



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

BOARD AGENDA

Wednesday, May 22, 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

CONGRATULATING RONALD L. “BULLDOG” LITVIK ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM COOK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, Ronald L. “Bulldog” Litviak will be retiring on May 31st, 2019 after spending the last thirty-one years as a dedicated Cook County employee; and

WHEREAS, from 1987-1991, Ronald L. Litviak worked for the Cook County Health and Hospital Systems as a journeyman painter; and

WHEREAS, from 1991 until the day of his retirement, Ronald L. Litviak has worked for the Department of Facilities Management as a journeyman painter, as well as in an acting foreman position when needed; and

WHEREAS, Ronald L. Litviak assisted in the creation of the B.T.I. (Building Team Initiative) program at D.O.C. The BTI program, in conjunction with the Cook County Sheriff’s Office, allows the Department of Facilities Management trades staff to access an empty tier to make all necessary repairs, re-paint the entire tier, and perform all preventative maintenance work for that tier while it is closed; and

WHEREAS, Ronald L. Litviak has routinely volunteered his time and has been an integral component to the Rebuilding Together program since its inception. The Rebuilding Together program provides selected families in need renovations to their homes, making them safer, more secure, and accessible, if needed; and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby wish Ronald L. Litviak well in his retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Ronald L. Litviak as an expression of our appreciation of his service to the County of Cook.

[19-3701](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING BECKY SCHLIKERMAN FOR HER SERVICE TO COOK COUNTY AND ITS RESIDENTS

WHEREAS, Becky Schlikerman, Press Secretary for Office of the Cook County President, will end her service to the residents of Cook County effective May 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Becky began her service to the County on October 2015 as Public Information Officer in the Bureau of Administration; and

WHEREAS, hiring Becky was seen as a great “steal” for the Office of the President; and

WHEREAS, Becky guided communications for multiple departments, including the Office of the Medical Examiner of Cook County, Departments of Environmental Control and Sustainability, Animal and Rabies Control, Transportation and Highways, and Veterans Affairs to name a few; and

WHEREAS, Becky’s exceptional work and expertise in communications led her to the position of Press Secretary for Office of the President; and

WHEREAS, Becky assumed and carried out her responsibilities to the press and public with full transparency and accountability; and

WHEREAS, prior to beginning her public service, Becky was a seasoned newspaper reporter, who was known as thorough and determined in pursuit of her professional tasks; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, after graduating from Columbia College, Becky began her career as a reporter with SouthtownStar, reporting on local government, crime, courts, and education; and

WHEREAS, Becky joined the Chicago Tribune in 2010, followed by service at DNAinfo Chicago, and the Chicago Sun-Times, where she continued to report vital news to the residents of Chicago, Cook County and Illinois; and

WHEREAS, among Becky’s regular reporting assignments was, ironically, covering the Medical Examiner’s Office; and

WHEREAS, Becky was awarded the 2008 Sigma Delta Chi Award for investigative reporting and the 2014 National Association Black Journalists *Salute to Excellence* award; and

WHEREAS, beyond her service at Cook County, Becky is a certified scuba diver, who loves the beach and, as a native of Colombia, Puerto Rico and Florida, desperately yearns for warmer weather than she regularly experiences in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Becky enjoys spending time with her friends, and is eagerly anticipating being reunited with her husband, Kim Janssen, who recently relocated to the West Coast; and

WHEREAS, Becky is well-liked, admired and respected by all who know her; and

WHEREAS, Becky, her intellect, instincts and sense of humor, as well as her loyalty and passion for uplifting the residents of Cook County, will be sorely missed by current and former colleagues and friends in Cook County, and among those media representatives she has come to know both personally and professionally; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, do recognize Becky Schlikerman for all that she has contributed to Cook County and its residents, and wish her all the best on her future endeavors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to Becky Schlikerman as a means of communicating our appreciation for her service.

