



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

Consent Agenda

Wednesday, June 26, 2019, 1:00 PM

Consent Calendar Meeting - Second Set

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Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, 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

DOMINIC DIFRISCO, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Dominic DiFrisco from our midst; and

WHEREAS Dominic DiFrisco was the dearly beloved husband of Carol (Loverde), and

WHEREAS, Dominic DiFrisco was the devoted father of Nina (Robert) Mariano; and

WHEREAS, Dominic DiFrisco was the loving grandfather of Pasquale Gianni; and

WHEREAS, Dominic DiFrisco was the dear brother of Carmela Soricelli and Louisa Termini; and

WHEREAS, Dominic DiFrisco was the fond uncle and godfather to many; and

WHEREAS, Dominic DiFrisco proudly served as President of the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans where he worked to create the annual Dante Award and Filippo Mazzei Award; and

WHEREAS, Dominic DiFrisco played an important role in the effort to keep the Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii open in the 1990's; and

WHEREAS, Dominic DiFrisco was a forceful advocate for many Italian American causes and a proud proponent of the contributions of Italian Americans in Chicago and Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Dominic DiFrisco touched the lives of many and will be remembered by all who knew him; and

WHEREAS, all who knew him will attest that Dominic DiFrisco was a kind and compassionate man, virtuous of character and gentle in spirit, admired and respected by his many friends and neighbors, and dearly loved by his family; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family of Dominic DiFrisco and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to the family of Dominic DiFrisco so that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

[19-3392](#)

Sponsored by: PETER N. SILVESTRI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

DOMINIC DIFRISCO, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2019, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom called Dominic DiFrisco from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Dominic DiFrisco was the beloved husband of Carol (nee Loverde) and loving father of Nina (Robert) Mariano; and

WHEREAS, Dominic DiFrisco was the proud grandfather of Pasquale Gianni and fond brother of Carmela Soricelli of New York and Louisa Termini of Texas, and uncle and godfather to many; and

WHEREAS, born to Leoluca and Antonina, immigrants from Corleone, Sicily, Dominic DiFrisco was taught the importance of community involvement at an early age; his father's involvement in many Italian-American causes left a strong impression on him and inspired him to dedicate most of his adult life to the promotion of Italian-American culture and to dispel stereotypes; and

WHEREAS, Dominic DiFrisco began his career at Alitalia Airlines in New York and moved to Chicago as public relations manager for the Midwest; and

WHEREAS, Dominic DiFrisco later made a name for himself helping to build bridges between the public and private sectors as senior consultant at Edelman Chicago, with prominent clients including McDonald's, the State of Illinois, and the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Dominic DiFrisco was the voice for countless topics important to the Italian-American community and was an early leader of the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans, a nonprofit organization that serves as a congress for the Chicagoland Italian-American organizations and represents the community on local, state, national, and international levels; and

WHEREAS, when the Italian-American community was at risk of losing one of its cornerstones-Our Lady of Pompeii Church-Dominic and other Little Italy community members bound together to raise money to save the church, personally petitioning the late Joseph Cardinal Bernardin to allow the church to remain open; and

WHEREAS, Dominic DiFrisco was known by many as the color commentator for decades during the television broadcast of the Columbus Day Parade, displaying his encyclopedic knowledge of Chicago-Italian history; and

WHEREAS, in addition to receiving many awards from the Italian-American community, Dominic DiFrisco has been honored by the African-American and Native-American communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family of Dominic DiFrisco; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to the family of Dominic DiFrisco so that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

[19-4248](#)

Sponsored by: ALMA E. ANAYA, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF ARTURO BALLESTEROS

WHEREAS, Arturo Ballesteros, son of Mexican immigrants, Juan and Rosa Ballesteros whom immigrated from San Juan de los Lagos, Jalisco and Acambaro, Guanajuato respectively, was born in Chicago, IL in January 16, 2002; and

