



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

**Consent Agenda**

**Tuesday, January 9, 2018, 9:00 AM**

**Third Set**

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**NATIONAL REBUILDING TOGETHER DAY 2018**

**WHEREAS,** Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago, a volunteer organization preserving and revitalizing low-income homes and communities, repaired its first home in suburban Cook County in 1992, and has since rehabilitated more than 1,600 homes, as well as assisted in the development of essential community centers and gardens; and

**WHEREAS,** Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago is part of a national nonprofit program, which sponsors National Rebuilding Day across the country on the last Saturday in April; and

**WHEREAS,** every year Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago selects two neighborhoods in Cook County in which to provide home repair for elderly, disabled, or low income individuals; and

**WHEREAS,** this year on Saturday, April 28th, low income homeowners will receive much needed aid as part of National Rebuilding Day 2018; and

**WHEREAS,** more than 3,100 volunteers annually, including Cook County employees, donate their time and talents to plan and complete hundreds of free home repairs for residents in Cook County through Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago's volunteer teams; and

**WHEREAS,** this year's event will take place in the Chicago neighborhoods of North Lawndale and Garfield Park and in the suburb of Bellwood; and

**WHEREAS,** repairs focus on keeping homeowners "warm, safe and dry" and also improve access for low-income seniors, veterans and people with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS,** Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago is an example of Cook County and other local governments working in partnership with private corporations to assist residents and communities in need; 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 hereby recognize and express Cook County's sincere gratitude to Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago and its participating companies, as we work together to restore homes to a warm, safe, and dry condition; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that various departments, including but not limited to the Bureau of Economic Development, Bureau of Administration, and the Bureau of Asset Management continue to

work annually with Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago to determine project scope for the Cook County sponsored projects and coordinate volunteers annually for National Rebuilding Day; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Bureau of Economic Development, Bureau of Administration, and Bureau of Asset Management be recognized for their ongoing efforts in determining Cook County's annual project scope and determining repairs that will be conducted by Cook County employee volunteers on National Rebuilding Day; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners acknowledge April 28, 2018 as National Rebuilding Day in Cook County, and in turn, help to preserve the foundations of our neighborhoods; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago in acknowledgment of its past accomplishments and to a successful upcoming rebuilding day.

[18-1502](#)

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

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING FOUR HEROIC U.S. ARMY CHAPLAINS**

**WHEREAS**, February 4, 2018 marks the 75th anniversary of the sinking of the U.S.A.T. Dorchester; and

**WHEREAS**, on that day in 1943 while transporting soldiers overseas over the North Atlantic the U.S.A.T. Dorchester was struck by a torpedo which knocked out the ship's electrical system, leaving the ship dark which created panic among the men aboard, many of them trapped below deck. It is what happened during these crucial 20 minutes before the ship sank, the reason we remember this day; and

**WHEREAS**, in a final act of valor and courage, four U.S. Army first lieutenant chaplains Methodist Reverend George L. Fox, Roman Catholic Priest John P. Washington, Jewish Rabbi Alexander D. Goode, Dutch Reformed faiths Reverend Clark V. Poling calmed the men and organized an orderly evacuation of the ship; and

**WHEREAS**, as they helped guide wounded men to safety into life boats and as life jackets were passed out to the men, the supply ran out. The chaplains removed their own life jackets and gave them to others. They then linked arms while praying and went down with the ship as it sank into the cold waters of the North Atlantic; and

**WHEREAS**, every year hence, citizens across our country have remembered the courage and extraordinary display of bravery from these four heroic men of faith, and

**WHEREAS**, this year's memorial program is hosted by the Jewish War Veterans and is sponsored annually by the Combined Veterans Association.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Toni Preckwinkle, President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, do hereby designate Sunday, February 4, 2018 FOUR CHAPLAINS SUNDAY IN COOK COUNTY, in honor to preserve the memory of these individuals who demonstrated the ultimate supreme sacrifice at sea.

