



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

**Consent Agenda**

**Wednesday, January 23, 2019, 9:00 AM**

**Consent Calendar Meeting - Second Set**

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING CARL H. DAVIS SR. AND CARL H. DAVIS JR.**

**WHEREAS**, Carl H. Davis, Sr., Vice President of Brunswick Records and CEO of Chi-Sound Records, helped put Brunswick and Chi-Sound on the map and created the Chicago Sound; and

**WHEREAS**, Carl Sr. assisted in the overall success of hundreds of hit songs both locally, nationally and globally for record labels such as Brunswick, Chi-Sound Records, Al Bell's Stax Records, DAKAR, and OKEH Records; and

**WHEREAS**, Carl Sr. is responsible for music business legends such as Mary Wells, The Chi-Lites, The Dells, Curtis Mayfield, The Artistics, Gene Chandler, Tyrone Davis, Walter Jackson, Major Lance, T.L. Williams and a host of others; and

**WHEREAS**, Carl Sr. was featured on the Grammy Awards and has been a guest on the Flip Wilson show and Don Cornelius's Soul Train; and

**WHEREAS**, Carl Jr. has assisted his father with the music business industry and is currently the CEO of Chi-Sound Music Group; and

**WHEREAS**, Carl Jr. is an executive in Wealth Management Capital Markets' Financial Services; and

**WHEREAS**, Carl Jr. has spent the past 25 years building startups, talent acquisition technology and supplying services to companies like Coca-Cola, Hallmark Cards, JPMorgan Chase and currently Mesirow Financial; and

**WHEREAS**, Carl Jr. will strive to make an impact in the music and business industry to further the legacy of his father; 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 Carl H. Davis Sr. and Carl H. Davis Jr. and praise their essential contribution to the musical and cultural viability of Cook County.

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING DONALD L. BURNSIDE**

**WHEREAS**, Donald L. Burnside has more than 30 years of experience in the entertainment and advertising industries as a writer, producer, engineer, and musical arranger; and

**WHEREAS**, Donald's work and experience includes various musical legends and record labels: The Chi-Lites, Gene Chandler, The Dells, Johnny P, Romeo, Captain Sky, Harry Ray, Jerry Butler, El Coco, Brunswick Records, Chi-Sound Records, Vintertainment Records, Elektra Records, SBK Records, Atlantic Records, AVI Records, and Mercury Records; and

**WHEREAS**, Donald served as the VP of Operations for Granville White & Associates, where along with Granville "Granny" White and M. Glenn White, he formed Burning White Productions, Inc. and Chicago International Music; and

**WHEREAS**, Donald worked as a managing partner for Gene Griffin and Teddy Riley's GR Productions, whose work included Guy, Bobby Brown, New Edition, Whitney Houston, Keith Sweat, Today, Boy George, Stephanie Mills, Basic Black, Johnny Kemp, Rex 'N Effect; and

**WHEREAS**, Donald is a Managing Partner with Wake Up Music/R&R Management Entertainment, music marketing consultants for Beyonce, Ne-Yo, Ludacris, Robin Thicke, Ashanti, Mary J. Blige, Mariah Carey, MC Hammer, Erykah Badu, Snoop Dog, Backstreet Boys, Lady Gaga, Cash Money Records, No Limit Records, Dreamworks Records, Mariah Carey, Tamar Braxton and many more; and

**WHEREAS**, Donald established R&R Records, distributed by Universal Music Group, and released "I Draw Near" by Jessica Love featuring Grammy nominated star Todd Dulaney, both Cook County based artists; and

**WHEREAS**, "I Draw Near" peaked at #2 in Roots Music Report, spent 17 weeks in Billboard's Top 20 Gospel Chart and was featured 4 straight weeks in iTunes New Artist Spotlight; and

**WHEREAS**, to improve the quality of life for the underprivileged, Donald established "The Invisible People Project", a musical collaboration featuring some of Chicago's top platinum and Grammy award-winning artists, whose mission is to raise awareness and funds to help feed and house Cook County's homeless men, women, children and 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, honor Donald L. Burnside and praise his

essential contributions to the musical and cultural viability of Cook County.

