



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY
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Virtual Meeting

Consent Agenda

Thursday, September 24, 2020, 10:00 AM

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Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), LUIS ARROYO JR, ALMA E. ANAYA and FRANK J. AGUILAR, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING NATIONAL HISPANIC/LATINX HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month was founded to celebrate the heritage and culture of Hispanic and Latinx communities; and

WHEREAS, Cook County celebrates the vast contributions made by Hispanic and Latinx residents in our communities; and

WHEREAS, Cook County is proud to celebrate the diversity of its residents and the richness of culture; and

WHEREAS, in September of 1968, President Lyndon Johnson signed Public Law 90-498 into law, authorizing the President to designate the week of September 15th as “National Hispanic Heritage Week” in recognition of the extraordinary contributions of the Hispanic and Latinx community, and in recognition of the anniversaries of several Latin American countries independence day celebrations; and

WHEREAS, the independence of the countries of Guatemala, Costa Rica, Honduras, Nicaragua and El Salvador are celebrated on September 15th, followed by Mexico on September 16th, Chile on September 18th and Belize on September 21st; and

WHEREAS, with the approval of Public Law 100-402 in 1988, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed September 15th through October 15th as National Hispanic Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latinx individuals of every generation have made immense contributions through their courageous service in the United States Military, the arts, education, mathematics, science, literature, technology, and philanthropy in this county and the world; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latinx individuals have long been part of the fabric of Cook County, first being reported on the Illinois census in 1850 and reaching a reported population of 25,211 by 1930; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics and Latinx have contributed to historical school desegregation efforts in the United States of America, starting in the 1930’s in the State of Texas, that led to efforts in California, that culminated in the impactful decision made in the state California in 1946 in Mendez v. Westminster School District, and Hispanic and Latinx, long after the desegregation of schools, have continued to fight for better education, such as the 2001 Hunger Strike in the Little Village community to have a new high school built; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latinx continue to strive and excel in higher education, and continue to endeavor for the acceptance of immigrant students in institutions of higher learning, and continue to strive for equal treatment by the Federal Government on education financing; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latinx have contributed to Cook County's social, political and economic development for over one hundred years and Hispanic and Latinx contributions began at the turn of the century when millions of Mexicans came to the United States to work in agriculture under the Federal Bracero Program; and

WHEREAS, the population numbers of Hispanics and Latinx in Cook County greatly expanded during World War I and World War II when Puerto Rican and Mexican immigrants began arriving in large numbers to work in the steel mills, stockyards and packinghouses and helped to build Cook County into an industrial powerhouse; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics and Latinx have made considerable strides in the electoral arena, and continue to be a growing force shaping the local and national discourse that have led to growing numbers in leadership at all levels; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latinx leaders in all levels of government have continued to shape the dialogue concerning the state and future for all Hispanics and Latinx individuals, and continue to make their respective communities proud of their efforts; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics and Latinx have established vibrant communities in the traditional port of entry communities of Humboldt Park, Little Village, Pilsen, Back of the Yards, Southeast Chicago and continue to live and flourish throughout Cook County; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 50,000 Hispanic and Latinx owned businesses across Cook County and this entrepreneurial vibrancy has helped revitalize numerous communities in Chicago and suburban communities; and

WHEREAS, Cook County's economy has always been a magnet for immigrant laborers from all over the world and immigrants from Mexico, the Caribbean, Central America and South America in particular and Cook County continues to welcome and value the contributions of immigrants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby continues to celebrate September 15th through October 15th as Hispanic and Latinx Heritage Month in Cook County, and encourages all Cook County residents to learn about the contributions of this community as well as partake in the many celebrations, festivities and activities in honor of National Hispanic and Latinx Heritage Month; and

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

[20-4303](#)

Presented by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE OF REVEREND DR. LEON FINNEY, JR.