[19-3704](#)

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), LARRY SUFFREDIN, SCOTT R. BRITTON and BRIDGET GAINER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ILLINOIS BECOMING THE FIRST STATE TO RATIFY THE 19TH AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, Illinois had long been at the forefront of the movement to provide women the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, in Illinois the first women's suffrage association was established in Earlville in LaSalle County in 1855, just seven years after the first women's rights convention in Seneca Falls, New York which called for suffrage for women; and

WHEREAS, the first statewide suffrage organization, the Illinois Woman Suffrage Association was established in 1869, becoming the Illinois Equal Suffrage Association in 1891; and

WHEREAS, also in 1891, Illinois enacted a law allowing women the right to vote for elective school offices; and

WHEREAS, in 1913 Illinois enacted the Presidential Suffrage Bill which gave Illinois women the right to vote in federal and municipal elections, not otherwise restricted to men under the Illinois Constitution; and

WHEREAS, with the enactment of that law, Illinois became the first state east of the Mississippi River to give women such right to vote for President of the United States, and is credited with being a major positive influence in advancing the women's suffrage movement in the United States; and

WHEREAS, on June 4, 1919, the proposed 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution was passed by the United States Congress and sent to the States for ratification; and

WHEREAS, 100 years ago on June 10, 1919, Illinois became the first State to ratify the 19th Amendment (one hour prior to Wisconsin);

WHEREAS, Illinois led the way for the necessary three-fourths of the States to ratify the 19th Amendment, which became part of the Constitution on August 26, 1920; 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 declares June 10, 2019 to be a day to celebrate women's right to vote and the important role Illinois played in achieving that right in the United States.

[19-3680](#)

Sponsored by: DENNIS DEER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING ROSE LEWIS CALVIN 65TH BIRTHDAY

WHEREAS, Rose Lewis Calvin recently celebrated her 65th birthday surrounded by family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Rose Lewis Calvin was born on May 5, 1954 in Champaign, IL; and

WHEREAS, Rose Lewis Calvin received her formal education from Central High School graduating in 1971, later to pursue an Associate's Degree and Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Purdue University at Fort Wayne Indiana and later received a MBA and MSN from Lewis University in Romeoville, IL; and

WHEREAS, Rose Lewis Calvin is the dedicated wife of James Calvin; and

WHEREAS, Rose is the proud mother of Tracey Lewis, Troy Lewis, and Shayla Bell; and

WHEREAS, Rose is devoted sister of David Hines, Jr, Walter Hines, Carol Mitchell, and Linda Fox; and

WHEREAS, Rose Calvin is currently employed with the Illinois Department of Public Health as a Health Facilities Surveillance Nurse; and

WHEREAS, Rose is the Ministry Leader for G.E.M.S. mentoring program for girls ages 12-18; and

WHEREAS, at 65 years young, Rose Calvin, enjoys mentoring, spending quality time with her family and

friends.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that President Preckwinkle along with the Cook County Board of Commissioners and on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County takes great pleasure in honoring and celebrating Ms. Rose Lewis Calvin on the occasion of her 65th Birthday and wishes her continued health and happiness for years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution is shared upon the official proceedings of this honorable body and that an official copy of the same is tendered to Ms. Rose Lewis Calvin in honor of this auspicious occasion

[19-3681](#)

Sponsored by: DENNIS DEER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING 606 CHICAGO MIC TUESDAYS 20TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, on November 17, 1998 The 606 Entertainment started “606 Chicago” Tuesdays. A weekly Hip Hop open mic night at the Subterranean in the heart of Wicker Park; and

WHEREAS, 606 recently celebrated 20 years of open mic Hip Hop. They celebrated 20 years in the same venue on the same night, at one of the most ever evolving neighborhoods. The night and venue have surpassed the test of time and is considered a Hip Hop staple amongst the community; and

WHEREAS, 606 Tuesdays was started because the Hip Hop Community of Chicago is all spread out and very colorful. The weekly night provided a safe neutral environment for everyone to come and showcase, represent, and do what they do without limitations or prejudice; and

WHEREAS, 606 is a place where everyone can have fun and elevate the Hip Hop Community as a whole. With one weekly event, 606 Tuesdays shattered stereotypes, achieved diversity, and provided a platform to have their talents and voices be heard; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Cook County Board of Commissioners along with the President Toni Preckwinkle and on behalf of the over five million residents of Cook County, do hereby recognize 606 Chicago MIC Tuesdays 20th Anniversary and so wish 606 Entertainment every continued success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution is shared upon the official proceedings of this honorable body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to 606 Entertainment in honor of this auspicious occasion

[19-3652](#)

Sponsored by: DONNA MILLER, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING RONALD AND NORMA JEAN HESTER CELEBRATING THEIR 50TH YEAR OF MARRIAGE

WHEREAS, Ronald (aka Poppo) and Norma Jean (aka Mommo) Hester are both from Chicago, IL; and

WHEREAS, Norma Jean is 72 years old with an April 4th birthday and Ronald is 71 years old with a June 9th birthday; and

