



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY
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Consent Agenda

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Sponsored by: STANLEY MOORE, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

COMMENDING THE VALIANT EFFORTS OF SERGEANT ERIK A. ROEDEL AND K9 OFFICER KELLI

WHEREAS, Sergeant Erik Allen Roedel is a lifetime resident of LaGrange Park, Illinois. He graduated from Southern Illinois University in 1993 with a Bachelor of Science in Administration of Justice. Sergeant Roedel resides in LaGrange Park, Illinois with his loving wife of 23 years, three children Julia, Erik Jr., and Abby. In Sergeant Roedel's spare time he looks forward to spending time with his family, hiking with his dogs and watching sports; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Erik Roedel pursued his passion to obtain a career in law enforcement and started his career as a Cook County Sheriff Correctional Officer in November 1993; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Erik Roedel enjoyed his job so much that he began to move up the ladder within the sheriff's department. In 1995 Sergeant Roedel received a promotion and became a Sheriff Police; and

WHEREAS, In 1997 Sergeant Erik Roedel was promoted to the Cook County Sheriff's K-9 Unit Emergency Services Bureau, and in 2007 Sergeant Erik Roedel was promoted to Sergeant in this same unit; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Roedel loves working in the Canine Unit because there is always a different challenge each day. He also enjoys watching the dogs work because their due diligence never waivers after many years of service; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Roedel is amazed often as to how the dogs can locate the hidden drugs or the people hiding. He jokes during canine demonstrations that he and his peers have the best job; they get paid to play with dogs all day; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Roedel has been fortunate to work with multiple canines and bloodhounds. The highlight of his work day is, being able to help find missing people with Kelli; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Erik Roedel's K9 officer partner Kelli was only 6 month old when they joined together in the spring of 2012. He took her under his wings and trained her to search for missing people and criminal offenders. Kelli who is now 6 years of age obtained her name after Kelli O'Laughlin who was murdered in her home in Indian Head Park. Sergeant Roedel worked the case with his first bloodhound Melanie, and when he got Kelli he asked the family if he could name his new bloodhound after her; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Erik Roedel and K9 officer Kelli have located and saved numerous lives and caught many Criminals; and

WHEREAS, In 2013 and 2015 Sergeant Erik A. Roedel and K9 officer Kelli received recognition and were awarded the Central Warrants Unit Lifesaving Award at the Sheriff's Employee Awards & Recognition Ceremony; and

WHEREAS, In 2013, Erik A. Roedel successfully passed the Sheriff's Police Lieutenant Written Examination; and

WHEREAS, K9 Kelli is a 6-year-old bloodhound who is certified in man trailing by the National Police Bloodhound Association; and

WHEREAS, On May 23, 2018, Sergeant Erik A. Roedel and K9 officer partner Kelli assisted local law enforcement officers in successfully apprehending mother Mikequera Randolph 24, who was charged with aggravated kidnapping, and was accused of taken off with her own baby during a supervised visit on May 14, 2018; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Cook County Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners shall recognize Sergeant Erik A. Roedel and K9 Kelli for their outstanding services that they have provided in lifesaving tactics throughout the County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the permanent Record of Proceedings of the Cook County Board of Commissioner, and that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Sergeant Erik A. Roedel and K9 officer Kelli in recognition of their heroic efforts.

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Sponsored by: DENNIS DEER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING BRENDA PALMS BARBER FOR HER TIRELESS LEADERSHIP, DEDICATION, AND COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE AND SERVICE IN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, Brenda Palms Barber has served as Executive Director of North Lawndale Employment Network(NLEN) since it was founded in 1999, an urban workforce development agency; and

WHEREAS, Brenda Palms Barber is a graduate of Harvard's Strategic Perspectives in Non- Profit Management Program; and

WHEREAS, She also serves as the Chief Executive Officer of Sweet Beginnings, LLC which was launched in 2004, a social enterprise using urban beekeeping to create jobs for those with significant

barriers to employment, provide jobs and to gain a history of employment; and

WHEREAS, NLEN Chicago opened its first opportunity center in partnership with LSC Chicago using the Annie E. Casey Foundation model; and

