



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

Consent Agenda

Tuesday, June 26, 2018, 9:00 AM

Special Meeting to consider Honorary Resolutions on the Consent Calendar

Second Set

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE 29TH ANNUAL AFRICAN FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

WHEREAS, The Annual African Festival of the Arts is a four-day celebration of African and African diaspora culture in the Midwest, one of the largest celebrations attracting more than 175,000 visitors annually; and

WHEREAS, Chicago's historic Washington Park is transformed into an authentic African village to encourage and foster the education about the traditions of Africa; and

WHEREAS, the Annual African Festival of the Arts is comprised of five distinct areas each representing a center of culture and commerce on the African continent: *Nubia* (fine arts); *Kush* (wearable arts); *Songhay* (African arts & crafts, collectibles and natural products); *Timbuktu* (African fabric and fashions); and *Bank of the Nile* (food court); and

WHEREAS, attendees are encouraged to enjoy this family-focused celebration that offers African-influenced food, dance traditions, and more than 300 vendors and artisans with artifacts, textiles, traditional crafts, and museum-quality art; and

WHEREAS, The Annual African Festival of the Arts is nationally recognized for its outstanding entertainment that includes national and international artists performing every genre of music from traditional African reggae to R&B-hip hop; and

WHEREAS, The Annual African Festival of the Arts was founded by Liberian-born business leader Patrick S. K. Woodtor and is now run by Africa International House; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 29th Annual African Festival of the Arts; 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 Annual African Festival of the Arts and praise its essential cultural and educational contribution to the residents of Cook County.

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF THE HONORABLE GEORGE N. LEIGHTON

WHEREAS, the Honorable George Neves Leighton, née Leitão, was born on October 22, 191 in New Bedford, Massachusetts to Ana Silva Garcia and António Neves Leitão; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable George N. Leighton's surname was changed to Leighton after an elementary school teacher claimed she could not pronounce Leitão; and

WHEREAS, he was raised in New Bedford and Cape Cod, Massachusetts, where as a child he worked picking cranberries and blueberries with his parents; and

WHEREAS, agricultural work limited his educational studies, only completing up to the 7th grade before leaving at the age of 17 to work on an oil tanker sailing to the Dutch West Indies; and

WHEREAS, despite never completing high school, the Honorable George N. Leighton used his free time reading and also attended night school; and

WHEREAS, with great perseverance and skills, he won a scholarship competition and was admitted to Howard University in 1936, graduating magna cum laude four years later; and

WHEREAS, in 1940, he was drafted into military service where he became Captain of Infantry before being relieved of active duty in 1945; and

WHEREAS, upon his return, he attended Harvard University Law School and earned a Bachelor of Laws degree in 1946; and

WHEREAS, soon after graduation, the Honorable George N. Leighton and his wife, Virginia Berry Quivers, moved to Chicago, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, after passing the Illinois Bar exam in 1947, he quickly rose within the legal and African-American community as an attorney who fought for equality in voting rights, the school system and housing; and

WHEREAS, one of his most notable civil rights cases was advising an African-American family it was their constitutional right to move to a predominantly white neighborhood in Cicero, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the case sparked a race riot and shed light on housing inequalities the African-American

community faced; and

WHEREAS, in 1951, he co-founded Moore, Ming, and Leighton which became one of the largest predominantly African-American law firms in the nation; and

WHEREAS, in 1969, he was assigned to sit as a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals in Illinois' First District; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, President Gerald Ford nominated him to serve as a U.S. District Court judge; and

WHEREAS, after retiring from the U.S. District Court, he continued working at the firm Langdon Neal until his retirement at age 99; and

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2012, the Cook County courthouse located at 26th and California was renamed "The Honorable George N. Leighton Criminal Court Building" in honor of his legal career as a civil rights attorney; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable George N. Leighton was an exemplary leader, judge, humanitarian and civil rights advocate who contributed to the improvement of the community in Cook County and everywhere he went; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable George N. Leighton passed away on June 6, 2018 in Brockton, Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by two daughters, Virginia Anne and Barbara Elaine, five grandchildren and eight great grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable George N. Leighton will be sorely missed by friends, family and colleagues throughout Cook County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, 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 the Honorable George N. Leighton and honor the life and memory of this outstanding leader.

