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Sponsored by: STANLEY MOORE, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE OF FREDRICK “FRED” GEORGE FLOYD JONES

“Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom the master has put in charge of the servants in his household to give them their food at the proper time” *Matthew 24:45 NIV*

WHEREAS, Mr. Fredrick George Floyd Jones would accept his heavenly call February 28, 2018; not only is this the loss of a devoted son and brother, but a treasured friend, advisor, entrepreneur, and faithful servant; and

WHEREAS, Fredrick George Floyd Jones had a passion for education, capitalism, and politics. He was a proud graduate of DePaul & Northwestern University, a former employee of Arthur Anderson, a life member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, a member of the National Association of Black Accountants, the National Association of Black MBA's, and a Prince Hall Mason. Fredrick George Floyd Jones has walked many miles in this journey of life; and

WHEREAS, Fredrick, affectionately known as “Kapitalist1”, lived an unselfish life having a patriarchal presence; by dedicating his time, resources, and love to all those he believed in and trusted. Often he would share his favorite quote “You measure what you have to gain by what you have to lose.” As he took on the role of educating and advising his friends, family, and leaders from various sectors with a venture of focus and passion; and

WHEREAS, his commitment to figuring out how to maximize the best profitable outcome, from any scenario was exemplified through his discernment, patience, and perseverance; and

WHEREAS, the passing of our beloved Fredrick George Floyd Jones, is the absence of the body; we are assured he is in the presence of the Lord. For his modeling of faith consoles us to know that God will never leave us nor forsake us; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Cook 4th District community embraces the family; that the memories of his Earthly presence will encourage comfort in the time of sorrow and yet the celebration of his life illuminating the joys; 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 family of Fredrick George Floyd Jones that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

We cannot replace Fredrick George Floyd Jones, let it be that we may attempt to demonstrate the love he had for everyone.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE UNITED STATE OF WOMEN

WHEREAS, March is Women's History Month, and

WHEREAS, The United State of Women is an outstanding organization dedicated to advancing women's rights, and

WHEREAS, The United State of Women was a key player in organizing the Chicago Women's March in 2017 and 2018, and

WHEREAS, the organization has coordinated many conversations and events with key leaders to empower women, and

WHEREAS, The United State of Women launched the Galvanize Summit in Chicago in 2017, and

WHEREAS, fighting for equality is so important, and the United State of Women does just that every day, and

WHEREAS, all residents of Cook County benefit when each individual is treated equally, and

WHEREAS, the fight for equality is not over, and we all should be rest assured that groups like the United State of Women are on the front lines to ensure equality for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners that the United State of Women is thanked for its significant contributions to the equal rights movement and that the organization is honored for its diligent work.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL LADY COMMANDOS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR BEING THE ILLINOIS STATE 2A CHAMPIONS

WHEREAS, the John Marshall Metro High School is located on the West Side of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, nearly 700 students attend Marshall High School; and

WHEREAS, the Marshall Lady Commandos had a fantastic 2018 season; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Dorothy Gaters continued her legacy of victories and is the winningest coach in Illinois basketball history; and

WHEREAS, the team consists of: Miyanda Rainey, Dyanla Rainey, Jalyn Jimenez, Brandi Hudson, Dashiera Butts, Dajanar James, Jayonna Smith, Niyah Zamundio, Roquesha Sims, Ashante Kizer, Tamarriyanna Levy, and Kenosha Walker; and

WHEREAS, this successful season was the result of countless hours of practice and discipline in addition to the full course load each member of the team carried; and

WHEREAS, the families, coaches, teachers, and friends of the players made this championship possible with their unyielding support and commitment; and

WHEREAS, this outstanding accomplishment is just one of many for the school and its students.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President of the Board and the Cook County Board of Commissioners that the John Marshall Metro High School Girls Basketball Team is honored for being the Illinois State 2A Champions.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING PASTORS RAY AND ADRIENNE BERRYHILL ON THEIR 25th PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, Reverends Ray and Adrienne Berryhill will celebrate their 25th pastoral anniversary this year, and;