WHEREAS, Norma Jean and Ronald met each other at Parker High School in Chicago during their sophomore year; and

WHEREAS, Ronald served in Vietnam and sent an engagement ring to Norma Jean from Vietnam, and following a 7-month engagement they would be married on March 15th, 1969; and

WHEREAS, after returning from Vietnam he worked at Stewart and Norma Jean was a homemaker for 20 years then went on to teach in the Winston-Salem School system; and

WHEREAS, both are graduates of Chicago State University and Central Christian University. Norma Jean has a Masters and Ronald a Doctorate; and

WHEREAS, Ronald and Norma Jean serve as Pastor and Co-Pastors of God's Way of Life in Orangeburg, South Carolina; They reside in Kernersville, North Carolina and commute 4 hours every Sunday to pastor; and

WHEREAS, Ronald and Norma Jean have 3 sons: Ronald Jr- 46, Jarvis-40 and Stephen-35 as well as 4 grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, they love to travel; Norma Jean loves snow crabs and Ronald loves ribs; they love sharing the word of God and ministering to people and both are counselors; and

WHEREAS, this Honorable Body wishes to celebrate with Ronald and Norma Jean their 50th wedding anniversary;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners sincerely congratulate Ronald and Norma Jean Hester on their 50 years of marriage and wish them many more years to come; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and a suitable copy be presented to Ronald and Norman Jean Hester.

[19-3707](#)

Sponsored by: DONNA MILLER, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION HONORING SPENCER LEAK, SR. AND THE NEHEMIAH PROJECT

WHEREAS, Spencer Leak, Sr. was born April 15, 1937, to pioneering Chicago mortician A.R. Leak, who opened Unity Funeral Home in Chicago in 1933 and A.R. Leak Funeral Chapels in 1938; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Leak and his three brothers grew up near 37th and State Streets, attended Raymond Elementary School, and graduated from Hyde Park High School in 1956 and went on to attend Wilson Junior College, and graduated from Worsham College of Mortuary Science in 1959; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Leak served in the United States Army and later became involved in the Civil Rights Movement; In 1964, he joined 10,000 activists led by his father and Reverend Clay Evans to protest the racially segregated Oak Woods Cemetery eventually integrating it; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Leak is a lifelong resident and supporter of Chicago, a second generation in the Funeral Business for Leak and Sons Funeral Homes for which he serves as Funeral Director and President, and his sons are the 3rd generation and his grandchildren are the 4th generation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Leak has been married for 50 years to Henrietta Leak, is the father of three and grandfather of 6; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Leak was a former Director of Cook County Corrections, where he worked to rehabilitate inmates and give them a start on the path to success; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Leak has a long history as a concerned philanthropist and community activist, and

provides a forum for religious, civic and political issues to be discussed every Sunday on the radio broadcast named after the book he authored entitled "It's Time Truth Speaks; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Leak is a recipient of a multitude of Humanitarian Awards in support of the work he has done to support families across the city and consistently donates services to families who cannot afford them; and

WHEREAS, at 82 years old, Spencer Leak, Sr. has stated, *"He does not want his legacy to be that he helped bury the young people of Chicago. He wants it to be that Spencer Leak, Sr. did something to try and save their lives"*; and

WHEREAS, responding to the great distress and reproach facing his native home, Nehemiah of the Bible was told that the walls of his city were broken down and the gates were on fire, which prompted him to take action; and

WHEREAS, just as Nehemiah in times past, Mr. Leak is prepared to lead the charge in partnership with the broader faith-based leadership to address a constant dilemma facing his beloved community, in this case gun violence and senseless deaths of our children and to restore a sense of safety to our seniors; and

WHEREAS, the Nehemiah Project is the passion of Spencer Leak Sr. and the Nehemiah Project Event will take place this Thursday May 23, 2019 at the House of Hope, 115th & the Bishop Ford Freeway; and

WHEREAS, at this event there will be a launch of a series of actions and initiatives to address the ills of our city over the coming summer months. Attendees will include faith leaders, national personalities, elected city officials, victims and families of gun violence and the keynote speaker will be Bishop Charles E. Blake Sr., Presiding Bishop, Church of God in Christ of Los Angeles, CA; and

WHEREAS, the musical lineup will feature, Fred Hammond, Kierra Sheard, Charles Jenkins, Walt Whitman and the Soul Chicago, many more local artists and the event is free to all families of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, hosting the Nehemiah Project at his own cost, the Mr. Leak is hopeful the concert will promote the coming together of Chicago against violence;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners proudly honor Spencer Leak Sr. for his committed service to the community, the City of Chicago and Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, we wish much success for the upcoming Nehemiah Project Event; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this

Honorable Body and that a suitable copy be presented to Spencer Leak, Sr. as a symbol of our respect and esteem.

