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Sponsored by: SEAN M. MORRISON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN HONOR OF MASTER SERGEANT CHRISTINE JASTCZEMSKI'S RETIREMENT FROM THE ARMY RESERVE AFTER MORE THAN 25 YEARS OF SERVICE

WHEREAS, after graduating from Moraine Valley Community College and the Defense Information School, Master Sergeant Christine Jastczemski enlisted in the Army Reserve as a Private (PV2) on March 12, 1990; and

WHEREAS, MSG Jastczemski's first assignment was with the 318th Press Camp Headquarters as a Broadcast Journalist; and

WHEREAS, in the multi-national exercise known as Returning of Forces to Germany (REFORGER), MSG Jastczemski demonstrated her skills in photography and instructed Communication skills to foreign nationals, and was captured on videotape with President Clinton addressing the Boy Scouts at the National Boy Scout Jamboree; and

WHEREAS, MSG Jastczemski was promoted into the 93rd Psychological Operation (PSYOP) Company, later to become the 17th PSYOP Battalion, and was selected as a Media Team Leader for Cobra Gold, where she created a 21-day lesson plan to teach Thai soldiers how to develop a storyboard, record, collect and edit both A and B roll(s) and document significant training throughout the exercise; and

WHEREAS, MSG Jastczemski was promoted into the 85th Division (Training Support), as a Public Affairs Specialist and writer for the "Custer Dispatch" later to become the "Custer Spirit;" and

WHEREAS, MSG Jastczemski was mobilized in 2005 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom as the 181st Infantry Brigade, Chief, Public Affairs, where she instructed Public Affairs techniques to over 1,500 soldiers; and

WHEREAS, MSG Jastczemski was the layout Editor and Chief Editor of the 181st BDE Newsletter, instructor for Unit Public Affairs Representatives and a Unit Victims Advocate; and

WHEREAS, her last assignment was with the 2nd Battalion, 339th Regiment as Chief Instructor, Safety NCOIC and Public Affairs Officer under the Special Staff, Command Section

WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Christine Jastczemski is retiring after more than 25 years of service in the Army Reserve; and

WHEREAS, MSG Jastczemski's awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Star, Army Achievement Medal (3rd Award), Army Reserve Components Achievement Award (3rd Award), National Defense Service Medal (with Bronze Star), Overseas Ribbon

(2), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Non Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (3rd Award), Army Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Overseas Training Ribbon (2nd Award), Army Armed Forces Reserve Medal w/20 year Gold Hourglass with M Device, Expeditionary Medal, the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal and her most notable honorable W/M coin awarded from the Secretary of the Army while working with the Army Corps of Engineers during the downtown Chicago Flood in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Christine is an avid lover of animals, a caregiver for two horses (Tiffany and Allah) and now three rescued dogs (Lexi, Bo and Scout) at her home in Palos Hills; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Cook County Board of Commissioners congratulate Christine Jastczemski on her retirement from the United States Army Reserve; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of the Honorable Body, and an official copy be tendered to MSG Christine Jastczemski in appreciation and acknowledgement of her dedicated service to the United States of America and her local community.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE OF LOUIS FRANCIS MATERRE

WHEREAS, Louis Francis Materre was born in Chicago on February 19, 1927, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Materre was the second of three children born to Etienne and Odessa Materre, and

WHEREAS, the Lord in His infinite wisdom called Mr. Materre home on April 13, 2018, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Materre was a superb athlete who loved to bowl and golf, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Materre was an Army veteran who served during the Korean War and earned a service medal with two bronze stars, and

WHEREAS, as a devoted entrepreneur, Mr. Materre owned a paint store while he worked as a teacher at Dunbar High School, and

WHEREAS, he eventually ventured into the insurance business and opened his own agency that had three locations, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Materre and his beloved wife, Jeanne, raised their beloved children Louis, Micah, Daryl, and Gloria, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Materre loved his grandchildren and great-grandchild, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Materre loved his life and lived it well, and there will be a void not just for his family but all Cook County residents now that he's passed on.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners that Mr. Louis Francis Materre is honored and remembered for all that he did for his family, friends, and the people of Cook County.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM ("THE RAMBLERS")

WHEREAS, the Cook County President and Board of Commissioners wish to congratulate the Loyola University Chicago Men's Basketball team ("The Ramblers") for their magnificent season this year; and