WHEREAS, Sweet Beginnings LLC partnered with volunteers from the Boeing Company in 2007 to develop its business plan and Whole Food market begin distributing Bee Love products; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Brenda Palms Barber, NLEN has grown from 2 to 24 employees and generates an annual budget in excess of 2.4 million dollars; and

WHEREAS, Sweet Beginnings LLC expanded from a cottage industry to distributions at more than 40 Mariano stores; and

WHEREAS, NLEN launched its first skilled training program moving forward in partnership with CTA, Chicago Trust, and JP Morgan Chase Foundation in 2013. In addition, Sweet Beginnings; Bee Love products were being purchased at O'Hare and Midway Airports through Hudson News and they launched an education program at the Forest Preserve District of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, NLEN has received numerous awards including the First MacArthur Foundation Award for Creative and Effective Institutions, the prestigious Bank of America Neighborhood Award and the MetLife Foundation Community Partnership Award just to name a few; and

WHEREAS, Brenda Palms Barber raised NLEN's profile with extensive national media coverage with segments on CNN, the NBC Today Show, CBS Evening News with Scott Pelley; and

WHEREAS, Cook County Government acknowledges Brenda Palms Barber for transforming lives through North Lawndale Employment Network and Sweet Beginnings LLC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on behalf of the President, the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the 5, 4million residents of Cook County take great pleasure in honoring and celebrating Ms. Brenda Palms Barber for her leadership, dedication and commitment as Executive Director of North Lawndale Employment Network and Chief Executive Officer, of Sweet Beginnings, LLC and herewith express our sincere gratitude for your service to Cook County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution is spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to Ms. Brenda Palms Barber in honor of this auspicious occasion.

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Sponsored by: DENNIS DEER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING AK AND BELO ZERO OF THE FAMED GROUP “DO OR DIE”

WHEREAS, Do or Die is a rap group from the Westside of Chicago that consist of members, AK and Belo Zero (originally including N.A.R.D. who is pursuing other opportunities to help new artists succeed). Do or Die was originally a dance group inspired to rap by N.W.A., Dr. Dre, Tupac and Biggie Smalls. Visually, Do or Die’s stage performance and presence is unparalleled in the rap game; and

WHEREAS, Do or Die initially experienced mainstream success with their first album “Picture This” which included their platinum single which peaked at #22 on the Billboard Hot 100. This album and single became a big hit and sparked the group's signing by Houston's Rap-A-Lot Records. The album was certified Platinum, and launched the group, as well as fellow Chicago rapper Twista, who was featured on the track, into superstardom; and

WHEREAS, Do or Die went on to release several other charting albums throughout the early 2000's, including 2000's Victory, which featured E-40, Ja Rule, and Outlawz to name a few, and 2002's Back 2 the Game, which peaked at #64 on the Billboard 200 and #25 on the Top R&B/Hip-Hop Albums; and

WHEREAS, In 2007, Belo released a solo EP entitled “The Truth.” Do or Die was featured on countless projects from various artists, in addition to touring all over the country, and in 2009, they appeared on Twista's single "Yo Body" off his 2009 album, Category F5; and

WHEREAS, AK continues to make Do or Die music launching his own record label Roundtable Records, and was recently featured on VH1’s Hip Hop Honors delivering his verse in honor of the legendary success of James Prince the founder of Rap-A-Lot ; and

WHEREAS, Do or Die is consistently working their magic on April 15, 2015, Twista and Do or Die announced that they had completed work on a new collaborative EP together entitled Withdrawal (EP). The EP was released on May 19, 2015 and it contains 6 tracks, including a single entitled "Aquafina", for which a video was released; and

WHEREAS, after more than 20 years in the music industry, Do or Die never forgot the conditions that they grew up in or where they are from. Motivated to be of service in their community, Do or Die participates in a variety of community outreach programs such as speaking at schools and prisons, volunteering at churches, faith based organizations with future plans to open a music studio to provide opportunity to up and coming local artist; and

WHEREAS, Do or Die additional community work includes the following: mentorship of young boys and

girls, participating in Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Luncheons and Food giveaways for the community and speaking to at risk youth throughout Chicago and across the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that President Toni Preckwinkle and 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 AK and Belo Zero of Do or Die for their career in music, philanthropic community service and herewith express our sincere gratitude and best wishes on all of their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution is spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same is tendered to AK and Belo Zero of Do or Die in honor of this auspicious occasion.