[18-4505](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING ST. JOSEPH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH AND PROVIDENCE ST. MEL'S SCHOOL SUPPORT IN THE REMEMBRANCE OF JUNETEENTH NATIONAL HOLIDAY

WHEREAS, in recognition of the efforts of Reverend Donald McFadden of St. Joseph Missionary Baptist Church, Adrienne Turner at Providence St. Mel's School, and the African-American Awareness & Appreciation Parade Celebrating committee for hosting the 4th Annual Juneteenth National Holiday Observance and Flag Raising Ceremony; and

WHEREAS, St. Joseph Missionary Baptist Church, Providence St. Mel's School, and the African-American Awareness & Appreciation Parade Celebrating committee formed a partnership to promote and educate the community about the remembrance of the Juneteenth national holiday; and

WHEREAS, this partnership is celebrating its 4th Annual Juneteenth National Holiday Observance and Flag Raising Ceremony; and

WHEREAS, for 150 years, Juneteenth, also known as Emancipation Day, continues to be the most recognized African-American holiday observance in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth commemorates the day freedom was proclaimed to all slaves in the south by Union Army General Gordon Granger on June 19, 1865 in Galveston, Texas, more than two and a half years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation by President Abraham Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, in December of 1992, Reverend McFadden was elected Pastor of Saint Joseph Missionary Baptist Church, a historical landmark church committed to transforming lives on the westside of Chicago, Cook County and worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Providence St. Mel is home to more than 600 students from all walks of life. Since 1978, 100 percent of its seniors have been accepted to college, its academic accomplishments recognized by United States presidents; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme, *Juneteenth struggle: Conquering Our Past, Commemoration Our Present, and Committing to Our Future*, underscores the noteworthiness of the committee's efforts to remind and educate our youth about Juneteenth; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Donald McFadden of St. Joseph Missionary Baptist Church, along with Adrienne Hawkins-Turner, educator at Providence St. Mel's and the co-founder/coordinator of the

African-American Awareness & Appreciation Parade Celebrating committee, put together the annual parade and activities such as workshops, games, flag raising, food, marching bands, and speeches promoting unity and respect; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf residents of Cook County, hereby recognize the extraordinary efforts of the African-American Awareness & Appreciation Parade Celebrating committee instituting this critical educational remembrance of Juneteenth and its essential contribution to the educational viability of Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be shared with the official coordinating committee: Rev. Donald McFadden of St. Joseph Missionary Baptist Church, Adrienne Turner of Providence St. Mel's School, and the African-American Awareness & Appreciation Parade Celebrating committee.

[18-4506](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF IVORY D. MITCHELL

WHEREAS, Ivory D. Mitchell was born on November 18, 1924 in St. Louis, Missouri to John and Virgie Mitchell; and

WHEREAS, Mitchell completed his Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Public Administration from American University in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, he served his country as a member of the U.S. Air Force for 41 years, retiring with the rank of Major; and

WHEREAS, Mitchell's career and passion focused on civil rights and education; and

WHEREAS, in college he organized inter-racial groups for discussions and lectures on campus and in nearby communities; and

WHEREAS, he later became an active member of Christ the Mediator Lutheran Church in Chicago and received education and social responsibility through the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity; and

WHEREAS, Mitchell worked as Branch Chief of the Office of Civil Rights of the Department of Education, where he conducted investigations and compliance reviews throughout the midwest focusing on major civil rights laws including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, Title IX promoting women's and minority rights in educational institutions and the rights of persons with disabilities, and educational funding for low-income children through section 504 legislation and the Emergency School Aid Act (E.S.E.A.); and

WHEREAS, after his retirement from the Department of Education, he served as political consultant to hundreds of elected representatives, among them the late Mayor Harold Washington, Cook County Board President John Stroger and former President Barack Obama (State Senator and U.S. Senatorial campaigns); and

WHEREAS, as part of his commitment to open, effective and good government, Mitchell joined Independent Voters of Illinois-Independent Political Organization (IVI-IPO) where he served terms as State Chair and South Chapter Chair, receiving numerous special awards on this leadership; and

WHEREAS, Mitchell affirmed his commitment to education and the future of the youth by sponsoring many young adults for aviation flight training at the Gary-Chicago airport; and

WHEREAS, Mitchell was part of the historic Black Tuskegee Airman program; and

WHEREAS, Ivory D. Mitchell passed away on May 28, 2018; and

WHEREAS, he will be sorely missed by friends, family and colleagues throughout Cook County; 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 and honor the life and memory of Ivory D. Mitchell.