WHEREAS, Arturo Ballesteros grew up in the Pilsen neighborhood and currently resides in Brighton Park. He speaks Spanish at home with his parents, and his younger sister; and

WHEREAS, Arturo Ballesteros, a sophomore student at Back of the Yards College Prep received a perfect score on the College Board's Advanced Placement Spanish Language and Culture exam this year; and

WHEREAS, only 100 students out of 189,658 students that took the Advanced Placement Spanish Language and Culture exam this year across the entire globe were able to attain a perfect score on this year's exam and Arturo Ballesteros was one of them; and

WHEREAS, for the exam, Arturo Ballesteros correctly answered 65 multiple-choice questions, wrote a perfect persuasive essay, outlined the value of digital library resources over physical texts; responded to a sample business email; delivered an impromptu two-minute presentation; and discussed the merits of a career in law--all in college-level Spanish; and

WHEREAS, Arturo Ballesteros placed in the top 0.053 percent of exam takers, receiving the highest score possible; and

WHEREAS, Arturo Ballesteros is involved in many extracurricular activities at his school such as: math club, the volleyball team, the running club, the school newspaper, and ballet folklórico; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Brekke, the principal of Back of the Yards College Prep described Arturo Ballesteros as “incredibly smart”, additionally she described him as a humble and great man.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate Arturo Ballesteros on receiving a perfect score on the College Board’s Advanced Placement Spanish Language and Culture exam.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to Arturo Ballesteros and family for his accomplishments and may pursue a successful career.

[19-4243](#)

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING FR. THOMAS E. GRIFFIN, O.S.A.

WHEREAS, on Sunday, June 30, 2019, a special Mass will be celebrated at St. Gabriel Catholic Church in Chicago’s Canaryville community, and

WHEREAS, among the many blessings for which the parishioners of St. Gabriel will offer thanks on that day is that God has blessed them and sent to them His grace through the good works and benevolence of Father Thomas Griffin, Pastor of St. Gabriel Church, and

WHEREAS, Father Griffin was raised in Holy Rosary Parish in the Roseland area where he attended Grammar school, and

WHEREAS, Father Griffin graduated from Mendel High School in 1972, where he later graduated from DePaul with a BS in accounting, and

WHEREAS, Father Griffin entered the Augustinian Seminary in 1976 and was first ordained into the priesthood in April of 1983, and

WHEREAS, Father Griffin became a Navy Reserve Chaplain in 1986 thru 2000, and

WHEREAS, Father Griffin was appointed Pastor of St. Gabriel Catholic Church in 2012, and

WHEREAS, Father Griffin is known with great fondness and much affection by all the parishioners of St. Gabriel Parish who have sought his help and spiritual guidance over the years, and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his outstanding service to the parishioners of St. Gabriel Parish and the community of Canaryville, the parishioners of St. Gabriel Catholic Church will gather in a celebratory farewell Mass on June 30, 2019, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby extend its congratulations to Father Thomas Griffin for this special recognition, and extends its gratitude on behalf of the community for his outstanding service over the years, 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 Father Thomas Griffin, to commemorate this joyous occasion.

[19-4244](#)

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING FR. WOJCIECH ARTUR MARAT

WHEREAS, on Sunday, June 30, 2019, a special Mass will be celebrated at St. Barbara Church, and

WHEREAS, among the many blessings for which the parishioners of St. Barbara will offer thanks on that day is that God has blessed them and sent to them His grace through the good works and benevolence of Father Wojciech Artur Marat, Pastor of St. Barbara Church, and

WHEREAS, Father Marat was born and raised in Bialystock, Poland, and

WHEREAS, Father Marat was ordained on June 16, 1988, and

WHEREAS, Father Marat served as a chaplain to the Bialystock associations of Catholic doctors from 1998-2000 and lawyers as adjutant judicial vicar and judge of the metropolitan tribunal from 2000 - 2002, and