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING JUNE 2018 AS IMMIGRANT HERITAGE MONTH IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

WHEREAS, generations of immigrants from every corner of the globe have built our country's economy and created the unique character of our nation; and

WHEREAS, one in seven Illinois residents is an immigrant, while one in eight is a native-born U.S. citizen with at least one immigrant parent; and

WHEREAS, Cook County has historically been home to the highest concentration of immigrants throughout the state, with foreign-born persons making up nearly a quarter of Cook County's population; and

WHEREAS, immigrants continue to grow businesses, innovate, strengthen our economy, and create American jobs in Cook County, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, New American Economy has reported that 56% of Fortune 500 companies in Illinois were founded by immigrants or their children; and

WHEREAS, immigrants have provided the United States with unique social and cultural influence, fundamentally enriching the extraordinary character of our nation; and

WHEREAS, immigrants have been tireless leaders not only in securing their own rights and access to equal opportunity, but have also campaigned to create a fairer and more just society for all Americans;

and

WHEREAS, despite these countless contributions, the role of immigrants in building and enriching our nation has frequently been overlooked and undervalued throughout our history and continuing to the present day:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Cook County Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize that June 2018 is "Immigrant Heritage Month."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, this text be spread upon the proceedings of this Honorable Body.

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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

LAVAUNE "BONNIE" DICARO, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called LaVaune "Bonnie" DiCaro from our midst; and

WHEREAS, LaVaune "Bonnie" DiCaro was the devoted mother of Camille, Bernadette, Kimberly (Thomas) Conditto, and Toni (Scott) Mitchell; and

WHEREAS, LaVaune "Bonnie" DiCaro was the adored Baba of Richard (Gianna) Rogulich, William and Anthony (Stephanie) Pindozzo, Brandon and Zachary Mitchell and Thomas Conditto; and

WHEREAS, LaVaune "Bonnie" DiCaro was the loving great grandmother of Billy and Emma Pindozzo, Josie Rogulich, Leo, Adeline, and Caroline Pindozzo; and

WHEREAS, LaVaune "Bonnie" DiCaro was the cherished daughter of the late Carmen and Carmella (Biamonte) LaPapa; and

WHEREAS, LaVaune "Bonnie" DiCaro was the dear sister of Richard, Michael (Bernadette), and the late Thomas LaPapa;

WHEREAS, LaVaune "Bonnie" DiCaro was the fond aunt and cousin to many; and

WHEREAS, LaVaune "Bonnie" DiCaro was an active and devoted parishioner at St. Jerome Croatian

Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, LaVaune “Bonnie” DiCaro touched the lives of many and will be remembered by all who knew her; and

WHEREAS, all who knew her will attest that LaVaune “Bonnie” DiCaro was a kind and compassionate woman, virtuous of character and gentle in spirit, admired and respected by her many friends and neighbors, and dearly loved by her family; and

NOW, THEREFORE, 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 of LaVaune “Bonnie” DiCaro 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 the same be tendered to the family of LaVaune “Bonnie” DiCaro so that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

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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

MILDRED “MILLE” MCDERMOTT, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Mildred “Millie” McDermott from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Mildred “Millie” McDermott was the beloved wife of the late Edward; and

WHEREAS, Mildred “Millie” McDermott was the devoted mother of Janet (Kevin) Rath, Linda (Vincent) DiGiacomo, and the late Michal McDermott; and

WHEREAS, Mildred “Millie” McDermott was the loving Nana of Matt Orton and Katie Mazziotti; and

WHEREAS, Mildred “Millie” McDermott was the dear sister the late Peter Cosme, Genevieve Osowski, Mary Fahey, Dominic Krolo and Goldie Murray; and