[18-1510](#)

**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**

**HONORING CHRIST THE KING JESUIT COLLEGE PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR 10TH ANNIVERSARY**

**WHEREAS**, Christ the King Jesuit College Preparatory High School, located at 5088 W. Jackson Boulevard in Chicago, IL, began their mission in August of 2008 with just 120 freshman, and;

**WHEREAS**, Christ the King Jesuit College Preparatory High School is a part of the Cristo Rey Network which is a non-for-profit organization founded in 2000 to prepare youth from low-income families for post-secondary educational opportunities, and;

**WHEREAS**, with the Cristo Rey program students are able to earn three-quarters of their tuition costs while gaining beneficial, experience and life changing skills through jobs at Chicago area companies, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Cristo Rey program was chartered in 1996 and since then it has grown to 32 schools across 21 states nationwide. Christ the King Jesuit College Preparatory High School was the 20th Cristo Rey model school to open in the United States, and;

**WHEREAS**, under the leadership of Mrs. Temple Payne as Principal and Mr. Clement Martin as President, Christ the King Jesuit College Preparatory High School's students have amazing results in academic success and in preparing them with the temerity to lead, and;

**WHEREAS**, Christ the King implements a curriculum that is challenging yet rewarding that prepares their students to excel in the class, and in life, and;

**WHEREAS**, Christ the King's leadership team's focus and vision is to promote a Christian/Catholic education to help their students to successfully enroll into good universities and colleges, and;

**WHEREAS**, Christ the King boasts a 97.8% college enrollment rate for their graduates, demonstrating their students level of preparedness and focus, and;

**WHEREAS**, Christ the King Jesuit College Preparatory High School is setting an incredible example which enables their students to reach their potential, while leading lives of integrity, faith, and with commitment to their community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners to recognize Christ the King Jesuit College Preparatory High School on the occasion of celebrating their 10th anniversary and the sincere appreciation of the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners is extended to Christ the King Jesuit College Preparatory High School for their service to the youth of Chicago and to the wider community.

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

**RECOGNIZING TUESDAY FEBRUARY 6, 2018 AS FOOD CHECKOUT DAY AND SALUTING THE EFFORTS OF THE COOK COUNTY FARM BUREAU AND THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES OF CHICAGOLAND AND NORTHWEST INDIANA**

**WHEREAS**, Food Checkout Day was established in the mid-1990's to recognize the connection between farmers and the safe, nutritious food source they cooperatively grow; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Farm Bureau has celebrated Food Checkout Day by raising cash and food donations for Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana (RMHC®-CNI) since 2001; and

**WHEREAS**, Food Checkout Day will be celebrated at all Chicagoland Ronald McDonald House locations, including the Ronald McDonald House near Advocate, the Ronald McDonald House near Lurie's Children, the Ronald McDonald House near Loyola University Medical Center, and the Ronald McDonald House near UChicago Medicine Comer Children's Hospital; and

**WHEREAS**, since 2001 Cook County Farm Bureau members have donated over 930 hours; over 92,800 pounds of food; contributed over \$133,700 in cash donations; and over 2,900 pounds of pop tabs to support Chicagoland's five Ronald McDonald Houses; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County Farm Bureau families and partners have donated enough food to feed over

100,800 families;

**WHEREAS**, RMHC-CNI continues to care for families of children with complex medical issues by providing a “home away from home” to keep families together while their child is receiving medical treatment far from home; and

**WHEREAS**, every night, 153 families heal together because of the comfort, compassion, and community at the five Ronald McDonald Houses and three Ronald McDonald House family rooms; and

**WHEREAS**, Food Checkout Day recognizes the connection between farmers and the healthy and nutritious food they grow and care for; and

**WHEREAS**, the over 47,000 members of the Cook County Farm Bureau including 1,000 farmer members recognize the importance of producing a safe and nutritious food using environmentally sustainable practices; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County farmers recognize the need for better access to fresh food throughout Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, despite cash and non-perishable donations there is increased need at all five of RMHC-CNI Cook County houses.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognize Tuesday, February 6, 2018 as Food Checkout Day and salute the efforts of the Cook County Farm Bureau and the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana for their efforts to feed those individuals and families in need.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy be tendered to the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana and the Cook County Farm Bureau for their efforts to feed those individuals and families in need.