WHEREAS, Father Marat served as defender of the bond for the metropolitan tribunal from 2003-2006, 2012- present and as a judge on the metropolitan tribunal from 2006-2011 in the Archdiocese of Chicago, and

WHEREAS, Father Marat holds degrees in canon law from the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin and is a member of the canon law societies of both the United States and Poland, and

WHEREAS, Father Marat has served as associate pastor of St. Richard, St. John Fisher and St. Thecla before receiving his his assignment at St. Barbara Parish in September of 2013, and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his outstanding service to the parishioners of St. Barbara Parish, the parishioners of St. Barbara Catholic Church will gather in a celebratory farewell Mass on June 30, 2019, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby extend its congratulations to Father Wojciech Artur Marat for this special recognition, and extends its gratitude on behalf of the community for his outstanding service over the years, 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 Father Wojciech Artur Marat, to commemorate this joyous occasion.

[19-4245](#)

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, 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 FR. PETER MCQUINN

WHEREAS on Sunday, June 30, 2019, a special Mass will be celebrated at All Saints-St. Anthony Church, and

WHEREAS, among the many blessings for which the parishioners of All Saints-St. Anthony will offer thanks on that day is that God has blessed them and sent to them His grace through the good works and benevolence of Father Peter McQuinn, Pastor of All Saints-St. Anthony, and

WHEREAS, Father McQuinn attended St. Celestine School in Elmwood Park and Holy Cross High School in River Grove, and

WHEREAS, Father McQuinn attended St. Mary of the Lake University where he received masters in Divinity, Theology, and Religious Vocations, and

WHEREAS, Father McQuinn received a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from Loyola University, and

WHEREAS, Father McQuinn was first ordained into the priesthood on May 18, 1991, and

WHEREAS, Father McQuinn had many assignments including administrator at St. Mark, pastor at Epiphany, interim chaplain at Nazarethville Nursing Home, associate pastor at Our Lady of the Wayside, and

WHEREAS, Father McQuinn was appointed Pastor of All Saints-St. Anthony Church in July of 2014, and

WHEREAS, Father McQuinn is known with great fondness and much affection by all the parishioners of All Saints- St. Anthony who have sought his help and spiritual guidance over the years, and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his outstanding service to the parishioners of All Saints-St. Anthony, the parishioners of All Saints-St. Anthony Church will gather in a celebratory farewell Mass on June 30, 2019, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby extend its congratulations to Father Peter McQuinn for this special recognition, and extends its gratitude on behalf of the community for his outstanding service over the years, 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 Father Peter McQuinn, to commemorate this joyous occasion.

[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

WHEARAS, 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

[19-4264](#)

Sponsored by: BRIDGET GAINER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION HONORING CHICAGO'S HISTORIC LEGACY WALK

WHEREAS, The Legacy Walk is a dynamic outdoor LGBT history exhibit in Chicago's Lakeview neighborhood; and,

WHEREAS, Along the half mile of the North Halsted Street Corridor, between Belmont Avenue and Grace Street, ten pairs of 25'-tall decorative "Rainbow Pylons" define the nexus of Chicago's LGBTQ community; and,

WHEREAS, Affixed to the pylons are a series of bronze memorial plaques commemorating the life and work of notable lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender individuals whose achievements have helped shape the world - but whose contributions, sexual orientation or gender identity have been overlooked, minimized or redacted entirely from most historic texts; and,

WHEREAS, presently there are forty bronze markers on the Legacy Walk - the largest collection of detailed bronze biographical memorials in the world - and every year on National Coming-Out Day

(October 11th) new plaques are added; and,

WHEREAS, Collectively the Legacy Walk serves as an "outdoor classroom" for students who participate in the Legacy Project Education Initiative (LPEI) to boost LGBTQ youth self-esteem and confront the ignorance which fuels anti-Gay bullying; and,

WHEREAS, The Legacy Walk was recently declared a Historic Landmark by the City of Chicago Commission on Landmarks.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that during Pride Month 2019, the Cook County Board of Commissioners commends the work of the Legacy Project - especially its founder Victor Salvo and its board of directors - for creating an iconic installation celebrating the lives and stories of LGBTQ people throughout history.