[18-4524](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF REVEREND WALLACE WYATT SYKES

WHEREAS, Reverend Wallace Wyatt Sykes was born on December 21, 1923 in Starkville, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Sykes moved to Maywood, Illinois in 1943 and joined Second Baptist Church shortly afterward; and

WHEREAS, in 1957, Rev. Sykes entered into ministry studying at the historic Chicago Baptist Institute and obtained postgraduate degrees from Northeastern Illinois University and the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Lombard; and

WHEREAS, in 1961, Rev. Sykes was ordained and became pastor of Second Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, in 1965, Rev. Sykes was given an honorary doctorate from the board of trustees of the

Easonian Baptist Theological Seminary in Birmingham, Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, the Second Baptist Church, one of the oldest in Maywood, grew into one of town's most prominent institutions under the leadership of Rev. Sykes; and

WHEREAS, as part of Rev. Sykes' emphasis on education, Second Baptist Church established the Maple Tree Child Learning Center, supported the Hayden Memorial Educational Fund and supported the Pam's Pennies Educational Fund; and

WHEREAS, Joe Freelon, Maywood's first African American mayor, was a longtime chairman of Second Baptist Church board and a close friend of Rev. Sykes;

WHEREAS, Venida Perkins, Maywood's first African-American Village Clerk, served on the mother's board of Second Baptist Church for many years; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Sykes' influence was felt beyond the walls of his church and acknowledged on several occasions when the village named a portion of Washington Boulevard in his honor; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Sykes was a kind and compassionate man with a vision, virtuous of character and love for his god, education and Maywood; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Wallace Wyatt Sykes passed away on May 19, 2018; and

WHEREAS, he will be sorely missed by friends, family and colleagues throughout Cook County; 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 Reverend Wallace Wyatt Sykes; 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 Reverend Wallace Wyatt Sykes and the Maywood Historical Society so that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

[18-4529](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING PRIDE MONTH IN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month is celebrated each year in the month of June; and

WHEREAS, Pride Month commemorates the anniversary of the Stonewall Riots that occurred in the Manhattan borough of New York City in June 1969; and

WHEREAS, the Stonewall Riots were a series of demonstrations in which members of the LGBT community protested police raids and harassment; and

WHEREAS, the Stonewall Riots marked the beginning of the modern LGBT rights movement; and

WHEREAS, a year after the Stonewall Riots, Chicago held its first Pride Parade on June 27, 1970, with approximately 200 people in attendance; and

WHEREAS, the annual Chicago Pride Parade is now iconic and one of the largest Pride events in the country in which residents throughout Cook County and the nation have the opportunity to celebrate and stand as one with the LGBT community, their families and friends; and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2015 the Supreme Court of the United States ruled all fifty states perform and recognize the marriages of same-sex couples, a historic point for equality in the LGBT community; and

WHEREAS, the LGBT community is an important contributor to the diverse and vibrant communities across Cook County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, hereby proclaim the month of June 2018 to be PRIDE MONTH IN COOK COUNTY; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby recommit to strengthening the advancement of equality for the LGBT community of Cook County.

[18-4457](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING LARRY PIEKARZ FOR HIS DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF FOREST PARK

WHEREAS, Larry Piekarz has served the Park District of Forest Park since 1989, and

WHEREAS, Larry became the director of the Park District in 2006, and

WHEREAS, he has dedicated himself to making sure the Park District is accessible to each and every resident of the Village, and

WHEREAS, in his tenure at the Park District, the number of programs has grown from six to more than 40, and

WHEREAS, Larry has been a bridge builder between the Village, Park District, residents and local businesses in order to make sure the Parks can offer all of those programs and the popular Fourth of July fireworks, and

WHEREAS, Larry has grown the annual No Gloves Nationals tournament to include both local and out of town attendees, putting Forest Park on the map of top recreational locations in the country, and

WHEREAS, under Larry's leadership, the Roos Recreation Center, offering Forest Park residents a state-of-the-art facility, became a reality, and

WHEREAS, Larry has been a tireless advocate for Forest Park in securing hundreds of thousands in grant funding, and many of those projects will boost Forest Park's image in the years to come, and

WHEREAS, Larry has been an outstanding advocate for the residents of Forest park and that work has benefitted all of the Western Suburbs, and

WHEREAS, the entirety of the First District looks forward to the continued efforts Larry will put forth and thanks him for his decades of service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners that Larry Piekarz is thanked and honored for his decades of service to the public and congratulated on the occasion of his retirement.