WHEREAS, Mildred “Millie” McDermott was the fond aunt of many nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Mildred “Millie” McDermott touched the lives of many and will be remembered by all who knew her especially her friends Wilson Park Senior Club and St. Anthony Senior Club; and

WHEREAS, all who knew her will attest that Mildred “Millie” McDermott was a kind and compassionate woman, virtuous of character and gentle in spirit, admired and respected by her many friends and neighbors, and dearly loved by her family; and

NOW, THEREFORE, 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 of Mildred “Millie” McDermott and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss; 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 family of Mildred “Millie” McDermott so that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING INFINITE SCHOLARS PROGRAM AND CO-CHAIR JERRY W. WILLIAMS, SR.

WHEREAS, the Infinite Scholars Program has more than a decade of experience working with more than 100,000 students throughout the United States to help them realize their college admission goals and help them secure the financial resources to attend and graduate with a college degree; and

WHEREAS, college admission is one of the most significant milestones in a student’s life, and Infinite Scholars Programs offers admissions assistance through scholarship fairs, mentoring and test prep; and

WHEREAS, through the Infinite Scholars Program’s online platform, CollegeOffers.com, students are able to submit their portfolio to a network of more than 450 colleges and universities for admissions and scholarship consideration; and

WHEREAS, Jerry W. Williams Sr. is the National Co-Chairman of the Infinite Scholars Program, and

WHEREAS, Jerry W. Williams, Sr. is the CEO/Founder of THE WIL'DA GROUP, an artist management company headquartered in Chicago, representing clients such as T. L. Williams, The Storm Chaser Orchestra, J. Will, Sisters of Elements, Jose Cornier and others; and

WHEREAS, Jerry W. Williams, Sr. organizes the Let’s Get Hyped About College concert series, an event in which high school juniors get to build a CollegeOffers profile, have an early start with college selection, resume building and application submission, and are motivated and entertained by inspirational

songwriter and recording artist T.L. Williams & The Storm Chaser Orchestra; and

WHEREAS, Jerry W. Williams Sr. provides ongoing support for students and the Infinite Scholars Program, which has given more than 100,000 students throughout the country support to enable them to successfully apply for and graduate with a college degree; 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 Infinite Scholars Program and Co-Chairman Jerry W. Williams, Sr. and praise their essential contribution to the health and viability of Cook County.

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE CHI-LITES

WHEREAS, The Chi-Lites were formed in Chicago in 1959, originally called the Hi-Lites, and consisted of Marshall Thompson, Creadel "Red" Jones, Eugene Record, Robert Lester, and Clarence Johnson; and

WHEREAS, the Hi-Lites changed their name to Marshall & the Chi-Lites, with the "C" being added to reflect the name of their hometown, Chicago; and

WHEREAS, by the end of 1964 Clarence Johnson had left the group, which then truncated the name to simply the Chi-Lites; and

WHEREAS, during the ensuing four years, Eugene Record slowly emerged as the group's lead singer, songwriter and producer; and

WHEREAS, in 1969, after signing with Brunswick the previous year, "Give It Away" became the Chi-Lites' first USA national hit single attaining No. 10 in the R&B charts; and

WHEREAS, the follow-up release "Let Me Be The Man My Daddy Was" was moderately successful but another major hit was elusive until "Are You My Woman?" climbed into the R&B Top 10 in early 1971; and

WHEREAS, a succession of Top 10 hits followed commencing with their next release "(For God's Sake) Give More Power to the People" which was the first release to crossover into the pop charts, the ballads "Have You Seen Her" and "Oh Girl", both reaching number one in the R&B charts with "Oh Girl" also achieving the No. 1 slot in the pop charts in the spring of 1972; and

WHEREAS, three Top 10 R&B hits followed for the Chi-Lites: "Homely Girl", "There Will Never Be

Any Peace" and "Toby"; and

WHEREAS, in 1980 the group signed to Carl Davis' CHI-SOUND Records label and in 1982 the Chi-Lites single "Hot on a Thing (Called Love)" reached No. 15; and