[19-4234](#)

Sponsored by: KEVIN B. MORRISON and TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION REMEMBERING LGBTQ HISTORY IN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, the month of June is recognized as LGBTQ Pride Month; and

WHEREAS, the LGBTQ community across the United States remembers and honors the legacy of LGBTQ people at The Stonewall Riots on the 50th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, there is also a rich and important LGBTQ history in Cook County that must be remembered; and

WHEREAS, the Gerber/Hart Library and Archives located in Chicago is a vital partner in preserving and displaying the history and artifacts of local LGBTQ history; and

WHEREAS, Tracy Baim, long time publisher of Windy City Times and other LGBTQ publications, has been essential in documenting the lives, photographs, and news of the LGBTQ community for decades including in her book, Out and Proud in Chicago: An Overview of the City's Gay Community; and

WHEREAS, Victor Salvo created The Legacy Project and The Legacy Walk, an outdoor history exhibit in the Boystown neighborhood of Chicago to commemorate the lives and work of prominent LGBTQ people whose contributions or identities were overlooked by most historic texts; and

WHEREAS, the Society of Human Rights, the first recognized gay rights organization in the United States, was founded in 1924 by Henry Gerber in Chicago, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, prior to the Stonewall Riots in New York, similar raids by law enforcement including Cook County Sheriff Richard Ogilvie, were conducted; and

WHEREAS, one of the most prominent examples was a raid of a well-known LGBTQ establishment called Fun Lounge, located in suburban Cook County, in which 109 patrons were arrested on April 25, 1964; and

WHEREAS, those arrested were paraded in front of newspaper photographers. The names and occupations of those arrested were printed on the front page of local newspaper even though charges of over 90 people were dropped because of insufficient evidence of any kind; and

WHEREAS, the controversial printing of names and occupations led to the firing of many of those that were in teaching and school administrative roles; and

WHEREAS, this raid was a galvanizing moment for LGBTQ people in Cook County to organize politically against those fighting for their right to live openly; and

WHEREAS, in 1968, the North American Conference of Homophile Organizations hosted a conference in Chicago where they drafted the “Homosexual Bill of Rights”, which included basic tenants of LGBTQ people being able to live their lives without fear of harassment or retribution; and

WHEREAS, Jim Flint became the first openly LGBTQ person to run for the Cook County Board of Commissioners in 1987; and

WHEREAS, in 1993 the Cook County Board of Commissioners passed an amendment to the Human Rights Ordinance that included sexual orientation as a group protected from discrimination; and

WHEREAS, the Ruth M. Rothstein CORE Center was founded by Cook County Health and Rush University Medical Center in 1998 and has pioneered treatment and care for HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, there are countless other examples of battles fought by the LGBTQ community in Cook County and paths paved by LGBTQ people willing to stand up for their community; and

WHEREAS, all of this history has shaped the LGBTQ community in Cook County and led to advancements of living lives openly and authentically; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor the LGBTQ community during Pride Month and remember the history of the LGBTQ community in Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we honor the great contributions that LGBTQ people have done across Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this resolution are presented to the Gerber/Hart Library and Archives, Tracy Baim, Victor Salvo and Jim Flint.

[19-4269](#)

Sponsored by: STANLEY MOORE, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING THE HONORABLE KIMBERLY A. LIGHTFORD AS THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN FEMALE ILLINOIS STATE SENATE MAJORITY LEADER

WHEREAS, Senator Kimberly A. Lightford was born in Chicago, Illinois on May 10, 1968; and

WHEREAS, Senator Kimberly A. Lightford was raised in Maywood, Illinois and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Public Communications from Western Illinois University and a master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Illinois Springfield; and