[18-4459](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE REVEREND JAMES BASS ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 98TH BIRTHDAY

WHEREAS, Reverend James Bass was born on May 7th, 1920 in Doberville, Mississippi, and;

WHEREAS, Reverend Bass began school at age six, and had a very early calling into the ministry, and;

WHEREAS, Reverend Bass was known around the town as “The Boy Preacher”, and;

WHEREAS, Reverend Bass preached his first sermon in September 1938 and it was titled “Preaching as the Fires Burns,” and;

WHEREAS, Reverend Bass was ordained as a minister at Mt. Laton in 1941 while still working on his family’s farm, and;

WHEREAS, on December 7th 1941 Reverend Bass was drafted into the United States Army, and he served three years in World War II, and;

WHEREAS, Reverend Bass was promoted to Corporal in 1944 and was sent to the South Pacific, India, and New Guinea, and there he became the chaplain on the field and conducted worship services, and;

WHEREAS, on June 7th 1945 Reverend Bass was discharged and returned to his family in Mississippi and continued his ministerial career, and;

WHEREAS, Reverend Bass was first called to Pastor in 1950 by the Mt. Israel Baptist Church in Drew, Mississippi, and;

WHEREAS, in December of 1955 Reverend Bass was invited to Detroit, Michigan, to conduct a revival for Rev. J.P. Montgomery at Mt. Canaan Baptist Church. After the revival, he stopped through Chicago to visit and ended up preaching his first sermon at the Open Door Baptist Church, and;

WHEREAS, in 1956 Reverend Bass founded Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church in Chicago with 19 chartered members, and;

WHEREAS, In 1967 Reverend Bass was united in holy matrimony to Helyn Maxcine Julius, and they had two children, James Vincent Elliot Bass and Vikkeda Elisa Jacque Bass, and;

WHEREAS, On October 5th 1980 Reverend Bass and the Mt. Olive family purchased its present building at 5729 W. Chicago Ave, and;

WHEREAS, Reverend Bass was the pastor of Mt. Olive for 45 years, and;

WHEREAS, Reverend Bass believes that with God, all things are possible, and;

WHEREAS, Reverend Bass turned 98 this year, and he thanks God for all of his blessings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Reverend James Bass is honored by the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners for his service to the Gospel and for his dedication to all of Cook County on the occasion of his 98th birthday.

[18-4523](#)

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

JOHN P “JACK” CASTO, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called John P. “Jack” Casto from our midst; and

WHEREAS, John P. “Jack” Casto was the beloved life partner of the Cathy Clancy Szul; and

WHEREAS, John P. “Jack” Casto was loved as a father by Richard, Beau (Lauren), Dave and Nick (Gigi); and

WHEREAS John P. “Jack” Casto was loved as a grandpa by Lyla; and

WHEREAS, John P. “Jack” Casto was the loving son of the late Sam and Mary Murphy Casto; and

WHEREAS, John P. “Jack” Casto was loved as a brother by Ken (the late Diane), Bill (Rebecca), Carl (Regina) Courtrighth and Carol (Larry) Sterling and Bill and Ann McGann; and

WHEREAS, John P. “Jack” Casto was a proud South Sider who was raised in the Christ the King Parish in Chicago’s Beverly neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, John P. “Jack” Casto was a graduate of Mt Carmel High School and an active member of the school’s alumni community; and

WHEREAS, John P. “Jack” Casto was the one-time owner and longtime bartender at Ken’s on Western Avenue where he was known for his wonderful storytelling and generous personality; and

WHEREAS, all who knew him will attest that John P. “Jack” Casto was a kind and compassionate man, virtuous of character and gentle in spirit, admired and respected by his many friends and neighbors, and dearly loved by his 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 John P. “Jack” Casto 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 John P. “Jack” Casto so that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

[18-4497](#)

Sponsored by: DENNIS DEER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING REVEREND LESLIE SANDERS & HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 121st YEAR ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, On Sunday, August 25, 2018, Hope Presbyterian Church will celebrate its 121st Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Hope Presbyterian was organized in 1897 under the direction of Rev. I.W. Nicholson and a few members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church who moved from Bowling Green, Kentucky to Chicago and settled in the West Englewood community who felt that Presbyterian witness should be organized in this area; and

WHEREAS, The first installed Pastor was the Rev. George Washington Camp in 1909 and with hard work and various fundraisers, the members were able to purchase lots at 61st Street and Loomis Boulevard. Ground was broken for the present edifice in 1911 and the building was completed in 1913. The members actually built the church; and

WHEREAS, In 1911, the congregation called the Rev. C. Lee Jefferson and moved in the present building with the financial assistance of the Presbytery. Through World Wars I and II and the Great Depression, Hope Church continued to grow and develop; and

WHEREAS, In early 1941, the church called the Rev. Herbert W. Jones who’s long and successful tenure ended in June of 1980. Under his leadership, the church began to show new life and growth. Tragedy struck in November 1967 when the Sanctuary was severely burned, but the congregation was

determined to rebuild and refurbish the Sanctuary in one year. With the great desire to progress, the congregation also erected the beautiful, multipurpose Christian Education Center at the cost of \$250,000; and