[19-3683](#)

Sponsored by: STANLEY MOORE, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING AND REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF ZENA RAY "ZEKE" UPSHAW, PROFESSIONAL BASKETBALL PLAYER AND UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LABORATORY SCHOOLS ALUM

WHEREAS, Zena Ray “Zeke” Upshaw was born on May 27, 1991 on the Southside of Chicago to loving parents Zena Reynolds and Jewel Upshaw; and

WHEREAS, as a child, Zeke gravitated toward sports and at the early age of six began playing organized basketball; and

WHEREAS, Zeke attended Ariel Community Academy and based on his outstanding academics was one of the selected few, to receive the “Rogers Scholars,” to attend the University of Chicago Laboratory Schools (“Lab”) under the John W. Rogers Jr. scholarship program; and

WHEREAS, in 2008 as a junior Zeke averaged 24 points, 12 rebounds and seven assists, and he was named the most valuable player of the Independent School League. In addition, he is the only alum to have their jersey retired at Lab; and

WHEREAS, Zeke became the first student-athlete to graduate from Lab, alongside one of his best friends Alexis Jenkins, to receive a Division I scholarship in which they both signed to Illinois State University; and

WHEREAS, Zeke transferred for his final season of NCAA eligibility to play at Hofstra University, where he tied the record for most threes in a game, led the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) in scoring at 19.8 points per game and earned second-team All-CAA honors; and

WHEREAS, Zeke received his master’s degree in higher education, and played basketball professionally overseas before joining the Detroit Pistons affiliate, Grand Rapids Drive, in the NBA Development League; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2018, Zeke aided the Drive in their first ever playoff berth in a 101-99 home

win over the Long Island Nets. However, in the game's final minute Zeke collapsed. No CPR or AED was facilitated. Two days later, Zeke passed away from sudden cardiac arrest at the age of 26; and

WHEREAS, above all of his tremendous accomplishments in basketball, Zeke was most known for his magnificent smile, undeniably kind soul and his unwavering love he had for his family, especially his mother; and

WHEREAS, Zeke's mother, Jewel, has now devoted her life to carry on his legacy and his personal commitment to help the youth. The Zeke Upshaw Foundation was launched in March 2019 with the mission to help spread heart health awareness and advocate for improved heart screenings for all athletes; and

WHEREAS, in partnership with Zeke's friends and family, a scholarship fund has been established in his honor at Lab known as The Zeke Upshaw, '09 Memorial Fund that will provide important financial support to talented and highly-motivated students whose financial situation might otherwise prevent them from attending Lab; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby honor the life and outstanding accomplishments of Zena Ray "Zeke" Upshaw; 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 be tendered to the University of Chicago Laboratory Schools and Zeke Upshaw's family as a symbol of condolence and recognition of Zeke's irrefutable dedication to the game he loved..

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Sponsored by: STANLEY MOORE, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING DAVID A. YESPEN, FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE PAUL SIMON PUBLIC POLICY INSTITUTE, FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO CIVIL PUBLIC DISCOURSE AND STUDENTS FROM COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, The Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University Carbondale was founded by Senator Paul Simon upon his retirement from the United States Senate and where Senator Simon served as the first director focusing on ethical conduct in government and opportunity and fair treatment for people in America and throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, more SIU Carbondale students also known as Salukis - are from Cook County than any other county or state in the U.S., and more Saluki alumni reside in Cook County than any other county; and

WHEREAS, David A. Yepsen served as the Paul Simon Public Policy and longest serving director, from 2009 until 2016, where he directed programs and initiatives to encourage and inform public policy discourse in Cook County and throughout the state including public opinion polling cited by this distinguished body - and where he mentored and created opportunities for students interested in public service; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Yepsen came to the Paul Simon Institute after a 34-year career with the Des Moines Register with national notoriety is frequently sought for insights on presidential politics and the Iowa Caucuses; and