WHEREAS, the following year the Chi-Lites' next Top 10 hit "Bottoms Up" came after signing with Larc Records; and

WHEREAS, in 2000 the Chi-Lites was inducted into the Rhythm and Blues Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the Chi-Lites' song, "Are You My Woman", was sampled and featured in Beyoncé's hit song Crazy In Love, winning Grammy Awards for Best R&B Song and Best Rap/Sung Collaboration; and

WHEREAS, the Chi-Lites' song, "That's How Long I Love You", is featured on Jay-Z's The Black Album song "December 4th"; 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 Chi-Lites for their essential contribution to the cultural health and viability of Cook County.

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Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING FATHER JAMES FINNO ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO AND AS PASTOR OF SAINT STEPHEN DEACON AND MARTYR CATHOLIC CHURCH, TINLEY PARK, ILLINOIS

WHEREAS, Father James Finno known by his congregants at Saint Stephen Deacon and Martyr Catholic Church, Tinley Park, as Father Jay, will retire from the Archdiocese of Chicago after forty-six years of faithful service; and

WHEREAS Father Jay, the oldest of the five children of James and Rita Finno, was born and raised on the southwest side of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Father Jay is a graduate of Saint Thomas More Grade School and Leo High School. His college and graduate work in theology were completed at the University of Saint Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, Illinois, the seminary for the Archdiocese of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Father Jay was ordained a priest on May 10, 1972. He was an associate pastor at Saint Mary in Evanston from 1972 to 1979, Infant Jesus of Prague in Flossmoor, 1979 to 1985 and Queen of Apostles in Riverdale 1985 to 1988; and from July 1, 1988 until October 31, 1999 was the pastor of Saint

Lawrence O'Toole in Matteson, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, in November, 1999, Father Jay founded Saint Stephen Deacon and Martyr Parish, in Tinley Park. The church has a congregation of nearly four thousand families and is one of the largest and newest Catholic Churches in the Archdiocese of Chicago. While his main work has always been as a parish priest, he has also been involved with various Archdiocesan Leadership roles including 3 years as a Dean and a variety of community and social action activities over the years; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County takes great pleasure in honoring Father James Finno on his retirement and herewith honors and thanks him for all that he has done bettering the lives of the citizens of Cook County, Illinois; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to Father James Finno on the occasion of his retirement.

[18-4154](#)

Sponsored by: DEBORAH SIMS, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, 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, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE MEMORY OF FRANK JONES, JR.

WHEREAS, God In infinite wisdom has called Frank Jones, Jr. from our midst on May 5, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Frank Jones, Jr. was born to Emmaline Jones and the late Frank Jones, Sr. on January 17, 1968; and

WHEREAS, he began his education at Melody Elementary School and graduated in 1982, later to attend John Marshall High School where he graduated in 1987; and

WHEREAS, Frank Jr. was liked by his teachers and respected by his peers, he was described by many as having "a heart of gold" like his father; and

WHEREAS, during his high school years Frank was a valuable player on the football team; and

WHEREAS, Frank Jr. worked a variety of jobs, however he conceded Washland was the best because there he met his wife Chevliion Woodard, and on August 27, 2007 they were united in Holy matrimony. To that union two children were born son Frank Jones III, and daughter Zaria Jones which he called his prize

possession; and

WHEREAS, his loving spirit and outgoing personality attracted many people that added to his friendship; and

WHEREAS, Frank was the life of his family and party, anyone who knew him simply loved him; and

WHEREAS, Frank Jones, Jr. was known as the “voice of 75 live” on Facebook and other social media sites his laughter and personality made it easy for people to “chat” with him and follow him on social media.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners, do hereby express their sorrow and heartfelt condolences to the family of Frank Jones Jr.