WHEREAS, the Ramblers compiled a record of 28 wins and 5 loses during the regular season and advanced to the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament for the first time since 1985; and

WHEREAS, led by Head Coach Porter Moser, The Ramblers won the Missouri Valley Conference by defeating Illinois State University in the championship game 65-49 on March 4. Loyola ended the regular season on a 10-game winning streak; and

WHEREAS, as a result of Loyola's great regular season, Porter Moser was voted Missouri Valley Conference Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Loyola University Chicago received an invitation to the NCAA Tournament and was the 11th seed in the South Region. In the first round, on March 15, their opponent, the University of Miami, Florida, was the sixth seed. The Rambler's Donte Ingram hitting a three-point shot with only three-tenths of a second left to give Loyola the win, 64-62; and

WHEREAS, in the second round (the Round of 32) on March 17, Loyola faced the University of Tennessee, which was the third seed in the South Region. In another close contest, Loyola's Clayton

Custer - who was named Larry Bird Player of the Year in the Missouri Valley Conference and was also named as a First Team Scholar-Athlete in the Missouri Valley Conference --hit a 15-foot jump shot with 3.6 seconds left in the game to seal the victory for the Ramblers, 63-62; and

WHEREAS, in the third round (the Sweet Sixteen) of the NCAA Tournament on March 22, Loyola's opponent was the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, ranked as the seventh seed in the South Region. The Ramblers played with great enthusiasm and precision, led this time by Marques Townes, who scored 18 points -- including a 3-pointer with 6.3 seconds left in the game when Loyola was ahead by one point. With a four-point lead the Ramblers held on to win 69-68; and

WHEREAS, in the fourth round (the Elite Eight) on March 24, the Ramblers played Kansas State University, ranked as the ninth seed in the South Region. Teamwork once again was paramount for Loyola and, like the three previous tournament games, "a star was born" - this time, it was Ben Richardson - who previously had been named as the Missouri Valley Conference's Defensive Player of the Year -- who scored 23 points, including six of seven three-pointers. Richardson was also a First Team Scholar-Athlete in the Missouri Valley Conference and was honored as the South Region's Most Outstanding Player. By virtue of its 78-62 victory over Kansas State, Loyola won the South Region and moved on to the Final Four for the first time since 1963, extending its winning streak to 14, the longest of any team in the Tournament; and

WHEREAS, in the fifth round (the Final Four), on March 31, Loyola's opponent was the University of Michigan, ranked as the third seed in the West Region. The Ramblers played with heart and enthusiasm and led at halftime 29-22, an incredible effort given how powerful Michigan's offense had been all season. However, with about six minutes left in the game, Michigan took the lead and ended up winning the game; and

WHEREAS, throughout Loyola's NCAA Tournament run, Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt was an inspiration to the team. As team chaplain, "Sister Jean" (as she is affectionately known) inspired and motivated The Ramblers in innumerable ways. Sister Jean has served in the Order of the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin (BVM) since 1937 and has been team chaplain since 1996. Now, at the tender age of 98 she cemented the team ethos with her signature phrase: "Worship. Work and Win." In addition to her other honors, Sister Jean had bestowed upon her one of the greatest of sports honors: a bobblehead doll from the National Bobblehead Hall of Fame and Museum. By the end of the tournament, Sister Jean, was not just Loyola's treasure but the Nation's as well; and

WHEREAS, Loyola University Chicago has a long and storied history in basketball. In 1963 Loyola broke with college basketball's unwritten rule that no team should have more than two black players on the court at any given time and in so doing, created a national conversation on race which led to the elimination of the limit on black players' court time. On March 15, 1963, in the NCAA Tournament, Loyola played Mississippi State University. The governor of Mississippi had instructed the all-white Mississippi State team not to play against an integrated team. Their coach and players refused to follow the instruction, and the game became known as the Game of Change. Loyola would go on to defeat the two-time defending champion, University of Cincinnati Bearcats (ranked No. 1 in the Nation), to win the National

Championship. Loyola remains the only Illinois school to ever win the NCAA Basketball title; and

WHEREAS, Loyola University Chicago is a Jesuit school founded in 1870. Its main Campus, known as the Lake Shore Campus, is in the Rogers Park neighborhood on the northeast side while its downtown campus, known as the Water Tower Campus, is next to Chicago's famed Magnificent Mile. Loyola has an enrollment of more than 16,000 students and boasts 150,000 alumni, 85,000 of whom live in the Chicago area; and