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Leon Finney, Jr. was born on July 7, 1938 in Louise Mississippi to Leon and Bertha Finney; and

WHEREAS His parents relocated the family to Chicago when he was a child. During his childhood, Leon would spend time between Chicago and Nashville, Tennessee with his grandparents. At the age of twelve he returned to Chicago to live permanently; and

WHEREAS Dr. Finney graduated from Hyde Park Academy High School in 1957 and attended the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign; and as well as earning multiple degrees from Goddard College, and McCormick Theological Seminary; and

WHEREAS, In the early 1960's Dr. Finney would join the United States Marine Corps. where he served as a military police officer. After his tour of duty, he returned home in 1964 and became involved with The Woodlawn Organization as an organizer; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Finney would later be named as the Executive Director of the organization and President of the Woodlawn Community Development Corporation, where he advocated against segregated housing, high unemployment and community health concerns; and

WHEREAS Dr. Finney would later become the pastor of three churches, including Christ Apostolic Church, which he took over and restored the Metropolitan Church in Bronzeville and later renamed Metropolitan Apostolic Community Church; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Leon Finney, Jr., passed away on September 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS is survived by his daughter Kristian; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family of Dr. Leon Finney, Jr., and honor the life and memory of this outstanding Cook County resident..

[20-4111](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING 45 YEARS OF SERVICE BY PLOWS COUNCIL ON AGING

WHEREAS, PLOWS Council on Aging was founded in 1975 as a senior assistance organization in South Suburban Cook County, and

WHEREAS, PLOWS Council on Aging is a 501(c)3 human service organization that provides comprehensive community services to 16,000+ individuals in Alsip, Blue Island, Bridgeview, Chicago Ridge, Crestwood, Evergreen Park, Hickory Hills, Hometown, Lemont, Merrionette Park, Oak Lawn, Orland Hills, Orland Park, Palos Heights, Palos Hills, Palos Park, Robbins, Tinley Park, Worth, Willow Springs, and Worth Township, and

WHEREAS, PLOWS Council on Aging provides programing and services that assist people aged 60+ who are navigating the senior life cycle, and

WHEREAS, PLOWS Council on Aging provides adult protective services, advocacy and benefits, caregiver support and home delivered meals, and

WHEREAS, PLOWS Council on Aging also provides specific services to people with disabilities aged 18+ living at home, and

WHEREAS, the assistance provided by the PLOWS Council on Aging promotes senior independence and ensures seniors can live in their homes for as long as possible, and therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby offer its gratitude to the staff at the PLOWS Council on Aging for providing solutions that assist seniors in maintaining their health, dignity and self-worth in South Suburban Cook County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of same be tendered to the PLOWS Council on Aging to celebrate their 45 years of service to seniors who reside in South Suburban Cook County.

[20-4337](#)

Sponsored by: BILL LOWRY, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President) and DENNIS DEER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING PROVIDENT HOSPITAL, JACKSON PARK HOSPITAL & MEDICAL CENTER, LA RABIDA CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO MEDICAL CENTER, MERCY HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER, NORTHWESTERN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, ANN & ROBERT H. LURIE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF CHICAGO, AND SHIRLEY RYAN ABILITYLAB

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic greatly impacted the entire country, including Cook County and its Third District as cases rose until the State of Illinois, Cook County, and the City of Chicago announced emergency declarations in March of 2020. The pandemic caused many citizens throughout Cook County and the City of Chicago to drastically change their working and living habits as social gathering became restricted to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

WHEREAS, nurses, doctors, surgeons, aides, janitorial staff, clerks, orderlies, security guards, and all other hospital staff rose to the challenge to continue working non-stop through the pandemic as essential workers.

WHEREAS, these men and women continue to risk their lives to serve their communities every day. These men and women place the community's health and wellbeing above their own. The families of these essential workers continue to support and sacrifice for the essential workers as the fight to care for those afflicted with COVID-19 and other illnesses, while preventing further infections and deaths, continues.

WHEREAS, Cook County's Third District has eight (8) hospitals and medical centers on the frontlines during this pandemic. These eight (8) hospitals and medical include: Provident Hospital, Jackson Park Hospital & Medical Center, La Rabida Children's Hospital, University of Chicago Medical Center, Mercy Hospital and Medical Center, Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, and Shirley Ryan AbilityLab.