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING GUS REDMOND

WHEREAS, Gus Redmond, a renowned business manager, songwriter and event talent producer, is the Vice-President of Music Quest Communications LLC; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Redmond has exhibited outstanding leadership and organizational skills in the fields of marketing, public relations and promotional activities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Redmond has spent over the last fifty years working with the notable talent within the recording industry; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Redmond assisted in the success of more than 500 hit songs working with Carl Davis (Brunswick/CHI- SOUND Records), Al Bell (Staxx Records), John Hammond (Hammond Music), Ray Harris (AVI Records), Billy Ray Heard (Sparrow Records), Don Cornelius (Soul Train Records), Marshall Thompson (McRance Records) and dozens of other distributors, promoters and producers; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Redmond has also been involved in breaking new superstars around the U.S.A. for the last 50 years through an after-school program; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, Mr. Redmond began working with Marianne Eggleston, Dunn Pearson, Jr. and Donald Kasen, CEO at Peter Pan Industries (PPI Entertainment), to build an independent audio and video distribution company whose products reached multi-millions of dollars in sales; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Redmond also ventured in the creative side of the record business by co-writing such hits as “The Sly, Slick and the Wicked” by the Lost Generation and “Mellow Mellow Right On” by Lowell Simon, which was the source for numerous hit rap songs and samples including Chicago rapper, Common’s “Remind me of Self”; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Redmond currently oversees Music Quest’s national sales, marketing, and public relations, as well as develops strategies for new business partnerships and affiliate programs to increase and expose the Music Quest brand worldwide; 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 Gus Redmond and praise his essential contribution to the viability of Cook County.

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Sponsored by: STANLEY MOORE, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN CELEBRATION OF THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF EDDIE L. JONES, II

WHEREAS, Eddie L. Jones, II is a native of Cotton Plant Arkansas, and has been a long time resident in the Pill Hill community on the south side of Chicago. Eddie is the proud father of three adult children, Iesha, Matthew, and Meghan, and the grandfather of four grandchildren. He shares his life with his supportive significant other, Teresa Haley. In Eddie’s spare time he enjoys taking a cruise to different destinations in the country, and golfing with the fellas; and

WHEREAS, Eddie L. Jones, II is a proven leader in corporate and the private industries. He has earned his bachelor from the University of Illinois of Chicago (UIC); and

WHEREAS, Eddie L. Jones, II was a strong leader and skilled professional at IBM for more than thirty years. He excelled in auditing of internal processes, training and management development, which led to Eddie successfully developing hundreds of managers; and

WHEREAS, On June 20, 1971 Eddie L. Jones, II was initiated into Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. at Western Illinois University, Eta Eta Chapter. Eddie later transferred from Western Illinois University (WIU), and attended the University of Illinois of Chicago (UIC) and affiliated with Theta Chapter in Chicago where he was elected and served as chapter vice-president; and

WHEREAS, In 1976 when Eddie graduated from the University of Illinois of Chicago (UIC) he became the graduate advisor to Theta Chapter; and

WHEREAS, In 1978 Eddie L. Jones, II joined the Iota Delta Lambda Chapter and since joining has held several leadership positions including Athletics Director, Chapter Coordinator for the March of Dimes

Walk for Babies, and Chapter President for five terms; and

WHEREAS, In 1990 Eddie L. Jones's, II. dedication and passion to the constituency of providing security and serving others lead him to join the Alpha Security Team. He is currently Director of Security for the District of Illinois and the Midwestern Region, continuing to build positive working relationships across the country; and

WHEREAS, In 1992 Eddie L. Jones, II joined the IDEaL Education Foundation and currently serves as the Board Chairman. Eddie's demonstrated leadership for the community and his love for the fraternity has been the link to the foundations favorable outcomes and success. He has also been widely recognized, including being selected to carry the U.S. Olympic Torch in 1996; and

WHEREAS, In 2010 Eddie L. Jones, II launched his second career as a security professional becoming the principal of All Points Security Inc. Eddie's work in security has afforded him the opportunity to travel internationally as part of the U.S. Presidential Delegation with the Clinton Administration; and

WHEREAS, On May 19, 2018 Eddie L. Jones, II received the Iota Delta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Golden Anniversary Achievement and Legacy Award. A recognition that is bestowed upon a chapter member who have excelled in professional or career endeavors and given yeoman service to Iota Delta Lambda Chapter and Alpha Phi Alpha at all levels since affiliation with Iota Delta Lambda Chapter; and