WHEREAS, as a Jesuit school, Loyola takes seriously its role in shaping students' lives. This is especially true of student-athletes, many of whom will never play professional sports. The degree they earn at Loyola is meaningful because of the school's commitment to their education, which takes the form of mentoring and tutoring to help guide them through a rigorous academic and athletic schedule. Student-Athletes at Loyola have a graduation rate of 99 percent. Only five other schools in Division I sports have a graduation rate that high, four of them in the Ivy League; and

WHEREAS, all of Cook County is grateful and honored for the positive national attention brought to Loyola University and our region. Head Coach Porter Moser and the entire group of players -- Adarius Avery, Jake Baughman, Dylan Boehm, Clayton Custer, Nick Dinardi, Donte Ingram, Aundre Jackson, Cameron Krutwig, Christian Negron, Ben Richardson, Cameron Satterwhite, Carson Shanks, Bruno Skokna, Marques Townes, Aher Uguak and Lucas Williamson -- are rightly proud of their season and accomplishments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, assembled this twenty-fourth day of April, 2018, do hereby congratulate the Loyola University Chicago Men's Basketball Team for its great season and its success in the NCAA Tournament; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to Coach Porter Moser as a token of our esteem and good wishes.

[18-3390](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF HORIZONTES MEXICANOS DE DANZA FOLKLORICA

WHEREAS, Mr. Serafin Guevara and Mrs. Ofelia Solano-Guevara founded the dance group Horizontes Mexicanos de Danza Folklorica 30 years ago in 1988 at St. Agnes of Bohemia Parish, which is located in the heart of the Little Village Community in the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, the Guevaras have held “Noche Cultural” (Horizontes Mexicanos De Danza Folklorica Cultural Night) since 1993 for twenty-five consecutive years, showcasing the best of their repertoire. This year marks the 25th Anniversary of this great initiative; and

WHEREAS, Horizontes offers classes to teach the traditional Mexican Folklore dances to the youth of the Parish and the neighborhood. Children as young as three and as old as well as college-age students are invited to come to classes and participate; and

WHEREAS, the intent of creating this group is to teach Mexican culture, history, art, dress and music to foster connections and pride with their heritage, while providing a positive, supervised after-school opportunity for neighborhood youth; and

WHEREAS, through the course of these past 30 years, Serafin and Ofelia have selflessly given of their time, talent and have taught classes three days a week. Over 2,500 children, teens and young adults have been part of Horizontes throughout the years; and

WHEREAS, the Horizontes group has traveled and performed throughout the Midwest, Texas and also in multiple states of Mexico. They have also performed for State of Illinois celebrations, participated in parades and many other Civic events, which enriched the experiences for the youth; and

WHEREAS, Serafin and Ofelia have consistently kept up their own understanding and learning of the evolution of dance within the various regions of Mexico to keep the performances of the Horizontes authentic and vibrant. Care is always taken to ensure that regional dress matches the dance for each region.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes and honors the 25thYear Anniversary of the Horizontes Mexicanos de Danza Folklorica Noche Cultural and Serafin Guevara and Ofelia Solano-Guevara’s leadership and extraordinary commitment to the Youth of Little Village and the St. Agnes of Bohemia Parish community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that that this text be spread upon the proceedings of this honorable Body and that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Serafin Guevara and Ofelia Solano-Guevara in honor of this auspicious occasion.

[18-3391](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE MEXICAN FOLKLORIC DANCE COMPANY OF CHICAGO ON ITS 36TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, the Mexican Folkloric Dance Company of Chicago was founded February 17, 1982, and incorporated on March 28, 1983; and

WHEREAS, the Mexican Folkloric Dance Company of Chicago will be celebrating its 36th Anniversary at the Studebaker Theatre in Chicago, IL on May 11th, 2018 doing what it loves to do: performing the inspirational and rich folkloric dances of Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the Mexican Folkloric Dance Company of Chicago, through its authentic dance performances has been successful in its efforts to educate the public in its vast dance repertoire and in preserving this heritage among the Mexican progeny; and

WHEREAS, the Mexican Folkloric Dance Company of Chicago has toured nationally and internationally; and

WHEREAS, the Mexican Folkloric Dance Company of Chicago has had the honor of performing for President Reagan's 1985 visit to Chicago Heights, the 1987 Pan Am Games before Vice-President Bush, President Bill Clinton, Mexican President Vicente Fox, Governor Thompson, and Mayors Daley and Washington; and