WHEREAS, Provident Hospital was the first African American owned and operated hospital in America. Dr. Daniel Hale Williams established Provident Hospital in Chicago in 1891 during the time in American history where few public or private medical facilities were open to Black Americans providing health care and medical training to the African American community. On May 8, 2020 the Third District Hospital Lunch Train delivered 70 meals to first responders and essential workers at Provident Hospital.

WHEREAS, Jackson Park Hospital & Medical Center is a 256-bed short term comprehensive acute care facility serving the south side of Chicago since its founding in 1951. Jackson Park Hospital & Medical Center serves a high indigent population and is critical to providing healthcare to the southside of Chicago.

On May 15, 2020, the Third District Hospital Lunch Train delivered 70 meals to first responders and essential workers at Jackson Park Hospital.

WHEREAS, La Rabida Children's Hospital is a small pediatric specialty hospital for extended acute care catering to children with lifelong medical conditions since 1896. Located on the Southside, La Rabida Children's Hospital's design showcases the views of Lake Michigan. On May 22, 2020, the Third District Hospital Lunch Train delivered 70 meals to first responders and essential workers at La Rabida Children's Hospital.

WHEREAS, the University of Chicago Medical Center opened its doors in 1927 after delays caused by World War I. The University of Chicago Medical Center includes dozens of outpatient clinics throughout Chicago including locations in downtown Chicago and the South Suburbs. University of Chicago Medicine's health system comprises of the University of Chicago Medical Center, Pritzker School of Medicine, The Biological Sciences Division, and Ingalls Memorial. On May 29, 2020, the Third District Hospital Lunch Train delivered 100 meals to first responders and essential workers at University of Chicago Medical Center.

WHEREAS, founded in 1852, Mercy Hospital & Medical Center is Chicago's first chartered teaching hospital. In 1882, Sister Mary Ignatius Feeney became the first female registered pharmacist in the United States at Mercy Hospital and Medical Center. In 1977, Mercy Hospital & Medical Center dedicated Chicago's first Oncology Unit for cancer patients. On June 5, 2020, the Third District Hospital Lunch Train delivered 100 meals to first responders and essential workers at Mercy Hospital.

WHEREAS, on September 1st, 1972, Passavant Memorial and Wesley Hospital's consolidated under the name Northwestern Memorial Hospital. Northwestern Memorial Hospital's 1,000-bed hospital is the largest private nonprofit healthcare institution in the Midwest. In 1987, the Best Hospitals in America publication named Northwestern Memorial Hospital one of the top hospitals in the United States. In 1997, Northwestern Memorial Hospital's surgeons performed the nation's first minimally invasive trans myocardial laser revascularization and the Midwest's first successful minimally invasive kidney transplant. On June 12, 2020, the Third District Hospital Lunch Train delivered 100 meals to first responders and essential workers at Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

WHEREAS, in 1882, the Maurice Porter Memorial Hospital opened its doors before eventually becoming the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago. The Anne & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago was the first hospital in Chicago focused solely on the care of children and pediatrics. Ann & Robert H Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago placed nationally in all ten ranked pediatric specialties on U.S. News and World Report. On June 19, 2020, the Third District Hospital Lunch Train delivered 100 meals to first responders and essential workers at Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago.

WHEREAS, Shirley Ryan AbilityLab formally the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, is a nationally ranked physical medicine and rehabilitation research hospital based in Chicago. Founded in 1954, the Shirley Ryan AbilityLab offers patient care, education, and research in physical medicine and rehabilitation. On July 17, 2020, the Third District Hospital Lunch Train delivered 100 meals to first

responders and essential workers at AbilityLab.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BILL LOWRY, COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONER of the

3rd DISTRICT, do hereby stand, and salute the phenomenal work and tireless sacrifice and dedication of the first responders and essential workers of Provident Hospital, Jackson Park Hospital & Medical Center, La Rabida Children's Hospital, University of Chicago Medical Center, Mercy Hospital and Medical Center, Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, and Shirley Ryan AbilityLab; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a suitable copy of this Resolution will be presented to the staffs of Provident Hospital, Jackson Park Hospital & Medical Center, La Rabida Children's Hospital, University of Chicago Medical Center, Mercy Hospital and Medical Center, Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, and Shirley Ryan AbilityLab;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED: a copy of this Resolution will be filed within the **Office of Cook County Commissioner Bill Lowry 3rd District**.