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING TIMUEL “TIM” D. BLACK**

**WHEREAS**, on December 7, 1918, Timuel “Tim” D. Black was born in Birmingham, Alabama; and

**WHEREAS**, at eight- months old, Tim became part of the first wave of the Great Migration when his family moved to the Bronzeville community of Chicago, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, he attended Burke Elementary School and graduated from DuSable High School, where some of his classmates included Johnson Publishing Co. founder John H. Johnson and jazz musician Nat King Cole; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1941, after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Tim joined the army and fought in the Normandy Invasion and the Battle of the Bulge, two of the bloodiest battles of World War II; and

**WHEREAS**, Tim has received four battle stars for his military service and on December 9, 2018 was awarded The French Legion of Honor Medal, France’s highest honor, by the Consul General of France in Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, after watching African Americans fight and die in the war, and seeing first-hand the atrocities of the Buchenwald concentration camp, Tim returned to a segregated Chicago and committed to actively fight for social justice; and

**WHEREAS**, Tim enrolled in college and graduated from Roosevelt University with a bachelor’s degree in sociology in 1952 and went on to earn a master’s degree from the University of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, Tim taught for 30 years at the City Colleges of Chicago and for many more years in Chicago Public Schools; and

**WHEREAS**, Tim is a pioneer in the independent black political movement and was one of the first African Americans to challenge the “Regular Democratic Organization”; and

**WHEREAS**, Tim’s first experience as an organizer came in his early thirties when he helped organize the “Don’t Spend Your Money Where You Can’t Work” campaign, which led to the formation of the Negro Retail Clerks Union; and

**WHEREAS**, Tim has been a marcher for civil rights, an advisor to activist Martin Luther King, Jr., and an advisor to many elected officials including Mayor Harold Washington and former President Barack Obama; and

**WHEREAS**, Tim received an honorary doctoral degree from Roosevelt University in 2008, and in 2012 was awarded the Benton Medal for Distinguished Public Service from the University of Chicago, the first person of color ever to receive this award; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2013, the City of Chicago honored Tim with the inaugural Chicago Champion of Freedom award in recognition of his work in the civil rights movement both locally and nationally; and

**WHEREAS**, Tim has published two volumes of oral histories, *Bridges of Memory: Chicago's First Wave of Black Migration* and *Bridges of Memory: Chicago's Second Generation of Black Migration*, which chronicles black Chicago history from the 1920s to the present, and *Sacred Ground: The Chicago Streets of Timuel Black*, which chronicles the life of Timuel D. Black; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 7, 2018, Timuel Black turned 100 years old, and to mark his 100 years of life, the University of Chicago's Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture presented "*The Life and Times of Timuel D. Black: A Centenary Symposium*", which was held at the Reva and David Logan Center for the Arts on Saturday, December 8, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of his centenary celebration, Tim was honored during a birthday gala at the South Shore Cultural Center on December 9, 2018, with suite of music commissioned in his honor, composed and arranged by Robert Irving III and performed by the Sonic Portraits Orchestra: "*Sound Pictures of a Century-The Living Legacy of Timuel D. Black*"; and

**WHEREAS**, Timuel "Tim" D. Black is not only an author, political and civil rights activist but a great mentor to many 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, honors Timuel "Tim" D. Black and praise his essential contributions to people of Cook County and wish him a Happy Birthday 100th Birthday.