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**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**ELENORE PERMINAS, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS** Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Elenore Perminas from our midst, and

**WHEREAS** Elenore Perminas was the loving wife of the late Paul, and

**WHEREAS** Elenore Perminas was the dear mother of Aaron (Deborah), David (Nadine) and Paul (George) Savarese, and

**WHEREAS** Elenore Perminas was adored grandmother of Asher (Shannon), Molly (Seth), Dana (Pat), Carly (Dan) Julie (John), Mallory (Michael), Elliot and Page, and

**WHEREAS** Elenore Perminas was the cherished great-grandmother “GG” of Scarlett and Violet, and

**WHEREAS** Elenore Perminas was the devoted daughter of the late Alois and Terez Macejak, and

**WHEREAS** Elenore Perminas was the dear sister of the late John, Albert, Edward, James, Ann and Robert Macejak and fond sister-in-law of Mickey Kowalsky, and

**WHEREAS** Elenore Perminas was a loving aunt and cherished friend and acquaintance to many, especially the neighbors on 38th & Lowe Avenue, and

**WHEREAS** Elenore Perminas was a dedicated and devoted parishioner of the Nativity of Our Lord Parish, and

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and many friends of Elenore Perminas, and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss, 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 Elenore Perminas, that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

[18-1537](#)

**Sponsored by:** JOHN P. DALEY, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, 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****IN REMEBERANCE OF THOSE FIREFIGHTERS AND CIVILIANS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE FIRE AT THE MICKELBERRY FOOD PRODUCTS COMPANY ON FEBRUARY 7, 1968**

**WHEREAS** In the devastating fire and explosion on February 7, 1968 at the packing plant of Mickelberry's Food Products Company, 801 West 49th Place, four members of the Chicago Fire Department and five civilians lost their lives and seventy nine persons were injured including eighteen firemen; and

**WHEREAS** the four deceased firemen were among seven who boarded Hook and Ladder Truck No. 18 of the 11th Battalion, 4th Division, in the firehouse at 5000 South Union Avenue on Wednesday evening to go to the fire, which brought out nearly 300 firemen and 50 pieces of equipment in response to a 5-11 alarm; and

**WHEREAS** Truck no. 18 and Engine Company No. 59 were the first to arrive at the scene. They had raised ladders to rescue employees trapped on the rooftop when a terrific explosion virtually leveled the building, scattering debris in all directions; and

**WHEREAS** Mickelberry's President, Roy L. Laidley, died a hero as he rushed back into the burning building just before the explosion in an effort to rescue Thomas J. Mongan, the firm's secretary, who was handicapped by a leg ailment; and

**WHEREAS** the four brave fireman did not die in vain. On the 50th anniversary of this event the residents of Cook County are ever grateful for their heroic bravery. Without thought of self these firemen chose their careers with full knowledge that their service might at any moment demand the supreme sacrifice to protect the lives of others; and

**WHEREAS** this tragic event served to impress all of us with a deeper appreciation of the valor of our local firefighters who are always prepared to face dangerous hazards to protect the citizens of our County; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County does hereby express our deep appreciation for the ultimate sacrifice made by Captain John J. Fischer, Firefighter First Class Thomas J. Collins, Firefighter First Class Edward Leifker and Firefighter Third



Class Charles D. Bottger on February 7, 1968 in service to the Chicago Fire Department; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this text be spread upon the Official Proceedings of this Honorable Body so that this tragic event and the loss of these lives shall never be forgotten.