[20-4296](#)

Sponsored by: DONNA MILLER, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, 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 and LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

REMEMBERING AND HONORING THE LIFE OF ROSS STEWART NORDSTROM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom called from our midst Ross Stewart Nordstrom on Sunday, August 31, 2020 at the age of 91; and

WHEREAS, Ross was born in Princeton, IL on June 14, 1929, to Iva Mae nee Stewart and Arthur Edwin Nordstrom; and

WHEREAS, Ross was a longtime resident of Chicago Heights, IL in the South Suburbs of Cook County and was affectionately referred to as "Mr. Chicago Heights"; and

WHEREAS, Ross was a graduate of Bloom High School Class of 1947, and would go on to study Electrical Engineering at Chicago Technical College; and

WHEREAS, Ross served honorable in the United States Army and was a Korean War Veteran; and

WHEREAS, Ross was the retired proprietor of Royale Amusement; and

WHEREAS, Ross attended and supported San Rocco Oratory, the Marchegiana Society of Chicago Heights, Amaseno Lodge #3, the Mount Carmel Men's Dinner Club, and was a longtime member of the Loyal Order of the Moose and honorary member of the Catholic War Veterans Post #1060; and

WHEREAS, Ross enjoyed golfing with his "Watermelon Golf Club" buddies and the local casinos where he and his wife of sixty-six years, Annette, made many friends and enjoyed the cuisine at their steakhouses; and

WHEREAS, Ross was considered a bottom-line mechanical genius with his natural ability to repair anything; and

WHEREAS, Ross was loved and highly respected by all those who were blessed to know him; and

WHEREAS, Ross was the beloved husband for 66 years of Annette, loving father of Dennis (Renee) Nordstrom, Sharon (late Sam) Cipkar, Lynette (Mark) Nykaza and Christopher (Lorena) Nordstrom; Cherished grandfather of Evan Stuart (Stacey) Nordstrom, Max Anthony Nordstrom, Ryan Ross Cipkar, Gabriel Paul (Jill) Cipkar, Anneli Hoffman, Kenneth Ross Hoffman, Cody Hoffman, Lucas Nordstrom and Trevor Nordstrom; Great grandfather of William and Thaddeus Nordstrom; Brother of the late Robert (late Ruth) Nordstrom; Uncle to many nieces and nephews;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby offer its deepest condolences and heartfelt sympathy to the family and loved ones of Ross Stewart Nordstrom; 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 the family of Ross Stewart Nordstrom so that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

[20-4298](#)

Sponsored by: DONNA MILLER, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, 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 and LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE CHICAGO METROPOLITAN CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL COALITION OF 100 BLACK WOMEN ON THEIR INAUGURAL CHARTER

WHEREAS, in the winter of 1970, led by visionary Edna Beach, 24 Black Women began to meet together in their homes in New York City following the tumultuous 1960's to assess the problems and opportunities that presented themselves at the beginning of a new decade; and

WHEREAS, as a result of their initial meetings, these pioneering women endeavored to form the Coalition of 100 Black Women, and for the rest of the 1970s, slowly but persistently worked to master root causes of issues that affected their families, their communities and themselves, boldly reaching out to other Black women in common cause, and eventually, mobilized their emerging stature as a visible force of influence promoting gender and racial equity; and

WHEREAS, due to the success and recognition of the Coalition, Black women from other parts of the country aspired to duplicate its mission and programs in their own geographic areas, and it was decided to create a national organization, to expand beyond the boundaries of New York City; and

WHEREAS, the National Coalition of 100 Black Women was launched on October 24, 1981 with over 500 members from 14 states and the District of Columbia, and selected Jewell Jackson McCabe as its first national President; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. is to advocate on behalf of Black women and girls to promote leadership development and gender equity in the areas of health, education and economic empowerment; and