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

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

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

**WHEREAS**, February 3, 2019 marks the 76th anniversary of the sinking of the U.S. troop ship, SS Dorchester; and

**WHEREAS**, on that day in 1943 while transporting soldiers overseas over the North Atlantic, the SS Dorchester was struck by a torpedo which knocked out the ship's electrical system, leaving the ship dark which created panic among the men aboard, many of them trapped below deck. It is what happened during these crucial 20 minutes before the ship sank, the reason we remember this day; and

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

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

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

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Toni Preckwinkle, President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, do hereby designate Sunday, February 3, 2019 FOUR CHAPLAINS SUNDAY IN COOK COUNTY, in honor to preserve the memory of these individuals who demonstrated the ultimate supreme sacrifice at sea.

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

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING A SAFE HAVEN FOUNDATION AND NELI VAZQUEZ ROWLAND, A SAFE HAVEN FOUNDATION'S CO-FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT**

**WHEREAS**, 2019 marks the 25th anniversary of A Safe Haven Foundation's tremendous contributions to underserved communities in Cook County, the City of Chicago and surrounding areas; and

**WHEREAS**, A Safe Haven Foundation raises awareness, support, and provides comprehensive, integrated services to address and reduce the stigma associated with the opioid epidemic, criminal justice and homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, A Safe Haven Foundation has transformed the lives of individuals and families, helping over 120,000 women, children, youth, men, and veterans with employment and housing in a sustainable manner;

and

**WHEREAS,** A Safe Haven Foundation has established a long tradition of relationships with Federal, State, County and City agencies and the philanthropic community to deliver on their promise to house and serve over 5,000 people a year and nearly 800 military veterans annually; and

**WHEREAS,** A Safe Haven Foundation has been at the tip of the spear advocating for the homeless population in Illinois and serves an important leadership role in helping to influence legislation impacting homelessness, taking on this initiative before the issue was mainstreamed into the national consciousness; and

**WHEREAS,** Neli Vazquez Rowland co-founded A Safe Haven Foundation after seeing the impact of The Logan Square Project, a rehabbed 13-unit building in Logan Square that was rented for a year to people recovering from drug and alcohol addiction; and

**WHEREAS,** Neli Vazquez Rowland's goal is to inspire and influence a 'paradigm shift' on how our Nation addresses the issues of poverty, homelessness, drug and alcohol addiction with protocols that offer an effective, efficient delivery system by connecting services and leveraging investment resources of public and private entities that have a shared responsibility and common goal of making a measurable and positive social impact to society; and

**WHEREAS,** A Safe Haven Foundation has been recognized by top stakeholders, including the White House as a Champion of Change, and has received a Gold Star by charitable rating agencies for allocating 93% of each donation directly to supporting homeless residents; and

**WHEREAS,** A Safe Haven Foundation's Co-founder and President, Neli Vazquez Rowland, has been recognized by Chicago Magazine as a Chicagoan of the Year (2010); 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 Neli Vazquez Rowland and A Safe Haven Foundation and praise its 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 MARY LANE, LEGENDARY BLUES SINGER**

**WHEREAS,** Mary Lane is a legendary Blues singer born on November 23, 1935 in Clarendon, Arkansas; and

**WHEREAS,** at a young age, Mary was a street performer before commencing her career as a teenager

in Marvell, Arkansas with slide guitar great Robert Nighthawk; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary has also worked with one-man band Joe Hill Louis (known as the Be-Bop Boy), Junior Parker, James Cotton, and sat in with Howlin' Wolf at the White Swan, her uncle's club in Brinkley, Arkansas; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1957, Mary Lane relocated to the Chicagoland area, originally settling 40 miles north in Waukegan, and initiating a longstanding personal relationship with guitarist Morris Pejoe, who recorded for Checker, Vee-Jay, and other local labels; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary and Morris moved to Chicago in 1961, and while singing with Pejoe's band as Little Mary, she cut her debut single "You Don't Want My Lovin' No More" circa 1964 for Fred Young's Friendly Five label; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary performed with Buddy Guy and Junior Wells at the famed Checkerboard Lounge and managed the famous Pepper's Lounge on South Michigan Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary recorded her first full-length album, *Appointment for the Blues* in 1997 at 61 years old and just completed her second full-length album at 83 years old, *Travelin' Woman*; and