WHEREAS, In February 1986, Rev. Dr. Floyd N. Rhodes recommended The Rev. Leslie Sanders to Hope Church. In March 1987, Rev. Sanders was installed as Pastor and brought a dynamic style of preaching, a unique leadership ability, and an abundance of energy and enthusiasm. Under his leadership the church is experiencing rapid growth spiritually, numerically and financially; and

WHEREAS, Under the leadership of Pastor Sanders, Hope Presbyterian has organized the Voices of Hope and Angelic Choirs, reinstated the Usher Board and responsible for the development of various ministries including: Lincoln/Hope Day care program, the 50 Plus senior's group; young peoples' summer work and tutoring programs in conjunction with ComEd and the office of the Mayor, established a Saturday Feeding Program which serves hot and nutritious meals to indigent individuals in the Englewood Community; and

WHEREAS, Hope Presbyterian Church is a true beacon of hope for the Englewood community it has served for 121 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that President Toni Preckwinkle and Cook County Board of Commissioners, and on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County do hereby congratulate Pastor Leslie Sanders and Hope Presbyterian Church on the occasion of its 121st Anniversary and for the important and commendable service and leadership it provides to its congregation and surrounding community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this resolution be spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body and a ceremonial copy be given to Pastor Leslie Sanders in commemoration of this auspicious occasion.

[18-4508](#)

Sponsored by: DENNIS DEER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING REVEREND WILLIAM MARTIN & TRUE VINE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH 100TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, On Sunday, July 5, 2018, True Vine Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate its 100th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, In July 1918, Reverend John Sharpe met with a group of 3 Baptist believers at 27th and Federal to share his vision of establishing a church. Four years later, True Vine Missionary Baptist Church moved to 3409 S. Dearborn and Rev. Sharpe served as pastor until October 1929; and

WHEREAS, In 1929, Rev. J.W. Stewart was installed as pastor of True Vine Missionary Baptist Church and the membership paid and burned the mortgage for the church in 1944; Four years later, the church was forced to sell the property due to new development and relocated to 5920-22 South State Street; and

WHEREAS, Rev. J.W. Stewart served as pastor until his demise on December 29, 1966 and the church remained without a pastor until Rev. Joe O. Bonds was called on September 3, 1967. The church was in great financial distress but within two years, the church became debt free and grew both spiritually and financially and began saving for a new church home; and

WHEREAS, In January 1979, True Vine Missionary Baptist Church congregation purchased the St. Bartholomew Church located at 6720 South Stewart for \$225,000 and on January 27, 1980 the congregation marched from 5920 South State to their new church home at 6720 S. Stewart on a cold winter snow day; and

WHEREAS, In July 1983, Pastor Bonds was elected Moderator of Salem Baptist District Association making True Vine the first church of the district. He faithfully served three successful years in that office; and

WHEREAS, In 1995, True Vine Missionary Baptist Church burned the mortgage to their current church home and Reverend Edwin Lee Jones became Assistant Pastor, and served as Pastor until 2014; and

WHEREAS, On August 13, 2014, Pastor William A. Martin was elected as Pastor of the True Vine Missionary Baptist Church. Under his leadership, True Vine offers several ministries to fully serve their community such as an Annual "Love Community Day", Community Fest and Health Fair, after school programs, and has also opened their doors to CPS Alternative Program to host violence prevention sessions. The church has partnered with the National Children Hunger Fund Program, providing lunches

bi-weekly in addition to providing scholarships to eighth graders and high school students; and

WHEREAS, True Vine Missionary Baptist Church is a true beacon of hope for the Englewood community it has served for 100 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that President Toni Preckwinkle and Cook County Board of Commissioners, and on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County do hereby congratulate Pastor William A. Martin and True Vine Missionary Baptist Church on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary and for the important and commendable service and leadership it provides to its congregation and surrounding community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this resolution be spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body and a ceremonial copy be given to Pastor William A. Martin in commemoration of this auspicious occasion.

WHEREAS, write your text in each clause, separate with a semicolon, each clause should end with this; and

WHEREAS, repeat this for as many Whereas clauses you have; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby do what you are suggesting or endorsing with this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this is where you ask for further action or where you ask for ceremonial copies of your resolution to be sent to the person or organizations being memorialized.