WHEREAS, the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. is a nationally recognized and significant voice for Black women to collectively advocate and address socioeconomic issues at the local, national and international levels; and

WHEREAS, on September 20, 2020, the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. chartered a chapter of 145 professional Black women in the City of Chicago d/b/a the Chicago Metropolitan Chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Metropolitan Chapter Organizer is Drema Lee Woldman and the Co-Organizer is Kimberley Nute-Jones; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Metropolitan Chapter's membership is comprised of career professionals from all walks of life, who are given the opportunity to advocate for issues of concern to Black women and girls, as well as providing leadership that elevates the quality of life for Black women in transition, and serves as a vehicle to link Black women and girls to corporate and political sectors to enhance their own personal and professional development; and

WHEREAS, as an advocacy group, the Chicago Metropolitan Chapter has three primary program foci: Health, Education and Economics where emphasis is placed on advocating for health disparities, S.T.E.A.M., and Economic Empowerment; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners are pleased to support the work and talents of the amazing women in this organization to advocate, engage and uplift communities across Chicagoland and Cook County;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate the members of the Chicago Metropolitan Chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. on the occasion of the chapter's inaugural charter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, September 20, 2020 be hereby declared as Chicago Metropolitan Chapter Day in the County of Cook; 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 a representative of the Chicago Metropolitan Chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. as a symbol of our respect and esteem.

[20-3669](#)

Sponsored by: STANLEY MOORE, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, 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 and LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF RONALD RUSSELL

WHEREAS, Ronald Russell was called home to be with the Lord on July 8, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Russell was born in Chicago, Illinois, to James and Pearlina Russell, on January 13, 1959; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Russell earned his Bachelors of Arts, from the College of Education at Southern Illinois University, at Carbondale; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Russell led a successful career in roles such as Administrator with the HUD Housing Program, Administrator of a Child Welfare Agency, Finance Manager at John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County, Senior Vice President of Primerica Financial Services, and Business Partner of the Illinois South Suburban Entertainment Project; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Russell was active in the community serving as People's Chair for AFSCME Local 1776, Master Mason of North Star Lodge #1, Royal Arch Mason Oriental #21, Sublime Prince of the Secret Western Consistory #28, a member of St. Lawrence O'Toole Church Men's Group, and Facilitator for the United Negro College Fund, and Breast Cancer Survivors at John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Russell was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated where he was initiated at Southern Illinois University, at Carbondale, through the Beta Eta Chapter, in 1978. Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated is the first intercollegiate and oldest Greek-letter fraternity for

African-American Men founded on December 4, 1906, at Cornell University, in Ithaca, New York; and

WHEREAS, for more than 35 years, Ronald Russell fraternal service included serving as a Chapter President, Beta Eta Chapter Step Master, and the General and Midwest Regional Sergeant-at-Arms. Ronald was inducted to the Beta Eta Chapter Hall of Fame in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Russell's greatest joy was spending time with his family. He is survived by his high-school sweetheart and wife for over three decades, Dari Russell, his brothers James Russell, Reginald Russell, Michael Russell, his sister Wanda Russell, and a host of friends, and fraternal brothers; 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 honor and celebrate the life of Ronald Russell and his many contributions bettering the lives of all residents in 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 Ronald Russell.

[20-4180](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE "PARK RIDGE PISTOLS 14U BLUE" SOFTBALL TEAM ON ITS AMAZING 2020 RECORD AND TOURNAMENT SEASON

WHEREAS, the dedicated group of young women on the Park Ridge Pistols travel softball team had a remarkably successful season with a tournament record of 41 wins, four losses, and one tie; and

WHEREAS, the Park Ridge Pistols 14U Blue players are: Ava Amelio, Park Ridge; Charlotte Baumann, Park Ridge; Mackenzie Bickhaus, Niles; Grace Dorgan, Rosemont; Ashley Gricius, Park Ridge; Hannah Hoffman, Park Ridge; Jessica Hoffman, Park Ridge; Maeve Lawlor, Park Ridge; Maura Lawlor, Park Ridge; Ryan Mullarkey, Park Ridge; Genciana Ortiz, Niles; and head coach Rich Hoffman; and