WHEREAS, the Berryhills minister at Resurrected Life Church in Chicago, and;

WHEREAS, Pastor Adrienne is a celebrated soloist and for years served as the lead vocalist for Ray Berryhill Ministries, and;

WHEREAS, Pastor Adrienne also is a leader in Prayer Intercessors and the Women's Ministries of Resurrected Life, and;

WHEREAS, Pastor Ray has served as senior Pastor at Resurrected Life since 1992, and;

WHEREAS, Pastor Ray helped grow the membership at Resurrected Life by more than 1,000 people in his tenure, and;

WHEREAS, Pastor Ray is a national and international speaker who helps prepare believers for the work of ministry, and;

WHEREAS, Pastor Ray has ministered in the United States, Asia, Africa and Europe, and;

WHEREAS, the Berryhills have dedicated their lives to ministry and improving the lives of the people of Chicago.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners that Ray and Adrienne Berryhill are honored for their 25 years of ministry and thanked for their continued devotion to their church and community at large.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. PORFIRIO VICTOR BURGOS

WHEREAS, Mr. Porfirio Victor Burgos was born in 1929, and;

WHEREAS, Mr. Porfirio Victor Burgos spend his life providing for his family while working multiple strenuous jobs, masonry, construction and a fisherman, and;

WHEREAS, Mr. Porfirio Victor Burgos was a devoted faithful Christian man who enjoyed sharing the word of the lord with whomever would listen, and;

WHEREAS, Mr. Porfirio Victor Burgos enjoyed listening to music and playing along with his Guiro, and;

WHEREAS, almighty God and his infinite wisdom has called Mr. Porfirio Victor Burgos from our midst February 17, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners that we honor the life of Mr. Porfirio Victor Burgos and that the sincere appreciation of the President at the Cook County Board of Commissioners is extended to his family and friends for his service to his community.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE OAK PARK WOMEN'S GUILD

WHEREAS, March is Women's History Month, and;

WHEREAS, the Oak Park Women's Guild is comprised with women from Oak Park, River Forest and

the surrounding areas who are dedicated to community service and raising money for local charities, and;

WHEREAS, the Oak Park Women's Guild is well known for their in-kind donations, financial support to local non-profits who are often In need of additional support, and;

WHEREAS, the Oak Park Women's Guild has cultivated numerous friendships throughout the Oak Park and River Forest communities, connecting a diverse set of local leaders, and;

WHEREAS, the Oak Park Women's Guild is enriching the lives of women by offering them an array of programs, speaker series, presentations and classes that uplift women, and;

WHEREAS, the Oak Park Women's Guild purchases school supplies and clothing items for the Hephzibah Children's Association, supports HousING Forward by providing lunches and provides food and gift baskets to low income families and seniors during the holiday season, and;

WHEREAS, the Oak Park Women's Guild has a great collection of women leading their Board, including Co-Presidents Jenny Balsten and Laura McCollough and other Board Members Kelly Mitchell, Suzanne Griffin, Megan Patterson, Kathleen Kochendorfer, Natalie Brewer, Ginger Timchak, Megan Puntillo, Caren Chessick Teclaw, Lisa Kemper, Bri Kellogg, Amy Soumar, Becky Yang and Meghann Moses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners that the Oak Park Women's Guild is recognized for their charitable efforts to uplift their community and that the organization is honored for its diligent work.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE OF DEACON SIP PETTIES

WHEREAS, Deacon Sip Petties was born on August 21st, 1929 in Clarksdale Mississippi;

WHEREAS, Deacon Petties was a devoted and loving husband to his angel Jennie Lee Bouldin for 64 years;

WHEREAS, Deacon Petties was blessed with 5 children; 2 girls and 3 boys;

WHEREAS, Deacon Petties alongside his wife shared a passion for their faith and together they founded their Family Alter Evangelistic Baptist Church;

WHEREAS, Deacon Petties promised to devote his life to the lord and with that promise he gave his time and talents and served on the Family Alter Evangelical board for 28 years;