WHEREAS, the Mexican Folkloric Dance Company of Chicago has also had the honor of performing at major sports events and for iconic cultural figures such at the 1994 World Cup, Chicago Bulls, Bob McGrath of Sesame Street, and singers Steve Lawrence and Eydie Gormé; and

WHEREAS, the Mexican Folkloric Dance Company of Chicago has received 296 awards, grants, and honors since 1983; and

WHEREAS, the Mexican Folkloric Dance Company of Chicago continue to be a source of pride that beautifully preserves Mexican culture in Chicago.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Cook County Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate the Mexican Folkloric Dance Company of Chicago on its

36th 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 Mexican Folkloric Dance Company of Chicago in honor of its outstanding achievements.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL COACH GENE PINGATORE ON RECEIVING THE 2018 BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME MORGAN WOOTTEN AWARD

WHEREAS, every year the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame recognizes two outstanding high school coaches, one for boys' and one for girls' basketball, with the Morgan Wooten Award; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious award is named after Morgan Wooten, who served as the Head Coach of DeMatha Catholic High School in Hyattsville, Maryland for 46 years and is one of three high school coaches enshrined into the Basketball Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 Morgan Wooten Award for Lifetime Achievement for Coaching boy's high school basketball was awarded to the legendary Coach Gene Pingatore from St. Joseph's High School in Westchester, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, throughout his 48-year career at St. Joseph High School, Gene Pingatore has led the Chargers to two Illinois state championships, numerous other tournament championships, and has coached numerous NCAA and professional basketball players, including three notable McDonald's All-Americans: Deryl Cunningham '89, Daryl Thomas '83, and NBA great Isiah Thomas '79; and

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2017 Gene Pingatore earned his 1,000th career win, bringing his overall coaching record to 1,000-353 (.739), and is the 15th boys basketball coach in the United States to have surpassed 1,000 wins; and

WHEREAS, this achievement is a testament to Gene Pingatore's extraordinary leadership and dedication to excellence in athletics, academics, and leadership in our communities;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby offer its congratulations to St. Joseph High School Head Basketball Coach Gene Pingatore on the occasion of

receiving the 2018 Morgan Wootten Award; 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 by the Commissioners of Cook County to Gene Pingatore to recognize his remarkable achievements and dedication to St. Joseph High School.

[18-3393](#)

Sponsored by: TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY AS ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, the month of May commemorates the rich and diverse culture of Asian American Pacific Islanders, and the many contributions they have made to both Cook County, and our country as a whole; and

WHEREAS, on October 5, 1978, President Jimmy Carter signed a joint resolution designating the annual celebration of Asian/Pacific Heritage Week during the first 10 days of May; in May 1990, the holiday was further expanded when Congress designated May as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese immigrants to the United States in 1843, many coming to the United States to work in transportation, mining, and other industries; and

WHEREAS, in 1869, laboring under very difficult conditions, Asian pioneers helped construct the transcontinental railroad, which vastly expanded economic growth and development across the country; and

WHEREAS, Asian Pacific Americans have made valuable contributions to the history and growth of Cook County and have achieved at a high level in a variety of disciplines, including medicine, government, business, education, law, science, technology, and the arts; and

WHEREAS, the Asian American and Pacific Islander community is a diverse population, comprised of more than 45 distinct ethnicities and more than 100 language dialects; and

WHEREAS, the history of Asian Pacific Americans in Cook County is inextricably tied to the story of our great county; and

WHEREAS, Asian Pacific Americans now comprise more than five percent of our state's population, and are the fastest growing demographic; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the County of Cook is proud to recognize the leadership and contributions of Asian Pacific Americans throughout our history; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, along with the entire Board of Commissioners, do hereby recognize May as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month, in recognition of the contributions made to our economy and culture by Asian Pacific Americans, and in tribute to all Asian Pacific Americans who call Cook County home.

