be deeply missed by his son Dudley Fair (Marie) , his daughter Gail and her husband Nimr Hassan, grandsons Michael and David Fair, Jordan (Jennifer) and Malcolm Ingram, one great grandson Saffir and one great granddaughter Sarai as well as countless friends; 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 and accomplishments of Byron Wilson, 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 this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and a suitable copy of same be tendered to the family of Byron Wilson, that his memory may be so honored.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO HONOR THE LIFE OF L.J. HALBERT

WHEREAS, L.J. Halbert was born on January 23, 1932 in the Waverly section of West Point, Mississippi, and;

WHEREAS, L.J. Halbert received his education in West Point, Mississippi and then moved to Chicago, Illinois, and;

WHEREAS, L.J. Halbert married the love of his life, Melva Jean McGee, on September 11, 1954 for 63 years. To this union, three beautiful children were born, Debra, Michael, and Jerome Halbert. L.J. and;

WHEREAS, L.J. Halbert began his work as a laborer in the construction industry along with his brothers, James, Willie, Charles, and Louis and established Waverly Contractors Construction and Demolition Company. Waverly Construction provided incredible service in the Chicago area for over 33 years. L.J. also worked at the Chicago Board of Education, and;

WHEREAS, L.J. Halbert was an active member in his community, and served as a board and general member on several community organizations, to include: Menard Block Club, Association for a Better

Austin, Menard Avenue Neighborhood Watch program, Columbus Park and Franklin Park Baseball Associations, Black Contractors United, Community Economic Development Corporation (CEDCO), Stone Temple Baptist Church, Westside Business Association (founding member), Austin Lions Club (founding member), and many other civic activities and organizations that involved business and community engagement, and;

WHEREAS, L.J. Halbert made his transition to be with the Lord and leaves to cherish his memories; his wife Melva Jean Halbert; children, Geraldine Terry, Earline Terry, Debra Evans (Willard), Michael Halbert (Victoria); his grandchildren, in laws, and a host of nieces and nephews, friends, and many more relatives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners to recognize L.J. Halbert for his lifelong achievements and the sincere appreciation of the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners is extended to L.J. Halbert for his service to his neighborhood, community, and church.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING MR. CARL WALTON SR. 99TH BIRTHDAY

WHEREAS, Mr. Carl Walton was born on October 8, 1918 in Yazoo City, MS; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carl Walton received his formal education from Piney Wood Institute Piney Woods, MS; and

WHEARAS, Carl Walton grew up selling food to support his family. He later worked for “Garner Seed Company” in Yazoo City where he sold and delivered garden materials; and

WHEREAS, Carl Walton and his siblings formed a family singing group “The Walton Brothers”, who were known for their harmonious gospel quartet. Mr. Sam Cook actually sang with them for a short period of time. The Walton Brothers” traveled and performed their music in various cities including Mississippi, Chicago, Indiana, and Missouri. The group was the first to sing on Isabel Joseph Johnson’s WHFC Sunday morning broadcast, currently known as WVON; and

WHEREAS, Carl Walton migrated to Chicago, IL where he enrolled in a plumbing “on the job training” program where he learned the specialty trade. He later worked as a box handler and later courier for Erie Lackawanna Railroad, which later became Conrail, and currently is known as Amtrak where he retired

after 30 years of dedicated service; and

WHEREAS, Carl Walton had (4) children from a previous marriage May Helen, Carlos, Felicia, and Carl Walton Jr. He married his current wife Geralene Walton in 1973 and to this union two twin daughters were born Barbara and Carol; and

WHEREAS, Carl Walton's hobbies included fishing and gardening. He often caught loads of fish to relieve stress and would bring them home to share them with his neighbors and friends to feed their families. In addition he was also an avid gardener and his yard was well known in the neighborhood showcasing his grapevines, apple trees, pear trees, tomatoes, bell peppers and strawberry patches just to name a few; and

WHEREAS, Carl Walton Sr, is active member of First Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Brasfield. He would be seen every Sunday in the area where the men sit, right behind the deacons; and

WHEREAS, AT 99 years young, Carl Walton Sr, enjoys laughing, joking, talking with his children, grandchildren, and host of friends.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that President Preckwinkle 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. Carl Walton Sr., on the occasion of his 99th Birthday and wishes him continued health and happiness for years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution is shared upon the official proceedings of this honorable body and that an official copy of the same is tendered to Mr. Carl Walton Sr. in honor of this auspicious occasion.