WHEREAS, Deacon Petties with much love and pride for his parish built the communion table with his bare hands and would later build and create the Drama Guild Ministry Building;

WHEREAS, Deacon Petties was also a hardworking man who provided for his family, he was known to say, "A man that doesn't work doesn't eat". He was a national bakery worker employed by the Nabisco Bakery where he dedicated 38 years and eventually retired;

WHEREAS, Deacon Sip Petties is survived by his wife Bishop Jennie L. Petties and his children: Rev. Mary Jean and Richard Bowens, Deacon Linda S. Petties; Trustee Sip and Bridgette Petties, Kenneth Petties, Deacons Melvin and Nadine Petties. Grandchildren: Apostle Angie Thibeaux, Deacon Tameka and Ronald Burnett, Taneha Petties, Rev. Quentin and Maliya Petties, Shelita Jones, Nadine and Frank Bass, Melvin and Jarcy Petties, Linda and Marrio Golden, Jamila Dillard, Kenneth Petties, Jr., Kevin and Carrol Martin, Perry and Jarius Strong, Keturah, Keyton and Isaiah Petties, Fallon Monique Petties, Kendra and Kierra Petties, and 37 Great Grandchildren;

WHEREAS, Deacon Sip Petties Sr. completed his earthly journey on February 6th, 2018 having lived 88 years strong, and leaves behind a lifetime of fond memories and a legacy that the Petties family will carry forward

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners to remember the life of Deacon Sip Petties Sr. Cook County Board of Commissioners extends our sincerest appreciation to the family of Deacon Sip Petties for his life and legacy.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIVES OF OFFICER JAMES ERIC DAVIS SR. AND DIVA DAVIS

WHEREAS, Bellwood Police Officer James Eric Davis Sr., and his wife Diva Davis were killed on March 2, 2018, and

WHEREAS, Officer Davis served the people of Bellwood for more than 20 years, and

WHEREAS, Ms. Davis was a flight attendant, real estate broker and survived a fight with breast cancer,

and

WHEREAS, Officer Davis spent 20 years on the Bellwood Police Force, and

WHEREAS, in those years, Officer Davis devoted himself to the people of Bellwood, and

WHEREAS, the residents of Bellwood and the entire First District mourn the loss of Officer Davis, and

WHEREAS, Officer Davis was an Army veteran who also worked for the Jesse Brown VA Clinic as a police officer, and

WHEREAS, Officer Davis devoted himself to the people of Bellwood, and he and his wife are admired for their dedication to the First District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners that Officer Eric Davis Sr., and Diva Davis are thanked and honored for their extensive contributions to the Bellwood community.

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Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE 80th BIRTHDAY OF THOMAS J. REYNOLDS

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Reynolds will soon celebrate his 80th birthday; and

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Reynolds tirelessly served the people of Cook County. He spent nearly four decades of his life as a Cook County Assistant Public Defender where he was well known and respected by his peers and his adversaries alike for his diligence and devotion to fighting for every client's constitutional rights; and

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Reynolds proudly served his country in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS Thomas J. Reynolds has been a major force for good in the community; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County does hereby extend its warmest wishes and congratulations to Thomas J. Reynolds on the occasion of his 80th Birthday, and join all who have had the pleasure of his friendship in wishing him more years of richly deserved happiness; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and an official copy of same be presented to Thomas J. Reynolds to commemorate this joyous

occasion.

[18-2655](#)

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

**REMEMBERING DISTINGUISHED AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORIAN AND BELOVED
“GRIOT” DORIA DEE JOHNSON**

WHEREAS, Doria Dee Johnson, a woman whose exceptional leadership and great body of scholarly work examining the African American experience will long be remembered and treasured. In her short life she educated thousands and when she died, far too soon, at age the age of 56 she left behind countless friends, family and an international community enriched for having known her; and