[18-3394](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE ILLINOIS COMMISSION ON DIVERSITY AND HUMAN RELATIONS

WHEREAS, the Illinois Commission on Diversity and Human Relations (ICDHR) has an active Board of Directors consisting of members from the business, education and community sectors; and

WHEREAS, since its formation in 1965, the commission has been the voice of diversity and inclusiveness; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the ICDHR is to create and execute successful human relations building models across race, gender and culture; and

WHEREAS, ICDHR's founder, the Reverend Clyde H. Brooks, who worked with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was moved to help fulfill the dream of Dr. King by creating structures to address Dr. King's ideals of justice, equality and unity; and

WHEREAS, with the support of Motorola Solutions and other companies, the ICDHR created the Youth and Law Project designed to help young minority males to better interact with law enforcement on the streets, reducing injury, death and turmoil; and

WHEREAS, for 50 consecutive years since Dr. King's passing, the ICDHR has sponsored the annual remembrance of Dr. King, both in the suburbs and the city of Chicago. Thousands of people have participated and thousands of dollars have been raised to fund scholarships, education programs and employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, currently, ICDHR's Black and White Divide initiative brings community leaders and residents together in an open conversation about persistent racism in our society; 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 the Illinois Commission on Diversity and

Human Relations and praise its essential contribution to the health and viability of Cook County.

[18-3398](#)

Sponsored by: BRIDGET GAINER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING HOWARD BROWN HEALTH AND RAPE VICTIM ADVOCATES DURING SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Sexual assault is a serious and widespread problem that anyone can experience, including children, teens, adults, and seniors; and,

WHEREAS, Sexual violence is a broad term and includes: rape, incest, child sexual abuse, intimate partner violence, sexual exploitation, human trafficking, unwanted sexual contact, sexual harassment, exposure, and voyeurism; and,

WHEREAS, Nearly 1 in 5 women in the United States have experienced rape or attempted rape some time in their lives, and 1 in 67 American men have experienced rape or attempted rape; and,

WHEREAS, The goal of Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) is to raise public awareness about sexual violence and educate communities on how to prevent it; and,

WHEREAS, Locally in Chicago, **Rape Victim Advocates (RVA)** is an independent, not-for-profit organization dedicated to the healing and empowerment of sexual assault survivors through non-judgmental crisis intervention counseling, individual and group trauma therapy, and medical and legal advocacy in the greater Chicago metropolitan area; and,

WHEREAS, RVA provides public education and institutional advocacy in order to improve the treatment of sexual assault survivors and to effect positive change in policies and public attitudes toward sexual assault; and,

WHEREAS, The **Anti-Violence Project (AVP) at the Center on Halsted** empowers lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and HIV-affected communities and allies to end all forms of violence through organizing and education, and supports survivors through counseling and advocacy; and,

WHEREAS, AVP at Center on Halsted provides comprehensive individual and community programs for survivor advocacy and support to LGBTQIA survivors of hate and bias violence, discrimination, intimate partner violence, stalking, and/or sexual assault; and,

WHEREAS, This year marks the 17th anniversary of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and organizers chose the theme “Embrace Your Voice” to inform individuals on how they can use their words to promote safety, respect, and equality to stop sexual violence before it happens; and,

WHEREAS, Individuals can embrace their voices to show their support for survivors, stand up to victim blaming, shut down rape jokes, correct harmful misconceptions, promote everyday consent, and practice healthy communications with children.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioner recognizes April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and is committed to raising public awareness about sexual violence and educating communities on how to prevent it.

[18-3399](#)

Sponsored by: BRIDGET GAINER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL SERVICE RECOGNITION DAY AND HONORING LOCAL CHICAGO SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

WHEREAS, service to others is a hallmark of the American character, and central to how we meet our challenges; and,

WHEREAS, national service expands economic opportunity by creating more sustainable, resilient communities and providing education, career skills, and leadership abilities for those who serve; and,

WHEREAS, Service volunteers address the most pressing challenges facing our communities, from educating students for the jobs of the 21st century, to fighting the opioid epidemic, to responding to natural disasters, to supporting veterans and military families; and,

WHEREAS, The **Corporation for National and Community Service** (CNCS) serves millions of individuals of all ages and backgrounds help meet local needs through a wide array of service opportunities, including projects in: disaster services, economic opportunity, education, environmental stewardship, healthy futures, and veterans and military families; and,

WHEREAS, **AmeriCorps and Senior Corps** participants serve in more than 50,000 locations across the country, bolstering the civic, neighborhood, and faith-based organizations that are so vital to our economic and social well-being; and,

WHEREAS, **City Year Chicago** recently deployed 206 highly skilled AmeriCorps members to serve in 24 schools in the south and west sides of Chicago, which helped transform the future for nearly 14,600 students; and,