**WHEREAS**, Women of the Blues Records, in partnership with OWL Music & Media, will release *Travelin' Woman* on March 8th, 2019 in commemoration of Women's Month; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary is the subject of a new documentary about her life, "I Can Only Be Mary Lane", which premiered in London, England and at Buddy Guy's Legends in Chicago on her 83rd birthday; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary Lane and her husband Jeff Labon are a well-known Chicago Blues band, The No Static Blues Band, and they play throughout the Chicagoland area; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary Lane raised a family of seven children in Chicago, three of whom are now singers; 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 Mary Lane and praise her artistic contribution to the cultural viability of Cook County.



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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE SOUTHEAST CALUMET HEIGHTS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Southeast Calumet Heights Homeowners Association (SCHHA) is a twenty year old community volunteer organization whose 3,000 member households are located in Chicago's 6th, 7th, 8th and 10th wards; and

**WHEREAS**, SCHHA partners with economic, educational, political and faith-based institutions on the southeast side; and

**WHEREAS**, SCHHA was born from partnerships with the Chicago Police Department's CAPS program and its primary affiliation is with the Chicago Vocational Career Academy; and

**WHEREAS**, SCHHA's mission is to expose the community to the various aspects of issues that affect the community by conducting regular meetings, attending any institution meetings pertinent to the health and welfare of the community, and participating in boards, commissions, and organizations involved on the southeast side; and

**WHEREAS**, SCHHA attempts to link the voices of the community to our federal, state, county, and local officials and have regular dialogue with them; and

**WHEREAS**, SCHHA board members Carl Bibbs, Betty Porter, Douglas Maclin, Nina McAlprin, Bonnye Jordan, Dierdre Smith, and Dr. James Cullom have tirelessly and relentlessly dedicated their time to improving the quality of life on Chicago's southeast side; and

**WHEREAS**, SCHHA will continue to challenge all stakeholders to commit themselves and their respective institutions' time and resources to the economic health of the community; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, honor the Southeast Calumet Heights Homeowners Association and its members and praise their essential contribution to the health and viability of Cook County.

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**Sponsored by:** DENNIS DEER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY LEANNA RAJK FOR HER DEDICATION AND ADVOCACY ON BEHALF OF VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT**

**WHEREAS,** Assistant State's Attorney Leanna Rajk has worked with the Cook County State's Attorney Office for the past 23 years; and

**WHEREAS,** Assistant State's Attorney Leanna Rajk is currently a senior prosecutor assigned to the Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Division where she is a true beacon of hope as a champion for Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence and an accomplished trial specialist; and

**WHEREAS,** She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and her Juris Doctorate from IIT Chicago Kent College of Law; and

**WHEREAS,** At the onset of her legal studies, Assistant State's Attorney Leanna Rajk was diagnosed with Stargardt's disease. Stargardt's disease is a form of macular degeneration which caused central vision loss to both of her eyes. Despite her condition, Assistant State's Attorney Leanna Rajk possess a undaunted commitment to the pursuit of justice; and

**WHEREAS,** During her tenure with the State's Attorney Office she has been assigned to Felony Trial, Juvenile, and Traffic Divisions; and

**WHEREAS,** Assistant State's Attorney Leanna Rajk has prosecuted over 1,000 cases with more than 70 of those cases being presented to a jury; and

**WHEREAS,** Assistant State's Attorney Leanna Rajk is dedicated to assisting victims with disabilities. She was the first prosecutor in Cook County to successfully petition the court to have an intellectually disabled victim testify outside the presence of her attacker via closed circuit TV; and

**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 recognize Assistant State's Attorney Leanna Rajk for her dedication to overcome adversity and her commitment to provide advocacy for victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault as well individuals with disabilities.