WHEREAS, prior to being elected to public office, Senator Kimberly A. Lightford gained extensive management experience working as a Trustee for the Village of Maywood and for State of Illinois departments such as the Illinois Department of Central Management Services, the Illinois Department of Corrections and the Illinois Secretary of State's office; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, Senator Kimberly A. Lightford became the youngest African American female elected to the Illinois State Senate representing the 4th District. Senator Lightford has become a vocal champion for promoting quality education, advocating for quality healthcare, and providing support for working families; and

WHEREAS, Senator Kimberly A. Lightford became Assistant Majority Leader in 2009 and enhanced her role as an advocate for education reform. Senator Lightford has served on the Senate Education Committee as either a sitting member, Vice Chair or Chairman. Her expertise positioned her as a lead negotiator on the legislation that established stronger methods of evaluating teachers and tracking student progress; and

WHEREAS, on January 9, 2019, Senator Kimberly A. Lightford was appointed as the Illinois State Senate Majority Leader, making her the first African American female to hold the position and among the highest-ranking elected officials in state government; and

WHEREAS, Senator Kimberly A. Lightford currently serves as Chair of the Assignments Committee and a member on Committees such as the Committee of the Whole, Education, Energy and Public Utilities, Executive, and Executive Appointments. She is also the Sub-Chairperson for the Special Committees on Government Operations and Charter Schools and a member on the Special Committees on Supplier Diversity and Oversight Medicaid Management Care; and

WHEREAS, due to her leadership, Senator Kimberly A. Lightford has helped to pass laws that provides universal preschool programs and makes sure that all children start school at six years old. Senator Lightford has also improved the safety of children by providing specialized bullying prevention curricula and no bullying school zones; and

WHEREAS, Senator Kimberly A. Lightford has worked to improve the quality of life for working families by passing legislation such as the Illinois Equal Pay Act, the African American Equal Pay Act, reforming the Payday Loan Industry, and raising the minimum wage in Illinois to \$15 dollars per hou; and

WHEREAS, in addition to advancing a progressive legislative agenda, Senator Kimberly A. Lightford has led efforts to rebuild The Loretto Hospital in the Austin community. Senator Lightford secured more than \$20 million in funding that helped the hospital build a state-of-the-art emergency department, a pharmacy and remodel all bed space. Due to her efforts, The Loretto Hospital renamed their emergency department to The Kimberly A. Lightford Emergency Department; and

WHEREAS, for nearly two decades, Senator Kimberly A. Lightford has brought resources back to the 4th District. Senator Lightford initiated the “Uplift Our Future” program, a Saturday University which provides mentoring and educational resources for middle school students. She has also hosted an annual Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Rainbow Tea and breast cancer and prostate cancer awareness events; and

WHEREAS, in December 2018, Senator Kimberly A. Lightford was instrumental to securing \$3 million to improve a community center operated by the Maywood Park District. The Maywood Park District named the Lightford Recreation Center in her honor; and

WHEREAS, Senator Kimberly A. Lightford currently serves as the Chair of the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus, Commissioner for the Education Commission of States, Co-Chair of the Education Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures, and an Executive Fellow at the Erikson Institute; and

WHEREAS, Senator Kimberly A. Lightford and her family currently resides in Maywood, Illinois where she is active in the community as a member of the Board of Directors for the Proviso-Leyden Council for Community Action, The Loretto Hospital, and the Boys & Girls Club of West Cook County. Senator Lightford is also a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated; 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 does hereby congratulate Senator Kimberly A. Lightford as the first African American female Illinois State Senate Majority Leader and honors her many contributions to the people of 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 Senator Kimberly A. Lightford.