[18-4530](#)

Sponsored by: DENNIS DEER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING ALDERMAN MICHAEL SCOTT JR, NATASHEE SCOTT AND LAUREN RAYMOND FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE IN PROVIDING CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL, AND MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES IN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, The Westside Cultural Foundation (“WCF”) was established in 2012 in an effort to create cultural and educational outlets for the youth, adults, and seniors residing on the West Side of Chicago to support the Chicago Westside Music Festival (WSMF) a free concert produced on the West Side of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, WCF is an emerging organization, led by its President and CEO, Natashee Scott, JD, MBA and its Executive Director Lauren Raymond, JD are skilled, experienced leaders committed to developing a stable, sustainable best practices organization; and

WHEREAS, WCF programs are WSMF and Alvin Ailey Dance Camp are designed to make Chicago's West Side a destination for arts and culture, and build community cohesion; and

WHEREAS, WCF has successfully produced WSMF for six consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, On August 18, 2018, WSF will continue the tradition by producing its 7th consecutive free outdoor music concert prompting Chicago's West Side as a safe destination for music, summer festival and family fun. It offers a full day and evening of events in Douglas Park showcasing arts and culture in an area often overlooked; and

WHEREAS, the day is hosted by 24th ward Alderman Michael Scott Jr., for more than 1,500 children and 250 seniors and ends with a concert featuring local as well as national headliners; and

WHEREAS, WSMF has seen more than 45,000 attendees. Each year, 40-50 individuals volunteers support the event along with \$175,000 in sponsorships and \$25,000 in-kind donations; and

WHEREAS, WCF also co-hosts a free six week Ailey Camp summer camp held at George W. Collins High School in the North Lawndale Community. Now in its third year, the camp serves up to 100 youth annually. The Ailey Camp is a well renowned national program for young people ages 11-14 to learn to dance, develop, discipline, and explore their own creativity. It is designed to assist youth to develop their self confidence in a warm, respected and trusted atmosphere. Attendees are offered classes from experienced trained artist in styles of West African, Jazz, and ballet. Campers also participate in workshops to build leadership, problem solving and communication skills and enjoy a variety of athletic and social activities. In addition WCF host a array of events specifically geared to seniors which includes co-sponsors of a holiday gift program and proud sponsors of the 21st annual Christmas in the Wards, an organization dedicated to providing Christmas gifts to thousands of children in need across the City of Chicago.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on behalf of the President, the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the 5.4 million residents of Cook County take great pleasure in honoring and celebrating Alderman Michael Scott Jr, Natashee Scott and Lauren Raymond for their leadership, dedication and commitment to the West side of Chicago transforming lives through cultural, educational and music experiences, herewith express our sincere gratitude for your service to the community.

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 Alderman Michel Scott Jr, Natashee Scott and Lauren Raymond in honor of this auspicious occasion.

[18-4531](#)

Sponsored by: DENNIS DEER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING DONALD DEW FOR HIS TIRELESS LEADERSHIP, DEDICATION, AND COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE AND SERVICE IN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, Donald Dew has served as President/CEO of Habilitative Systems, Inc. (HSI), a vital Chicago-based health and human services organization providing program and services for thousands of children and families in need since 1984; and

WHEREAS, Donald Dew is a graduate of Harvard University/s Business School,” Strategic Perspectives in Non- Profit Management Program; and

WHEREAS, He received his Master of Social Work (M.S.W.) degree in 1980 from Jane Adams College of Social Work at the University of Illinois; B.A. in Social Work from Lewis University in 1978, where he currently serves as Adjunct Faculty for Organizational Leadership within the College of Arts and Sciences; and

WHEREAS, in 1991-1992 Donald Dew was a Fellow in the Leadership Greater Chicago Program presented by the Chicago Community Trust, earned his Certification in Business Administration from the University of Illinois in 1992 and became a Switzer Scholar in 1998; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Donald Dew, HSI has employed workers with disabilities to manufacture pillows to various airlines and Amtrak, developed Ameritech-HIS Bill Payment Center; acquired a Service Master franchise; developed HIS Research Institute; secured over 20 million dollars over the past 15 years from HUD and the Chicago Department of Housing to develop 160 units of senior and disability housing; and

WHEREAS, Donald Dew has been the receipt of numerous awards throughout his career. They include: 1997 National Association of Black Journalists Community Service Award; 1998 Lewis University Distinguished Alumni Award, 2005 RUSH University Medical Center MLK Humanitarian Award and the 2012 Westside Minister’s Coalition Human Service Award just to name a few. In addition, he also is a member of the National Association of Social Workers, National Association of Black Social Workers and an active member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. NU Pi Chapter; and

WHEREAS, Cook County Government acknowledges Donald Dew for transforming lives through Habilitative Systems, Inc. (HSI) providing quality health and human services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on behalf of the President, the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the 5.4 million residents of Cook County take great pleasure in honoring and

celebrating Mr. Donald Dew for his leadership, dedication and commitment as President and CEO of Habilitative Systems, Inc. herewith express our sincere gratitude for your service to the community.