**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 Leanna Rajk in commemoration of this auspicious occasion.

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**Sponsored by:** DONNA MILLER, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), ALMA E. ANAYA, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER and DEBORAH SIMS, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COOK COUNTY WOMEN'S CAUCUS HONORING THE 1ST AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMAN MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF COOK COUNTY HOSPITAL, DR. AGNES LATTIMER FOR HER ILLUSTRIOUS AND TRAILBLAZING CAREER**

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Agnes Lattimer was born in Memphis, Tennessee to Arthur O'Neil and Hortense Lewis Lattimer on May 13, 1928, the oldest of six children and even as a young child knew that she wanted to become a doctor; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Lattimer was valedictorian of Booker T. Washington High School and received a full scholarship to Fisk University, where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Biology and was a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, as a young woman planning a career in medicine in the 1940s and 1950s, Agnes D. Lattimer faced the triple obstacles of poverty, sexism, and racism, yet she refused to be discouraged saying, "No obstacles could deter me from my purpose. Not the negative attitudes of others, not lack of money, nor lack of encouragement from outside my family; nothing could dissuade me from my goal."; and

**WHEREAS**, after graduating from Fisk University she moved to Chicago and worked as a housekeeper for 18 months to save for medical school and applied and was accepted to three medical schools in Chicago; The Chicago Medical School, the Northwestern University School of Medicine, and the University of Chicago School of Medicine; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Lattimer enrolled in the Chicago Medical School in 1950 and encountered prejudice from the start, enduring almost daily questions about her place as a woman in medical school, but would go on to graduate as the only African American in her class and one of just two women, in 1954; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Lattimer completed her residency in Pediatrics at Michael Reese Hospital and became Chief Resident in her final year of the program and eventually became director of Ambulatory Pediatrics at Reese Hospital, where she revamped the patient care delivery system, bringing efficiency and greater access to care; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1958, she began private pediatric practice and later began teaching at the University of Illinois and the Chicago School of Medicine where she became an assistant professor in the Department

of Pediatrics; In 1968, students at the Chicago Medical School awarded her the Elsie and Phillip Sang Excellence in Teaching Award; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Lattimer would become Chair of the Division of Ambulatory Pediatrics at Cook County Hospital, Director of Fantus Health Center and later would be named Medical Director of Cook County Hospital in March of 1986 and was believed to be the only African American woman to head a major hospital at the time; and

**WHEREAS**, at Cook County, she oversaw safeguards to protect patients and staffers during the early days of AIDS, testified in Washington, D.C. on the need to fight hunger, and as the Chair of the Chicago Committee Against Lead Poisoning, she urged City Hall to crack down on owners of buildings with flaking lead paint; her efforts lead the City of Chicago to pass housing ordinances to protect tenants and placed health centers in African-American neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Lattimer was most proud of having changed attitudes at Cook County, saying "I was able to impact all of the medical and surgical services by introducing a 'Philosophy of Caring' for the patients, which emphasized focusing on competence and compassion in the delivery of medical care."; and

**WHEREAS**, during her career, Dr. Lattimer received many honors and accolades, including being named as Pediatrician of the Year by the Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics; the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Chicago Medical School and from the Michael Reese Alumni Association; Outstanding Executive Employee in Cook County Government in 1987; and also received Outstanding Community Service Awards from many communities throughout the City; and

**WHEREAS**, considered a legend by her colleagues, Dr. Lattimer was a leading expert in areas such as lead poisoning and its effects on childhood development; a steadfast advocate for quality healthcare for the underprivileged; and she commanded respect and gave it, treating patients living in poverty with the same empathy she showed wealthy patients; and

**WHEREAS**, after retiring in 1995, Dr. Lattimer remained active in community health issues; continued to enjoy playing bridge, chess and tennis, and retained a special love for flying airplanes, for which she first earned a license in 1966; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Lattimer passed last year at the age of 89 after a bout with cancer at her South Side home;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners Women's Caucus proudly honors Dr. Agnes Lattimer for her storied trailblazing career and her service to the community, the City of Chicago and Cook County; and

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