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

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY**

**WHEREAS**, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® (AKA) originated January 15, 1908 from the vision of nine African-American college students on the campus of Howard University; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of Alpha Kappa Alpha is founded on five basic tenets that have remained unchanged since the sorority's inception more than a century ago: to cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical standards, to promote unity and friendship among college women, to study and help alleviate problems concerning girls and women in order to improve their social stature, to maintain a progressive interest in college life, and to be of "Service to All Mankind"; and

**WHEREAS**, Alpha Kappa Alpha was incorporated on January 29, 1913, which facilitated the growth of an international service organization that now consists of 1,012 chapters, including many active chapters within Cook County, and nearly 300,000 members -- instantly recognizable by their pink and green attire; and

**WHEREAS**, for 110 years, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® has committed itself to the ideals of sisterhood, scholarship and service in communities around the globe; and

**WHEREAS**, from January 11 to January 15, 2018, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® will converge in Washington, DC for an anniversary weekend themed Celebrating Our Legacy of Service and Sisterhood: Eleven Decades of Supreme Service to All Mankind; and

**WHEREAS**, the celebration will include a pilgrimage to Howard University, community service activities throughout the Washington metropolitan area, historical remembrance and sisterly bonding; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, honor Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® on their Chicago and Illinois celebration of National Founders Day on January 15, 2018.

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING SIMON WIESENTHAL CENTER MIDWEST OFFICE**

**WHEREAS**, the Simon Wiesenthal Center Midwest Office plays a leadership role in the efforts to fight hate crimes, discrimination, bigotry and intolerance against all communities locally; and

**WHEREAS**, the Simon Wiesenthal Center Midwest Office was inspired by the work of Holocaust survivor Simon Wiesenthal, who made it his life's mission to hold Nazis accountable for their crimes after World War II; and

**WHEREAS**, the Simon Wiesenthal Center Midwest Office seeks partnerships with local organizations throughout Cook County to further its mission of protecting people of all backgrounds from discrimination; and

**WHEREAS**, the Simon Wiesenthal Center Midwest Office has played a key role in educating a new generation of residents about the impact of hate and the importance of tolerance locally and globally; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, recognizes the Simon Wiesenthal Center Midwest Office for its work and essential contribution to the health and viability of 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 the Simon Wiesenthal Center Midwest Office.

[18-1541](#)

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING MUHAMMAD ALI**

**WHEREAS**, Muhammad Ali (Cassius Clay Jr.) was born on January 17, 1942 in Louisville, Kentucky; and

**WHEREAS**, Cassius Clay burst upon the world scene when he captured a Gold Medal in boxing at the 1960 Olympics in Rome; and

**WHEREAS**, Muhammad Ali heralded a new era of Black pride when he captured the professional World

Heavyweight Championship in 1964 and adopted a new name; and

**WHEREAS**, Muhammad Ali was staunch opponent of the Vietnam War and risked liberty and livelihood by refusing induction into the United States Army; and

**WHEREAS**, Muhammad Ali was granted conscientious objector status by the United States Supreme Court after a lengthy legal battle; and

**WHEREAS**, Muhammad Ali is “The Greatest” boxer and fighter of all time, as documented in Richard Durham’s biography entitled The Greatest; and

**WHEREAS**, Muhammad Ali is a poet of peace and a precursor of hip-hop and co-founded the Muhammad Ali Center in Louisville, Kentucky to share his inspiration to all people throughout the world to “Be Great and Do Great Things”; and

**WHEREAS**, Muhammad Ali passed on June 3, 2016 at the age of 74; and

**WHEREAS**, Muhammad Ali was a resident of Cook County during his Championship reign; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, recognize January 17, 2018 to be known as Muhammad Ali Service to Others Day in Cook County Illinois; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to Muhammad Ali’s family.