WHEREAS, he is a native of Jefferson, Iowa and is a graduate of the University of Iowa and holds a Master's in Public Administration degree from Drake University, and he was a fellow at the Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics and Public Policy at the Harvard Kennedy School, and later he was a fellow at the Institute of Politics at Harvard; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Yepsen is currently a Pritzker Fellow at the University of Chicago Institute of Politics, serves on the Board of Counselors for the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, on Iowa Public Television; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby honor David A. Yepsen for his remarkable career and service to informed civil discourse and service to students from Cook County and throughout the state; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and a suitable copy be presented to Mr. David Yepsen and the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

[19-3689](#)

Sponsored by: STANLEY MOORE, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING MICHAEL MANSON MUSICAL EDUCATOR AND CO-FOUNDER OF THE MUSICAL ARTS INSTITUTE

WHEREAS, Michael Manson is a graduate of Northwestern University (Bienen School of Music); and

WHEREAS, Michael Manson, the bassist musical educator, executive director and founder incorporated Musical Arts Institute in January 2010; and

WHEREAS, Michael Manson has enjoyed 35 years of career success with artists such as George Duke, Al Jareau, Kirk Whallum, and many others; and

WHEREAS, Michael was compelled to give back to his hometown Chicago, where few role models were accessible for many of our youth; and

WHEREAS, Michael has worked cohesively with co-founder and co-executive director, Lana Manson, to organize an amazing team of professional musicians and educators to provide outstanding music instruction in Chicago's underserved areas; and

WHEREAS, Michael and Lana together have more than 30 years of experience in Music Education, has established an organization to equip students to compete for college scholarships or to achieve a sustainable professional career in music. Recognizing that students within CPS and other highly populated African American communities lacked access to advanced music instruction; and

WHEREAS, The Musical Arts Institute has been acknowledged as one of the top 10 rated non-profit organizations in Chicago by greatnonprofits.com; and

WHEREAS, The Musical Arts Institute now serves over 400 community students with the highest quality music instruction, with a staff of 16 highly qualified and certified music educators and support staff; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, shall honor Michael Manson for his dedication and commitment to inner city youth in the Princeton Park Community within the 4th district; 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 presented to Michael Manson in recognition of The Musical Arts Institute beacon of excellence that shines brightly in the Chicagoland area.

[19-3705](#)

Sponsored by: STANLEY MOORE, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENTS OF DOCTOR DORIAN S. BOYLAND

WHEREAS, Dorian S. Boyland is a Chicago native who has earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business and Accounting from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh; and

WHEREAS, Dorian S. Boyland received his honorary doctorate on May 18, 2019, at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

WHEREAS, Dorian S. Boyland led a successful baseball career at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh being recognized as a College All-American and later inducted into the University's Hall of Fame. He would go to be drafted in the second round by the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1976. In the process, Dorian became the first African American and highest draft pick ever from Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, Dorian went on to have a seven-year career in Major League Baseball playing on the Pittsburgh Pirates 1979 World Series Championship team and ending his professional baseball career with the San Francisco Giants in 1983; and

WHEREAS, after professional baseball, Dorian entered into the automotive industry where he has successfully owned and/or operated 16 dealerships in seven states with a combined revenue of over 4 billion dollars; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, Boyland Auto Group, led by Dorian, was ranked the 4th largest African American Automotive Group in the United States and the 78th largest Automobile Group in the nation. Today, the Boyland Auto Group employs over 400 employees in 8 dealerships in five states; and

WHEREAS, Dorian S. Boyland has hired minorities and also provided business ownership and training opportunities to African American Automotive Dealers across the United States; and

WHEREAS, Dorian S. Boyland has won numerous automotive industry awards including Black Enterprise Dealer of the Year, Most Profitable Ford Dealer, Five Star by the Chrysler Corporation, Blue Oval Ford Motor Company and a Presidents Award Winner by American Honda; and

WHEREAS, Dorian S. Boyland actively gives back to the community and has donated over \$3 million dollars in donations and in-kind support to nonprofits such as The Support Group, Hands Across America, Lou Rawls Telethon, Black Women Breast Cancer Awareness, Jack and Jill of America, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and 100 Black Men; and

WHEREAS, Dorian S. Boyland continues to be involved in his local community in Windermere, Florida as a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and on a number of Board of Directors in the Automotive Dealers Association and youth-based nonprofits; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, does hereby honor Dorian S. Boyland for his years of leadership and commitment to the automotive industry and in the community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County and an official copy be tendered to Dorian S. Boyland in recognition of this honor.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Matthew B. DeLeon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Matthew" being the most prominent.

Secretary