WHEREAS, Doria Dee Johnson was born in Evanston Illinois, the first of three children of Helen and Charles Johnson. Her exceptional talent revealed itself very early in her life. As a young student, she attended a Crawford family reunion near Abbeville, South Carolina where she learned the tragic history of her great-great-grandfather, Anthony Crawford, who had been the victim of lynching. His story was a part of a much broader, history of lynching in America, a vicious tool of racial control to suppress black civil rights. Doria established the Anthony Crawford foundation in his name; his heart-rending story and those of so many others provided the focus to her life’s work. On October 21, 2016, on the Centennial of his tragic death, she lead a pilgrimage of scholars, justice advocates, faith leaders and artists from across the country to a two day event entitled “Justice for Anthony Crawford, Freedom School and Speak Out.” She worked with Public Interest Attorney Bryan Stevenson and the Equal Justice Initiative to establish one of the few historical markers in the country dedicated to lynching, marking the site of her great-grandfather’s death; and

WHEREAS, Doria Dee Johnson spent her academic and professional life examining the deeply complex and troubled story of the African American experience; she received her Bachelor of General Studies in History with honors from Roosevelt University and later received her Master of Arts degree in Afro-American Studies from the University of Wisconsin; she was pursuing a doctorate degree in U.S. history at the time of her death. She was a faculty member of Strayer University in Baltimore, Maryland and visiting scholar at the Newberry Library in Chicago. She was the resident scholar at the Shorefront Legacy Center in Evanston and served on the Board of the Evanston History Center; and

WHEREAS, Doria Dee Johnson traveled the world educating those she met about the history of African Americans, becoming a well-known and much beloved Griot. The term is a West African word describing the vocal tradition of preserving genealogies and historical truth. Doria Dee Johnson essentially became a “world village” Griot sharing her work with thousands the world over. She was named a ‘change-agent’ by the Nelson Mandela Foundation. She was an international lecturer and participated in human rights initiatives in Palestine, Israel, South Africa, Europe, Sri Lanka, Chicago, Ferguson, Missouri and Cuba; and

WHEREAS, Doria Dee Johnson was the Bill Lucy Justice Scholar-in-Residence at the Annual Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference inspiring faith leaders across the country to reclaim the narratives of faith and victory. She was largely credited with establishing the Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference Truth Telling Commission that aligned with the United Nations Declaration of the Decade for the People of African Descent; and

WHEREAS, Doria Dee Johnson's extensive scholarship and leadership on the United States Senate Steering Committee for the Apology on Lynching culminated in securing a 2005 United States Senate apology for lynching. She played a role in insuring that Emmett Till's casket rests in the archives in the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington DC; and

WHEREAS, Doria Dee Johnson's exceptional work was regularly singled out for recognition. She was awarded many academic fellowships: the Andrew W. Mellon Dissertation Fellowship; the University Wisconsin Advanced Opportunity Fellowship, the University of Chicago Black Metropolis Research Consortium Dissertation Research Fellowship and Yale University Summer Public History Institute Fellowship. She was selected one of three United States Representatives as scholar in the Nelson Mandela International Dialogues program of the Nelson Mandela Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the world has lost a great scholar, activist, storyteller, truth agent, memory worker and friend in Doria Dee Johnson. She will be sorely missed by friends, neighbors and colleagues. Her loss will be felt most acutely by her father Dr. Charles Johnson and her sister Christina Johnson; 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 Doria Dee Johnson, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable and innumerable contributions she 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 Doria Dee Johnson.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CELEBRATING JEFFERY OSUJI, FEMI MASHA & LARRY RAJI FOR FOUNDING
EVENTS BY PYRAMID**

WHEREAS, PYRAMID was found in 2005 at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign by young Cook County residents, and;

WHEREAS, PYRAMID strives to provide creative and cutting edge events to enhance the overall cultural appetite of African American millennials, and;

WHEREAS, Cook County is the second-largest County in the United States and struggles with having a thriving entertainment scene for African American millennials, and;

WHEREAS, there have been wide-spread complaints amongst African American millennials regarding how they are treated at establishments in downtown Chicago, and;

WHEREAS, PYRAMID is the leading curator in Cook County for events catering specifically to African American millennials, and;

WHEREAS, PYRAMID events are attended by African American millennials who are doctors, lawyers, teachers, accountants, City and County employees, and;

WHEREAS, PYRAMID's contributions have been recognized by the Chicago Tribune, ABC Channel 7 News and on Medium.com.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners that Jeffery Osuji, Femi Masha and Larry Raji is to be honored for their commitment to being cultural innovators, and that the sincere appreciation of the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners is extended to Jeffery, Femi and Larry for their service to Cook County citizens.