[18-1549](#)

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING SUSAN G. KOMEN CHICAGO**

**WHEREAS**, Susan G. Komen Chicago will be celebrating its 20th anniversary in fighting breast cancer in the Chicagoland area; and

**WHEREAS**, Susan G. Komen Chicago has provided over \$17.4 million to local organizations working to save lives and increase awareness in our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Susan G. Komen Chicago has provided over \$5 million to research efforts meant to find a cure for breast cancer and increase the chance of survival; and

**WHEREAS**, the work of Susan G. Komen nationally and internationally was inspired by a promise made

between two sisters who grew up in Illinois, Nancy Brinker and Susan G. Komen; and

**WHEREAS;** Susan G. Komen Chicago has achieved impressive results working in collaboration with other organizations to reduce the barriers faced by low-income, uninsured and minority women in accessing breast health services; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, honors and congratulates Susan G. Komen Chicago and its Board Members, staff and thousands of volunteers for its 20 years of work in fighting breast cancer and for its essential contribution to the health and viability of Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that this text be spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to Susan G. Komen Chicago.

[18-1550](#)

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

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

##### **HONORING TRIBHANG**

**WHEREAS,** Tribhang was formed by two courageous women, Shiwali Varshney and Sonali Sinha Srivastava, who understood the power of dance, arts and creative expression in encouraging broader understanding of human rights and women's rights issues; and

**WHEREAS,** Tribhang has hosted numerous successful, powerful and innovative dance performances bringing human rights and women's rights issues to new audiences of Cook County residents; and

**WHEREAS,** Tribhang has raised funds to support the critical work of Cook County charities which serve vulnerable populations; and

**WHEREAS,** Tribhang has raised awareness on numerous critical issues including human trafficking, challenges facing immigrant communities, gender discrimination and homelessness; and

**WHEREAS,** Tribhang is helping inspire a new generation of artists and activists to get involved in their community; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, recognize Tribhang for its essential contribution to the health and viability of Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that this text be spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to Tribhang.

[18-1558](#)

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING HOURVOICE**

**WHEREAS**, HourVoice was created as a first-of-its-kind effort to empower hourly workers with the education and technology they need to succeed in the modern workplace; and

**WHEREAS**, hourly workers can often be unaware of all the rights they are entitled to at the workplace; and

**WHEREAS**, education about the issues faced by hourly workers, and the rights they have, is critically important to ensuring that all Cook County residents are respected at the workplace and able to better support their families; and

**WHEREAS**, HourVoice has worked in diverse Cook County communities to provide education and information to workers and their advocates of all backgrounds; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, recognize the importance of HourVoice and its essential contribution to the health and viability of Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to HourVoice.

[18-1565](#)

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING DR. BAMBADE SHAKOOR- ABDULLAH, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Bambade Shakoor-Abdullah was a Cook County resident who selflessly made extraordinary contributions to improve the quality of civic life, education, social conditions, and health for marginalized citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, she served for four years as a chaplain and mentor for Class X felons in the Cook County Department of Corrections, and

**WHEREAS**, she was a pioneer and a leader in efforts to combat the epidemic of violence and violent

extremism; and

**WHEREAS**, these efforts included serving on the Chicago Countering Violent Extremism Planning Committee with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and FBI; and

**WHEREAS**, she authored a resolution and bill that became state legislation allowing the development of Regional Juvenile Justice Councils in the State of Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, she authored the Illinois House Resolution for a Public Health Approach to Faith Based Violence Prevention; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Bambade Shakoor-Abdullah founded the Leadership Development Institute D/B/A Chicago Metropolitan Educational Center for Community Advancement, a faith based elementary school in South Suburban Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, she partnered with U.S.D.A. and I.S.B.E. to provide meals to over 1,000 Cook County children a day through Free Meal and Summer Jobs program; and

**WHEREAS**, she recently conceived and started the Dreams and Visions Youth Outreach Program providing mentoring, life skills and job readiness training, college preparation, drug prevention and rites of passage to youth in South Suburban Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, she was appointed by Governor Pat Quinn to the first Governors Muslim American Advisory Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, she served as a Director-at-large on the Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Bambade Shakoor-Abdullah passed away on December 8, 2017; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family of Dr. Bambade Shakoor-Abdullah and honor the life and memory of this outstanding Cook County resident by adopting this resolution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to the immediate family and to the board of Leadership Development Institute, the organization that Dr. Bambade Shakoor-Abdullah founded and served as Executive Director.