WHEREAS, **VISTA Corps'** Legal Aid focused-participants demonstrate commitment, dedication, and patriotism by making an intensive commitment to service in the legal community, a commitment that remains with them in their future endeavors; and,

WHEREAS, Serve Illinois promotes and supports community service in public and private programs to meet the needs of Illinois citizens, to stimulate new volunteerism and community service initiatives and partnerships, and to serve as a resource and advocate within the Department of Public Health for community service agencies, volunteers, and programs which utilize State and private volunteers; and,

WHEREAS, Campus Compact is a national coalition of 1,000+ colleges and universities committed to the public purposes of higher education, building democracy through civic education and community development; and,

WHEREAS, The faith-focused organization Ignatian Volunteer Corps has volunteers serving in close to 50 partner agencies working with youth and young adults in education and mentoring programs, refugee and immigrant services, women's and children's services and hospital and prison ministry.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaim April 3, 2018, as National Service Recognition Day, and encourage residents to recognize the positive impact of national service in our community and to thank those who serve.

[18-3400](#)

Sponsored by: BRIDGET GAINER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF AUTISM SPEAKS DURING NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Autism is a bio-neurological developmental disability that generally appears before the age of 3, and impacts the normal development of the brain in the areas of social interaction, communication skills, and cognitive function; and,

WHEREAS, Individuals with autism typically have difficulties in verbal and non-verbal communication, social interactions, and leisure or play activities; and,

WHEREAS, Autism is diagnosed four times more often in boys than girls, and its prevalence is not affected by race, region, or socio-economic status. Since autism was first diagnosed in the U.S. the incidence has climbed to an alarming one in 68 children in the U.S.; and,

WHEREAS, Autism itself does not affect life expectancy, however research has shown that the mortality risk among individuals with autism is twice as high as the general population, in large part due to drowning and other accidents; and,

WHEREAS, Currently there is no cure for autism, though with early intervention and treatment, the diverse symptoms related to autism can be greatly improved and in some cases completely overcome; and,

WHEREAS, Autism Speaks, a national research and advocacy organization whose Chicago chapter resides in the 10th District, is dedicated to promoting solutions for the needs of individuals with autism and their families through advocacy and support; increasing understanding and acceptance of people with autism spectrum disorder; and advancing research into causes and better interventions for autism spectrum disorder and related conditions; and,

WHEREAS, Building upon the legacy of three leading autism organizations, Autism Coalition for Research and Education (ACRE), the National Alliance for Autism Research (NAAR) and Cure Autism Now (CAN), who merged with the organization, Autism Speaks has made extraordinary advancements in the autism community. Chief among these are increased global awareness of autism, better understanding of the breadth of the autism spectrum, and advocacy to increase research and access to care and support; and,

WHEREAS, Today, Autism Speaks is dedicated to advancing research into causes and better treatments for autism spectrum disorders and related conditions both through direct funding and collaboration; increasing understanding and acceptance of autism spectrum disorders; and working toward solutions for the needs of individuals with autism and their families across the spectrum and lifespan through advocacy and support; and,

WHEREAS, Locally, schools throughout Chicago and Cook County who offer support and specialized and innovative curriculum and programming to children diagnosed with autism are commended for their work during this month, including Agassiz Elementary, Coonley Elementary and the Chicago Agriculture High School.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes the month of April as Autism Awareness Month and commends Autism Speaks for their continued research and advocacy in the autism community, and our local neighborhood schools who do year-round work to support and advocate for autism awareness.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HONORING CONGRESSMAN DANNY K. DAVIS FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO EMPOWERING INDIVIDUALS AND GRANTING NEW OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH THE SECOND CHANCE ACT ON ITS 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY.

WHEREAS, Congressman Davis was chosen by the people of the Seventh Congressional District to serve as their representative in Congress on November 5th of 1996, and has since been an effective voice for his constituents and the United States of America; and,

WHEREAS, Congressman Davis has committed himself to preserving democracy, protecting and maintaining women's rights, voting rights, protecting our environment, criminal justice reform, and creating second chances for individuals; and,

WHEREAS, over 2.2 million people have been detained and are being held in American prisons, 95% of those inmates will eventually be released back to society; and,

WHEREAS, every year more than 650,000 offenders are released from our American prisons and 30,000 of those offenders are from Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, Congressman Davis gave light to the reentry crisis facing those who have already paid their debt to society, and started a conversation to create solutions to connect families and stabilize our communities; and,