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Sponsored by: BRIDGET GAINER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION HONORING COMMUNITY-FOCUSED NEWS PUBLICATIONS BLOCK CLUB CHICAGO, ONE ILLINOIS AND THE TRIIBE

WHEREAS, Local news coverage is a vital tool for civic engagement; and,

WHEREAS, The civically engaged - people who vote, volunteer and connect with those around them - play a key role in building stronger communities; and,

WHEREAS, On November 2, 2017, local news publication DNA Info Chicago abruptly shut down, leaving a void in the important coverage of Chicago's 77 neighborhoods; and,

WHEREAS, Three editors from the former publication reunited to start up a new neighborhood news

website to be funded by reader subscriptions; and,

WHEREAS, Block Club Chicago was founded as a nonprofit, neighborhood news organization dedicated to delivering reliable, nonpartisan and essential coverage of Chicago's diverse neighborhoods; and,

WHEREAS, Block Club Chicago recently made history as the largest Kickstarter fundraising amount for a local community journalism publication; and,

WHEREAS, One Illinois is a new statewide, nonprofit news outlet intended to bring Illinoisans together and unite neighbors around our shared interests and aspirations; and,

WHEREAS, One Illinois will spotlight the common struggles of working people across the state and showcase their resilience in a way that helps bridge the divides across race, class, and geography by pushing back against the divide-and-rule strategy; and,

WHEREAS, Over the coming years, One Illinois will build a broad-based audience across party lines, across race and class, and across Illinois to help shape a more positive and unified narrative; and,

WHEREAS, The Triibe is a digital media platform showcasing innovative content to reshape the narrative of Black millennials in Chicago; and,

WHEREAS, The Triibe's original works in journalism and documentary, alongside creative writing and video, captures the multifaceted essence of Black Chicago from their point of view, with a goal of unifying Black Chicago millennials in the common purpose to create a safer, more vibrant Chicago.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners commends the important work of the above publications, and that a suitable copy of this resolution be distributed to Block Club Chicago, One Illinois and The Triibe.

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Sponsored by: BRIDGET GAINER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE O'CONNOR IRISH RADIO SHOW

WHEREAS, Since moving to Chicago from Ireland in 1966, Mike O'Connor volunteered on various local Irish radio programs as a spokesperson for local clubs; and,

WHEREAS, Mike O'Connor's passion for Irish sports, politics, and most especially music, found an outlet in his own new program; and,

WHEREAS, The Mike O'Connor Show debuted on a rainy Friday evening in November of 1971; and,

WHEREAS, The show moved stations and time slots until finding a lasting home at WPNA Radio, where it focuses on the Irish community in Chicago, supporting Clubs, Benefits, and all things Irish; and,

WHEREAS, Musicians, film makers, authors, politicians, both from Ireland and Chicago have spent time behind the microphone; and,

WHEREAS, The show is a living institution with a devoted and engaged audience with three generations of listeners; and,

WHEREAS, The Mike O'Connor show evolved into The O'Connor Show and continues to serve the Irish community in Chicago, honoring the legacy of Mike O'Connor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners commends The O'Connor Show, and that a suitable copy of this resolution be distributed to the O'Connor family.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN CELEBRATION OF THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF COMMISSIONER ELIZABETH 'LIZ' GORMAN