WHEREAS, the unexpected special challenges of this season, including daily uncertainty with changing guidelines, only sparked and solidified the team's cohesiveness and tenacity, taking its performance to a new level; and

WHEREAS, the team understood the importance of playing well in pool play games and went undefeated in pool play for the entire season; and

WHEREAS, the Park Ridge Pistols' tournament record included a fifth-place win, a third-place win, a

second-place win, and a staggering four first-place undefeated wins in a row; and

WHEREAS, these young women committed to and played as a team; individual accomplishments and statistics were secondary to what was best for the team as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the team's highlight was winning its first Nationals Tournament, Midwest NAFA, in Beloit, Wisconsin where it showed grace under pressure and was undefeated in seven games.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate the Park Ridge Pistols 14U Blue softball team for its exemplary season; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to the team as a token of our appreciation for its great teamwork and accomplishments.

[20-3841](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING PATRICK COLLERAN ON HIS RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Patrick Colleran retired from the Winnetka Police Department on August 14, 2020 after 32 years as a law enforcement officer; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Colleran began his career as a law enforcement officer with the Winnetka Police Department on April 11, 1988; and

WHEREAS, during his career, Patrick Colleran served as a member of the Northern Illinois Police Alarm System Emergency Services Team; served in the capacity of a Field Training Officer, Firearms Instructor, and Motorcycle Officer; and was recognized by his superiors and the citizens he served, receiving numerous Honorable Mentions and letters of appreciation from citizens; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Colleran served his department and community with distinction, for which the people of Cook County owe him a debt of gratitude.

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 offer Patrick Colleran congratulations on his retirement and thanks him for his years of public service as a law enforcement officer; 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 same be tendered to Patrick Colleran.

[20-4328](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF MADELYN DUCRÉ

WHEREAS, Madelyn Brenda Ducré, affectionately known as “M.D.”, a longtime police and local government watchdog in Evanston, died on August 2, 2020. She was seventy-seven; and

WHEREAS, Madelyn was born in 1943, in Bonfouca, Louisiana. She was the fourth of seven children and eldest daughter of the late Joseph Leroy Ducré and Mary Pearl Morgan Ducré. She grew up on family-owned land in Slidell, Louisiana and attended St. Tammany Parish public schools. She was a bold and curious child, traits that carried through to adulthood; and

WHEREAS, Madelyn moved to Evanston when she was 18 years old for a modeling job. She married Donald Gibbs, Sr. and had six children. She lived in Evanston for the rest of her life. Ducré also adopted her 2-year old grandson after her oldest son died in 2005; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, Ducré earned a double bachelor’s degree in criminal justice and sociology from Northeastern University. She went on to volunteer in the Cook County juvenile justice system and served as a court monitor, especially for hearings involving Evanston kids; and

WHEREAS, Ducré got involved in police oversight and social justice after watching her sons and grandsons treated poorly by law enforcement, said cousin Albert Gibbs. For her, family was always a driving force; and

WHEREAS, Ducré was a co-founder of Community Police Action Committee, which evolved into the Citizens Network of Protection. CNP helps residents with legal issues, provides educational programs, and promotes police accountability, transparency and oversight, among other services. CNP co-founder Betty Ester remembered working with Ducré and how her sense of humor poked through their serious work. An effective networker, Ducré would try to determine who she knew that might be able to help on different issues; and

WHEREAS, Madelyn’s daughter LaTonya Gibbs remembered her mother as “very direct, but not in a mean way.” Her daughter Mitzi Gibbs agrees. “She was tough. But she was always fair and honest.” Mitzi fondly remembers being taken on buses at a young age to go to protests. “My mother explained to us that we should be here and stand up for what’s right. ‘We Shall Overcome’ was a theme in our house

growing up.” She wasn’t afraid to speak her mind. “You have to stand up for yourself and it’s not always about a sledgehammer,” Mitzi Gibbs said. “Sometimes it’s about speaking up and speaking up again and coming back the next day and the next day and the next year;” and