WHEREAS, In the year of 2019 at the IDEaL Foundation Annual MLK Scholarship Luncheon, a named scholarship in Brother Eddie L. Jones, II honor will be awarded to a graduating African American male high school or college student; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Cook Board of Commissioners congratulates Brother Eddie L. Jones, II on receiving the Iota Delta Lambda Chapter's Golden Anniversary Achievement and Legacy Award; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution is spread upon the permanent record of Proceedings of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, and that a suitable copy of this resolution will be prepared and presented to Eddie L. Jones II. for his outstanding accomplishments.

[18-4161](#)

Sponsored by: DEBORAH SIMS, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, 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, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN MEMORY OF FRANK JONES, SR.

WHEREAS, God in His Infinite wisdom has called Frank Jones, Sr. from our midst on May 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Frank Jones Sr. was born on January 28, 1941 to the late Nathaniel and Laura Jones in Tunica, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Frank began his education at Tunica Elementary School in Tunica Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, In 1964 Frank married the love of his life Ms. Emmaline Ellis and to this union two children were born, one son Frank Jones Jr. and one daughter Marquita S. Childs; and

WHEREAS, Frank worked for St. Viator High School and Atlas Refinishing Company for over twenty years. He was a hard worker and provider for his family; and

WHEREAS, Frank accepted Christ and was baptized at an early age. He later joined Hazel Crest Assembly Church under the leadership of Suffragan Bishop Ellis G. Richards, where he enjoyed attending and often giving his testimony through a song; and

WHEREAS, in 1962 Johnnie Woolfalk found the gospel quartet group named “Inspirational Souls of Chicago” where Frank was the lead singer for the group; and

WHEREAS, Frank captivated the gospel audience with songs such as Rock My Soul, Great Things, and Close To Thee; and

WHEREAS, Frank’s loving spirit was heartfelt and immensely inviting. He was a phenomenal man with a melodious voice; and

WHEREAS, Frank had a genuine passion and love for singing. God gave him the voice and the gift to sing and Frank shared the work of God through song, his voice will never be forgotten and will be forever in our hearts; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners, do hereby express our sorrow and heartfelt condolences to the family of Frank Jones Sr.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

WHEREAS, National Small Business Week took place from April 29th to May 5th, 2018; and

WHEREAS, led by the U.S. Small Business Administration, Small Business Week recognizes outstanding small business owners and entrepreneurs throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, according to the SBA, more than half of Americans own or work for a small business, and entrepreneurs help to create two out of every three jobs in the United States every year; and

WHEREAS, the number of small business throughout the country has continued to rise since the first Small Business Week in 1963; and

WHEREAS, events are held across the country connecting small business owners and entrepreneurs together to learn more about what it takes to grow their businesses and be successful; and

WHEREAS, throughout Cook County small businesses continue to be the backbone of our economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby put forth this resolution commemorating National Small Business week, and honor all of the small businesses and entrepreneurs throughout the county.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING HANOVER PARK ON BEING ACCREDITED AS A SAFE COMMUNITY BY THE NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, Hanover Park became one of only thirty two communities in the entire nation to be accredited as a Safe Community by the National Safety Council; and

WHEREAS, the National Safety Council established the Safe Communities America program three years ago to acknowledge the efforts of communities in creating safe places to live; and

WHEREAS, under the program, stakeholders in the community must form a coalition aimed at addressing injury prevention in six areas; and

WHEREAS, the six major areas are violence and suicide prevention, elder adult falls, emergency preparedness, workplace safety, prescription drug overdose prevention, and traffic safety; and

WHEREAS, in Hanover Park the police department took on the task of leading the coalition by implementing multiple programs including a heroin and opioid prevention initiative; and

WHEREAS, the village also partnered with the American Red Cross to implement a free home alarm installation program, and create an elder falls program; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service also accredited the village as a StormReady community due to the work of the coalition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate the Village of Hanover Park on being named a Safe Community by the National Safety Council.