WHEREAS, the members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners; wishes to recognize the outstanding decades of public service of Commissioner Elizabeth "Liz" Gorman; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Elizabeth "Liz" Gorman is a proven leader in government and the private industries. She has earned her MBA from the University of Notre Dame and an undergraduate marketing degree at St. Mary's University of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Gorman is a former member of the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission (NIPC), which is now commonly known as the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP). A former Cook County and Forest Preserve Commissioner of the 17th District for 13years, and most recently served as the director of state and local government at PricewaterhouseCoopers; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Gorman, after demonstrating great leadership and success in the public and the private sector, the Board of Directors of the Illinois Tollway named her Executive Director of the Illinois Tollway, Wednesday February 21, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors, in their infinite wisdom selected Commissioner Gorman, valuing her years of experience, ability to advocate for economic opportunities, overseeing betterment projects for communities, and galvanizing support to create solutions that build positive working relationships across the County of Cook; and

WHEREAS, her dedication to the constituency of the County of Cook, it is only fitting that this adulation be shared publicly among her colleagues, friends, and community; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Cook Board of Commissioners congratulates the esteemed Commissioner Elizabeth 'Liz' Gorman on her new role as Executive Director of the Illinois Tollway; 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 Commissioner Elizabeth 'Liz' Gorman.

[18-2666](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE 104th BIRTHDAY OF TEMPIE CORNELIA HARRISON THOMAS

WHEREAS, Ms. Tempie Cornelia Harrison Thomas was born on February 2nd, 1914 in Meridian, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, born the fourth child to Stewart and Lula Harrison Sr. her early childhood was spent in Meridian, Mississippi and later her family moved to Dublin, Mississippi where she received her education; and

WHEREAS, in 1934 Tempie married Sam Thomas, and together they raised five children; and

WHEREAS, in 1952 she relocated to the south side of Chicago, Illinois, where she worked 38 years in the Domestic field before retiring; and

WHEREAS, when Tempie came to Chicago, she fellowshiped with a few churches, and decided to join Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church located at 6614 South Blackstone, under the leadership of Reverend H.R. Jelks where she was an active member; and

WHEREAS, In the fall of 1970, Tempie again moved, but this time into the Roseland area and moved her membership to Christian Missionary Baptist Church, then under the leadership of Reverend John Taylor, where she is currently an active member, now under the leadership of Reverend R. E. Harper;

and

WHEREAS, Ms. Tempie Thomas serves as a member of the Mothers and Missions board she is also a Sunday school teacher, Spiritual Advisor and a Spiritual Leader of the Bethlehem Districts of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, she has never been without a church home, from the time she accepted Christ and joined the church at a young child; and

WHEREAS, she boldly declares the Missionary work is her calling declaring being active and working on various auxiliaries within the church; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Tempie Thomas has no fear of the unknown as she steps out on Gods words, venturing out into such places as the prisons, the court houses , the hospitals and on street corners spreading the Gospel; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Tempie Thomas is a member of the International Prayer Line, where she receives calls from people from around the world requesting her prayers, her favorite saying is “It is not what you say, but only what you do for Christ that will last”.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby wish Ms. Tempie which is known as (Madear) , not just by her family, but by many throughout the Roseland community a Happy 104th birthday and may God continue to bless her.

[18-2667](#)

Sponsored by: BRIDGET GAINER, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President) and DEBORAH SIMS, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION HONORING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY AND THE 11,602 WOMEN EMPLOYEES KEEPING COOK COUNTY MOVING FORWARD

WHEREAS, International Women's Day (March 8) is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women, and also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity; and,

WHEREAS, The theme for International Women's Day 2018 was a call to “Press for Progress” to motivate and unite friends, colleagues and whole communities to think, act and be gender inclusive; and,

WHEREAS, 11,602 women employees show up to work each week to keep Cook County moving forward; and,

WHEREAS, The 11,602 women make up 53% of the County’s total workforce, yet the Cook County

Board of Commissioners is made up of only 17% women - leaving ample room for progress; and,

WHEREAS, Across the state of Illinois, there has been a 39% increase in women running for office in Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, The momentum for women's equality has been steadily gaining over the past year, with two national Women's March movements, the #MeToo movement, the #TimesUp movement and more.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cook County Board of Commissioners will continue to press for progress for Cook County's 11,602 women employees.