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 Mr. Donald Dew in honor of this auspicious occasion

[18-4527](#)

Sponsored by: STANLEY MOORE, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 10TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST LADIES HEALTH INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, The First Ladies Health Initiative pilot program began in June, 2008 in Chicago, with 13 First Ladies collectively representing churches across the city. It was an historic, city-wide health day to provide information and screenings for diabetes, hypertension, HIV/AIDS, hepatitis C, mental illness, breast cancer, Alzheimer's and other diseases along with flu immunizations; and

WHEREAS, The First Ladies Health Initiative is designed to bring awareness to illnesses that disproportionately affect African-Americans and Latinos and to offer FREE health screenings to individuals in their communities; and

WHEREAS, The First Ladies Health Initiative is sponsored by Walgreens and managed by Chicago's African American public relations agency, Danielle Ashley Group with Tracey Alston as the executive director. The Initiative also consist of many participating healthcare providers such as Harmony Well Care, Gilead, Pfizer, the Illinois Department of Public Health, American Diabetes Association, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois, Haymarket Center, the American Heart Association, as well as the Coalition of the Willing which comprises over 30 healthcare companies, government agencies, nonprofit organizations, NBC-5 Chicago, pharmaceutical and nursing students; and thousands of volunteers, including members of the LINKS and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity; and

WHEREAS, Collaboratively the First Ladies, Danielle Ashley Group, and Walgreens initiated an HIV/AIDS Task Force which culminated in the formation of the Walgreens First Ladies Health Day; and

WHEREAS, The First Ladies Health Day which is the largest health day in the nation of its kind is held annually in Chicago, IL., Gary, IN., Los Angeles, Orange County, CA., and Cincinnati, OH. The program begins with a luncheon that's attended by nearly 200 pastor's wives, who hear information from medical professionals on how to educate their communities about various illnesses; and

WHEREAS, Since 2009 the First Ladies Health Day has provided free health screening to over 30K people throughout Chicago, surrounding states and now California; and

WHEREAS, On May 20, 2012 The Inaugural First Ladies Los Angeles Health Screening Day took place; and

WHEREAS, In June of 2014, the Danielle Ashley Group was the only African American, women-owned agency at the Public Relations Society of America Ceremony in New York City. Mrs. Tracey Alston was awarded the Silver Anvil Award of Excellence, in the public service (Partnerships) category for developing the First Ladies Health Initiative in Chicago and Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, In 2015 The First Ladies Health Initiative, had enabled more than 75,000 individuals to get screened for illnesses. The effort has expanded to now include Gary, IN, Los Angeles, Orange County, CA, and Cincinnati, OH; and

WHEREAS, In 2016 in Chicago, three predominately Hispanic house of worships: Christian Fellowship Flock South, Iglesia Bautista Casa Degracia, and Rebano Church became a part of The First Ladies Health Initiative program; and

WHEREAS, The result was the First Ladies Health Initiative which has expanded tremendously- starting with the wives of 13 pastors in Chicago to 172 First Ladies across all denominations between the ages of 31-83 from Chicago, Gary, Los Angeles, Orange County, and Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, Tracey Alston, the founder of Danielle Ashley Group and the executive director of the First Ladies Health Initiative says she's proud to be a part of a true sisterhood of organized women working together for the health of the community; and

WHEREAS, Walgreens Corporation support of the First Ladies Health Initiative started when it launched; and, today, they continue to share a common mission of creating healthier communities; and

WHEREAS, On June 16, 2018 we recognize and celebrate the 10th year anniversary and officially kickoff the First Ladies Health Initiative for 2018; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners congratulates, and recognize the outstanding achievements of the First Ladies Health Initiative for nearly saving hundreds of thousands of lives; 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 the First Ladies Health Initiative.