WHEREAS, Madelyn is survived by six children, Tony (Donna), Tyrone, Blair, Tonya, Mitzi, and Donald Jehu Gibbs, III; nineteen grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; two sisters; and three brothers. She is preceded in death by her eldest son, Donald Jeffrey Gibbs, Jr.; her second husband, Ronald Dotson; her parents; two brothers, Butsie and James Ducre´; three sisters-in-law, Betty Gibbs, Clara Ducre´, and Amal Ducre´; three brothers-in-law, Thomas, Joe and Lovie Gibbs; and her beloved mothers and fathers-in-law, Thomas and Minnie Gibbs and the Dotsons.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County, honors the life and contributions of Madelyn Ducre´, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable 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 Madelyn Ducre´.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING BRIAN CROWE FOR HIS LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

WHEREAS, Brian Crowe, a retired Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County and former City of Chicago Corporation Counsel, died on August 6, 2020, at the age of 81; and

WHEREAS, Brian Crowe was born on January 28, 1939 in Chicago. He earned a bachelor’s degree from Loras College, a law degree from Loyola University School of Law, and a Masters of Law from the University of Virginia School of Law; and

WHEREAS, fueled by a passion for the practice of law, Brian Crowe embarked on a journey that led him to be recognized not only as an exceptional trial attorney and litigator, but also as a highly regarded member of the Cook County legal community; and

WHEREAS, at times, adversaries underestimated Brian Crowe, only to realize to their dismay that he was always the most prepared attorney in the room, possessed of an unparalleled legal intellect and

proWess; and

WHEREAS, Brian Crowe served as a Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County from 1975-1987. Recognized by colleagues as a fair and just judge, he treated everyone in the courtroom with dignity and respect, and he is now regarded as one of Cook County's finest jurists; and

WHEREAS, always generous with his time and friendship, Brian Crowe invested actively in the professional development of the legal community. Widely admired as an advisor, friend, and mentor to his colleagues, Brian Crowe conferred an immeasurable benefit on a generation of students and attorneys; and

WHEREAS, appointed by Mayor Richard M. Daley, Brian Crowe served as the City of Chicago Corporation Counsel from 1997-1999. During that time, he oversaw the day-to-day operation of the City's Law Department, providing legal advice to the Mayor, the members of the City Council, City Commissioners, agencies, and departments; and

WHEREAS, after Brian left the City, he was retained as outside counsel to represent the interests of various governmental agencies in a wide array of complex civil and constitutional challenges in state and federal court. Landmark results were achieved in two cases in particular: first, a case involving a constitutional challenge to the City's M/WBE Procurement Program in Construction; and second, a case involving the Desegregation Consent Decree involving Chicago Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, Brian Crowe's dedication to the Cook County legal community led to a successful career in mediation, and he was highly esteemed as a mediator because opposing parties trusted and recognized his commitment to ethical and equitable resolutions; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, Brian Crowe was awarded the Justice John Paul Stevens Award from the Chicago Bar Foundation and Chicago Bar Association for his commitment to integrity and public service in the practice of law; and

WHEREAS, Brian Crowe shared his time and talent generously, serving as a member of the Chicago Zoning Board of Appeals, Vice President of the Chicago Police Board, Adjunct Professor at Northwestern University Law School and Loyola University School of Law, Special Assistant State's Attorney, and Special Assistant Attorney General; and

WHEREAS, Brian Crowe was also a member of the Chicago, Illinois, and American Bar Associations; Illinois Judges Association; Illinois Trial Lawyers Association; Chicago Council of Lawyers; American Inns of Court; Chicago Inn of Court; Society of Professionals in Dispute Resolution; JAMS/Endispute; American Arbitration Association; and National Association of Securities Dealers; and

WHEREAS, the legal career of Brian Crowe is a model of excellence, humanity, and dedication for all members of the Cook County legal community; and

WHEREAS, Brian Crowe is survived by his beloved wife, Zylpha; two daughters, Kathleen Barakat and Christine Crowe Delapp; one son, Brian Alexander; six grandchildren; and countless admirers and friends.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County, honors the life and contributions of Brian Crowe, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions he has made to the Citizens of Cook County, Illinois; and

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