[18-2675](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING BEDS PLUS

WHEREAS, since 1988, BEDS PLUS has given the homeless a safe place to sleep, hot homemade meals, professional counseling, and job services to become self-sufficient; and

WHEREAS, the mission of BEDS PLUS is to help vulnerable individuals stabilize their lives through housing and supportive services; and

WHEREAS, with help from volunteers, dedicated staff and the long term support of local faith-based communities, BEDS PLUS has assisted thousands of homeless individuals and families seeking refuge from the cold, winter season; and

WHEREAS, hospitals, schools, police and fire departments, churches, social service agencies and families consider BEDS PLUS their "go to" resource for individuals in desperate straits; and

WHEREAS, BEDS PLUS services include access to health benefits, behavioral health, veteran services, employment and housing assistance, and spiritual support; and

WHEREAS, BEDS PLUS operates shelters and programs in west suburban Cook County, and services the homeless in the townships of Lyons, Stickney, Riverside, Proviso, Orland, Palos and Worth; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, recognizes the importance of BEDS PLUS and their essential contribution to the health and viability of Cook County; and

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

[18-2678](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING WOMEN IN MINISTRY

WHEREAS, the faith community constitutes an indispensable part of the diversity that enables Cook County residents to pursue shared, just and equitable life experiences; and

WHEREAS, women in ministry contribute as equal partners to the identity, mission and essential projects of the faith and broader communities of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, the composition of women's ministerial leadership is diverse and inclusive across religions, creeds, nationalities, racial and ethnic communities, identity groups, and cultures; and

WHEREAS, the women's faith ministries include, but are not limited to, institutional formation, programmatic development and implementation, strategic decision making, coalition building and partnership, articulation and assertion of community voice and preferences, practical and emotional understanding, and social action; and

WHEREAS, women in ministry have persevered for the betterment of all Cook County residents even while often unjustly resisted, devalued and marginalized for their womanhood and ministerial audacity to lead.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, recognize women in ministry for their essential and inestimable contribution to the health and viability of Cook County.

[18-2677](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING *IRISH-AMERICAN NEWS* AND IBAM, THE IRISH BOOKS, ARTS AND MUSIC FESTIVAL

WHEREAS, the *Irish-American News* was founded on St. Patrick's Day in 1977 and has provided important news for, and about, the Irish-American community in Chicago since that date; and

WHEREAS, founders Cliff and Cathy Carlson have worked incredibly hard to support the educational mission of the Irish-American News, which they have run since 1991, and deserve this honor for their

commitment to bringing news about the Irish and Irish-American communities to readers; and

WHEREAS, both the *Irish-American News* and the Irish Books, Arts and Music Festival, also known as IBAM, have always helped spread news about the peace process in Northern Ireland and have always focused on issues of peace and justice in both Ireland and America; and

WHEREAS, IBAM will celebrate its 10th anniversary in 2018 and its success in facilitating cultural exchange between Ireland and Chicago; and

WHEREAS, internationally acclaimed cultural leaders including filmmakers, authors and visual artists from Ireland speak at the IBAM Festival every year, providing the Irish-American community in Chicago with important information on their ancestral homeland; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, recognizes the importance of *Irish-American News* and the IBAM Festival and their essential contribution to the diversity of Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to of *Irish-American News* and the IBAM Festival.

[18-2676](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING ASIAN HUMAN SERVICES

WHEREAS, Asian Human Services is a non-profit organization that began in 1978 helping South East Asian refugees; and

WHEREAS, throughout the years, the organization has retained a single purpose: to positively transform lives among Chicago's immigrants, refugees, and other underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, Asian Human Services serves tens of thousands of people each year from 55 different countries and provides services in 30 different languages; and

WHEREAS, Asian Human Services provides client-centered, quality and compassionate services to Asian immigrants and all other underserved communities so that they can fully participate in society, prosper and thrive; and

WHEREAS, Asian Human Services provides services in the fields of education, healthcare and workforce development; and

WHEREAS, the organization's education programs benefit all ages in the community - from pre-school age children to adults hoping to improve their skills to better provide for their families; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, recognizes the importance of Asian Human Services and their essential contribution to the health and viability of Cook County; and

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