[19-4287](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING COOK COUNTY LIBRARIANS FOR GOING BEYOND THE BOOK FOR COMMUNITY BUILDING

WHEREAS, library is traditionally known as a collection of books used for reading or study, and/or the building or room in which such a collection is kept. The word derives from the Latin *liber*, “book,” and a Latinized Greek word, *bibliotheca*, is the origin of the word for library in Spanish, French, Italian, Portuguese, Romanian, German, and Russian, and

WHEREAS, in the 19th century, libraries were acknowledged to be an indispensable part of community life as promoters of literacy, providers of a wide range of reading for all ages, and centers for community information services. Legislation required local authorities to devote public funds to this cause, and

WHEREAS, librarians, also known as information specialists, use their professional skills to connect resources and information to the public community through reference and research services, collection development, programming, technology and media platforms, and

WHEREAS, Cook County has approximately 205 libraries serving an estimated population of 5.3 million; and

WHEREAS, Cook County's libraries are places of information and have risen “*beyond the book*.” They are an extension of the educational institutions in Cook County and are one of the our most important resources that build communities, provide access, promote literacy, protect individual rights and innovate; and

WHEREAS, every summer, most Cook County libraries have adopted a theme for Summer Reading Club where children, teens and adults win small prizes to encourage reading during the summer months. Summer Reading Club takes place for approximately 8-10 weeks (June - August) and starts when the regular school session ends, and

WHEREAS, libraries offer a variety of weekly themed-programs for all ages and patrons receive points and prizes for reading a certain number of books or for a certain amount of time. On average, 2.5 million patrons read 25 million books and attend over 10,000 summer programs offered by 205 Cook County libraries, 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 Cook County libraries for encouraging youth participation in summer reading clubs and community activities at libraries across Cook County and praise its essential contribution to the communities of Cook County by going “*beyond the book*” for

community building; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this proclamation be presented to all libraries and City Council within Cook County.

[19-4288](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO AND FIFTH THIRD BANK PARTNERSHIP TOMORROW'S PROMISE: VISION 2020

WHEREAS, in 2008, Concordia University Chicago and Fifth Third Bank joined together in an innovative public-private partnership called Tomorrow's Promise: Vision 2020, developed to make a long-term positive impact on the lives of underserved children, their families, their schools and the local community; and

WHEREAS, twenty-two academically talented students from Bellwood School District 88 and Proviso Township High School District 209 were selected to take part in the program; and

WHEREAS, school, university and bank officials monitored student progress including individual GPAs, test scores and commitment and, on a case-by-case basis, identified additional resources to help students successfully complete their educations; and

WHEREAS, Fifth Third Bank educated the students' parents through regular classes on managing household finances and starting a college fund; and

WHEREAS, Concordia University Chicago collaborated with school districts and teachers on curriculum review, professional education and best practices to improve Tomorrow's Promise; and

WHEREAS, twelve of the original students remained eligible to participate and enrolled in Concordia University Chicago in the fall of 2015; and

WHEREAS, the bank and university provided comprehensive financial support for the participating students to cover the full costs of their tuition, fees, room and board; and

WHEREAS, in May of 2019, the first three student participants earned their baccalaureate degrees, with others on the path to complete their degrees in 2020; and

WHEREAS, the university awarded a posthumous degree to the parents of Tomorrow's Promise student Jocelyn Morales, who passed away prior to completion of the program; and

WHEREAS, Bellwood School District 88 and Proviso Township High School District 209 are dedicated to the highest quality education, where learning, leadership, service and research-based practices ensure equitable and meaningful opportunities for all students; and

WHEREAS, Fifth Third Bank was founded in 1858 and continues to fulfill a legacy to help improve the lives of their customers and communities through sound banking principles and superior service; and

WHEREAS, Concordia University Chicago has a 155-year history of equipping men and women to serve and lead with integrity, creativity, competence and compassion in a diverse, interconnected and increasingly urbanized church, state and world; and

WHEREAS, Tomorrow's Promise exemplifies the positive effects of and serves to inspire future public-private collaborations to invest in deserving students, school districts and their local communities; 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 and commends the diligence and outstanding accomplishments of Thaddous Daniel, Janay Taylor and Javier Terrazas in achieving their bachelor's degrees, recognizes the support of their families, and honors the family of Jocelyn Morales; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable copy of this Resolution will be presented to all participants.