WHEREAS, Congressman Davis on April 9, 2008 successfully passed the Second Chance Act legislation providing non-profit faith, and community-based organizations with mentoring grants to develop support programs such as drug treatment, housing, job training, medical care, and education; and,

WHEREAS, Congressman Davis has empowered individuals to reenter society successfully by providing transitional assistance to ex-offenders through organizations like Safer Formulation, TASK, Gateway, Interfaith, Habilitative services, and St. Leonards to cope with the challenges of reentry; and,

WHEREAS, The Second Chance Act has helped provide 700 grants to 49 states, resulting in an investment of more than \$300 million into organizations assisting ex-offenders reentering communities; and,

WHEREAS, The Second Chance Act has drastically reduced statewide recidivism rates as a result of reentry services provided by the legislation; and,

WHEREAS, The Second Chance Act has enhanced the lives of more than 137,000 men, women, and youths returning from prisons, jails, and juvenile detention facilities, by providing assistance with their transition; and,

WHEREAS, The Second Chance Act is an example of bipartisan legislation that has had an enormous impact on people returning from prisons; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners that the work honor and dedication of Congressman Danny K. Davis in passing The Second Chance Act is honored and celebrated on its 10 year anniversary.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HONORING DEBRA VINES FOR HER DEVOTION AND COMMITMENT TO AUTISM AWARENESS BY FOUNDING “THE ANSWER INC”.

WHEREAS, Debra Vines, a Broadview native, whom through her own personal experiences with her son Jason who was diagnosed with autism at 19 months old, is able to connect with the autism community; and,

WHEREAS, Autism is a developmental disability that affects a persons ability to communicate and interact with others and is usually detected in early childhood stages; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Vines founded “The Answer Inc.” in 2007 a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing support, resources, education, recreation, and advocacy for families who are affected by autism; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Vines has created this organization with the help her loving family, her husband James Harlan whom she has been married to for 33 years and her sons Mark and Jason; and,

WHEREAS, Autism affects 1 in every 68 Americans each year, and costs the average family \$60,000 a year to provide the resources necessary to help these children succeed; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Vines hosts The Answer Inc. Walk-A-Thon every year to provide funding for this organization, which will be hosted on May 5th at 12pm at Proviso West High school in 2018; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Vines has Utilized The Answer Inc. to reach minority families who lack the resources to get adequate help for their children suffering from autism and has served over 4,000 families since 2007; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Vines through The Answer Inc. has created venues that foster the inclusion of autistic persons in our community; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Vines through The Answer Inc. has given autistic children a chance for social interaction; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Vines has also strived to educate and bring autism awareness to law enforcement in our community; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Vines has been a strong advocate for special education placement in schools, and in individualized education programs that assess student learning capabilities; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Vines through The Answer Inc. offers a 24 hour support hotline for parents who are at a breaking point or may need to just vent; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Vines honorably states that her greatest accomplishment has been to watch the families that she has aided reach milestones that they were once told were unattainable; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Vines hopes to see a world that instead of being angry, our communities fight for our autistic individuals, with the hopes that one day all of our children will be embraced.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners to honor the work and dedication Debra Vines has devoted to The Answer Inc. The Cook County Board of Commissioners extends our greatest appreciation to Ms. Debra Vines for her admirable work and contribution to our community.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HONORING WOMEN EMPLOYED FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP AND COMMITMENT TO FIGHTING FOR EQUALITY.

WHEREAS, Women Employed was founded in 1973; and,

WHEREAS, Women Employed's vision is to see that: all women are treated fairly in the workplace, are able to attain the skills they need for the jobs they want, and are represented for the work they do; and,

WHEREAS, Women Employed has fought for four decades to open doors, break down barriers, and create fair workplaces for women; and,

WHEREAS, Women Employed has mobilized to expand educational employment opportunities for America's working women; and,

WHEREAS, Women Employed wrote and published in the 1980's a first-ever set of recommendations for corporate policies to promote a balance between the family and the work place for working mothers; and,

WHEREAS, Women Employed is proudly an organization that has pressured the Federal Government to enforce equal opportunity laws, fought to outlaw sexual harassment and pregnancy discrimination; and,

WHEREAS, Women Employed is responsible for influencing major changes in public policies in workplace practices and enabling women to achieve their aspirations; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners that the work of Women Employed is honored.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NORTHWEST SIDE HOUSING CENTER