[18-4462](#)

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, 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, DEBORAH SIMS and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

REMEMBERING AND HONORING THE LIFE OF DAVID WAYNE HIRSCHBOECK

WHEREAS, David Wayne Hirschboeck passed away April 11, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hirschboeck was a career Cook County Assistant Public Defender; and

WHEREAS, for thirty years, from 1973 to 2003, Mr. Hirschboeck proudly, tirelessly and without hesitation represented those underserved individuals who could not afford to hire their own attorneys; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hirschboeck served as a teacher, supervisor, mentor and an inspiration to younger and less-experienced attorneys in the Cook County Public Defenders Office; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hirschboeck served as an attorney in every division of the Public Defenders Office and in every courthouse in the Cook County Public; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hirschboeck was initially assigned as an attorney to the Appellate Division; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hirschboeck was later assigned as an attorney to the Juvenile Division; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hirschboeck eventually he was assigned as an attorney to the Felony Trial Division where he became a member of the Murder Task Force; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hirschboeck served as a supervisor in the Juvenile and Felony Trial Divisions; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hirschboeck was a 1965 high school graduate of Fenwick High School in Oak Park, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hirschboeck was a 1969 college graduate of Notre Dame University in South Bend, Indiana, where he was a boxer competing in Notre Dame's Bengal Bouts boxing matches; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hirschboeck was a 1972 law school graduate of The Georgetown School of Law in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hirschboeck was the father of three children, Rebecca, Johanna, and Peter; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hirschboeck was married to Stephanie who was also a thirty year Cook County Assistant Public Defender; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County commemorates the extraordinary life of David Wayne Hirschboeck, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable and innumerable contributions he has made to the Citizens of Cook County, Illinois; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to the family of David Wayne Hirschboeck.

[18-4464](#)

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

REMEMBERING JOHN ROBERT FRAZIER

WHEREAS, World War II Veteran and treasured community leader John Frazier died on May 14, 2018 at the age of ninety-one. During his ninety-one years he dutifully served his country, his community, his family and his church leaving a profound and lasting impression on each; and

WHEREAS, John Robert Frazier was born May 1, 1927 in Abbeville, South Carolina. He was the second of seven children; and

WHEREAS, as a Sergeant, John Frazier served for more than three years during World War II in the 20th Air Force in Guam and 13th Air Force in the Philippines. He later joined the Veteran of Foreign Wars, William Snell Post 7186 in 1954. Throughout the years he held a number of leadership roles at the William Snell Post. He served as Post Commander and also as Post Adjutant for over thirty years. He will long be remembered at the VFW for his role in chairing the Snell Post 50th Anniversary in 1996; he tirelessly researched and memorialized the original founding members; and

WHEREAS, John Fraizer was a lifelong advocate of equality and justice. He was a member of the NAACP and was selected to be the Democratic Precinct Captain in the Second Ward of Evanston; and

WHEREAS, John Fraizer was a fixture at the Kenilworth Union Church. He worked as Superintendent of Building and Grounds full time for forty-two years and part-time for nine years prior to retiring in 1990; and

WHEREAS, John Frazier's commitment and leadership were regularly recognized by the community and he received numerous honors. In 2013, he received the Interfaith Action Vision Keepers Award and in 2017, he also received the Forest E. Powell Foundation Award. In 2008, he received the Nathan Branch Award for Faith as a visionary exemplifying perseverance, self-control and brotherly kindness; and

WHEREAS, John Fraizer was a treasured member of the Second Baptist Church, which he joined in 1989. He was later ordained a Deacon of the church on April 9, 2006 and he spent a his time on behalf of the church he loved visiting the sick and those unable to travel to church, praying with them, serving communion and occasionally transporting them to doctor's appointments. He was an active member of the Seniors Ministry, Marriage Ministry, Bible Study, Advent Bible Study and Community Bible Study. He acted as the official videographer for the Media Ministry for eight years; and

WHEREAS, John Frazier's exceptional interpersonal skills made him a highly successful and charismatic leader. He joined the Foster Senior Club in July 2006. As President, he successfully doubled the club's membership in two years. He helped organize numerous field trips and facilitated meetings that covered critical topics like healthcare, current events and Black History; and

WHEREAS, John Fraizer enjoyed reading, watching basketball, football, baseball and golf and he spent many joyful hours with his beloved great-grandchildren, Reina and Sianna; and

WHEREAS, John Frasier had a passion for travel, he was particularly inspired by his trip to the Holy Lands with a group from Kenilworth Union Church. Along with his devoted wife Jackie, he enjoyed travel throughout the United States and the Caribbean Islands; and

WHEREAS, the community has lost a great friend in John Frasier. He will be missed by scores but his loss will be felt most acutely by his beloved wife Jackie, who spent many happy years at his side, his children, his grand-children and his great-grandchildren along with his dear friends Gerri Sizemore, Martha Edwards and Elizabeth Cox; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County commemorates the extraordinary life of John Robert Frazier, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable and innumerable contributions he has made to the Citizens of Cook County, Illinois; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to the family of John Robert Frazier.