WHEREAS, the Northwest Side Housing Center (NWSHC) is a HUD-Certified, community-based, nonprofit organization that engages, educates and empowers the community, through housing counseling, financial education, community organizing, outreach, advocacy and supportive services; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, Reverend Christine Schrey saw a need in the community for combating predatory lending practices and worked with local community leaders and the Northwest Neighborhood Federation to create the NWSHC, which they did open in the basement of Christ Lutheran Church. Since then the organization has helped thousands of homeowners stay in their homes, buy their first homes, and help better manage their financial situation; and

WHEREAS, the NWSHC has evolved into the lead community agency for Belmont Cragin and, while remaining committed to Rev. Schrey's vision and focus, they provide free community programs and services that include: foreclosure prevention, pre-purchase counseling, first-time homebuyer classes, low-income home energy assistance program, rental counseling, financial education, leadership development, workforce development, business development, and community organizing of youth and older adults; and

WHEREAS, NWSHC organizes “Hoops in the Hood” to provide a fun and safe space for youth and families to gather, seeking to change the narrative of violence, tragedy, and fear to one of forward thinking and optimism and to encourage parents and families to be engaged with their community. “Hoops in the Hood” also addresses the need for on-site support and counseling immediately after a violent incident in the community; and

WHEREAS, On May 3, 2018, the NWSHC will celebrate 15 years of their continued commitment to the community of Belmont Cragin and those in need of affordable housing and supportive services that empower residents to improve their lives and housing for all.

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 congratulate the Northwest Side Housing Center and their many dedicated workers and volunteers on the celebration of their 15-year anniversary; 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 James Rudyk, Executive Director of the Northwest Side Housing Center to memorialize this occasion.

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Sponsored by: RICHARD R. BOYKIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION HONORING AND CONGRATULATING THE STATE OF ISRAEL ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR SEVENTIETH 70th ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, on May 14, 1948, David Ben-Gurion, the head of the Jewish Agency declared the establishment of a Jewish state in Eretz-Israel, to be known as the State of Israel, and;

WHEREAS, Israeli leaders have not flinched in the face of adversity, but have continued to diplomatically pursue liberty, justice and peace for their people, and;

WHEREAS, this year's celebration of Yom Ha'atzmaut is marked by Israel's continued rise as a global leader in science, technology, electronics, education, medicine, culture and arts, and;

WHEREAS, this seventieth year of Israeli independence is a testament to the Jewish peoples will to promote the tenets of freedom and democracy across the globe, and;

WHEREAS, we are honored to have one of Israel's U.S. Consulate General Offices located here in Cook County, and;

WHEREAS, we look forward to working with Consul General Aviv Ezra to strengthen the business and cultural relationships between the people of Cook County and Israel, and;

WHEREAS, Israel continues to be a committed partner in democracy to the United States as we promote the pursuit of life, liberty and happiness for all people.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners that Israel is honored and recognized for their global leadership and their friendship to the people of Cook County on the occasion of their 70th anniversary.

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE CHICAGO ALUMNAE CHAPTER OF DELTA SIGMA THETA, INC.

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., was founded in 1913 by 22 collegiate women at Howard University in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, the Sorority is currently a sisterhood of more than 200,000 predominantly Black college-educated women; and

WHEREAS, the Sorority promotes sisterhood, academic excellence and provides assistance for those in need; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc., with a membership of more than 700 professional women, provides award-winning public service through the Five-Point Programmatic Thrust which includes Economic Development, Educational Development, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health, and Political Awareness and Involvement (Social Action); and

WHEREAS, the theme of the Chicago Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. is “Service is what we do - Service is who we are!” and it should serve as an example to all; and

WHEREAS, for nearly 30 years, the Chicago Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc., has hosted the Jabberwock event and partnered with D’Estee, Inc., to award hundreds of thousands of dollars to fund the academic dreams of eligible co-eds; and

WHEREAS, Jabberwock 2018 - “Keeping the Dream Alive” Awards Gala and Dinner is Sunday, May 20, 2018 at the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place and it will celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Jabberwock currently provides scholarships and book stipends for more than 30 Chicago Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the Chicago Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc., raised \$75,000 through the Jabberwock event; 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 the Chicago Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc., for its worthy community outreach programs and events, and praise its essential contribution to the health and viability of Cook County.

