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Cook County Building, Board Room, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois

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DAVID ORR
COUNTY CLERK

Board met pursuant to law and pursuant to Ordinance 16-4645.

OFFICIAL RECORD

President Preckwinkle in the chair.

CALL TO ORDER

At 9:00 A.M., being the hour appointed for the meeting, the President called the Board to order.

QUORUM

County Clerk David Orr called the roll of members and there was found to be a quorum present.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, García, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Silvestri, Schneider, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (16)

Absent: Commissioner Butler (1)

CONSENT CALENDAR

Pursuant to Cook County Code, the Secretary to the Board of Commissioners hereby transmits Consent Calendar Resolutions for your consideration. The Consent Calendar Resolutions shall be published in the Post Board Action Agenda and Journal of Proceedings as prepared by the Clerk of the Board.

**17-1489
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE RICHARD R. BOYKIN, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
LUIS ARROYO JR, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY,
BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, EDWARD M. MOODY,
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LARRY SUFFREDIN AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

HONORING THE LIFE OF CAPTAIN EUGENE CERNAN

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Captain Eugene Cernan from our midst on January 16, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Captain Cernan was born on March 14, 1934 in Chicago, Illinois, to Andrew and Rose Cernan; and

WHEREAS, the family soon relocated to the Village of Bellwood, Illinois, where Captain Cernan was raised; and

WHEREAS, Captain Cernan went on to study at Purdue University, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering; and

WHEREAS, Captain Cernan joined the United States Navy Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) and served aboard the USS Roanoke while he was still in college; and

WHEREAS, Captain Cernan was commissioned into the Navy and became a Naval Aviator in 1958; and

WHEREAS, he graduated with a Master of Science degree in Aeronautical Engineering in 1963 from the United States Naval Postgraduate School; and

WHEREAS, that same year, Captain Cernan was selected by National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) as an astronaut to participate in the Gemini and Apollo programs; and

WHEREAS, Captain Cernan commanded the Apollo 17 mission, the final lunar landing; and

WHEREAS, at the time of his death, Captain Cernan remained the last person to walk on the face of the moon; and

WHEREAS, following his service with the Navy and NASA, Captain Cernan went on to a successful career in business and spent much time meeting with young people to encourage them to always shoot for the moon; and

WHEREAS, Captain Cernan was married to Jan and raised three (3) daughters; Teresa, Kelly and Danielle; and

WHEREAS, the people of Bellwood and Cook County commend Captain Cernan on his many accomplishments.

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 and friends of Captain Eugene Cernan and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss.

Approved and adopted this 7th of February 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**17-1530
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE JOHN P. DALEY, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN A. FRITCHEY,
BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, EDWARD M. MOODY,
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LARRY SUFFREDIN AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 14, 2017 AS FOOD CHECKOUT DAY

WHEREAS, Food Checkout Day was established in the mid-1990's to recognize the connection between farmers and the safe, nutritious food source they cooperatively grow; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Farm Bureau® has celebrated Food Checkout Day by raising cash and food donations for Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana (RMHC®-CNI) since 2001; and

WHEREAS, Food Checkout Day will again be celebrated at the Ronald McDonald House near Advocate Hope Children's Hospital and the Ronald McDonald House near Lurie's; and

WHEREAS, since 2001 Cook County Farm Bureau® members have donated over 900 hours; over 82,000 pounds of food; contributed over \$123,00 in cash donations; and over 2,600 pounds of pop tabs to support Chicagoland's five Ronald McDonald Houses; and

WHEREAS, Cook County Farm Bureau® families and partners have donated enough food to feed over 91,000 families; and

WHEREAS, RMHC®-CNI continues to care for families of children with complex medical issues by providing a "home away from home" to keep families together while their children are receiving medical treatment far from home; and

WHEREAS, every night, 153 families heal together because of the comfort, compassion, and community at the five Ronald McDonald Houses and three Ronald McDonald House family rooms; and

WHEREAS, Food Checkout Day recognizes the connection between farmers and the healthy and nutritious food they grow and care for; and

WHEREAS, the over 47,000 members of the Cook County Farm Bureau® including 1,000 farmer members recognize the importance of producing safe, nutritious food using environmentally sustainable practices; and

WHEREAS, Cook County farmers recognize the need for better access throughout Cook County to fresh food; and

WHEREAS, despite cash and non-perishable donations there is increased need at all five of RMHC®-CNI Cook County houses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognize Tuesday, February 14, 2017 as Food Checkout Day and salute the efforts of the Cook County Farm Bureau® and the Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana for their efforts to feed those individuals and families in need; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy be tendered to the Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana and the Cook County Farm Bureau® for their efforts to feed those individuals and families in need.

Approved and adopted this 7th of February 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**17-1603
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE JOHN A. FRITCHEY, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY,
BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, EDWARD M. MOODY,
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PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT B. STEELE,
LARRY SUFFREDIN AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

CONGRATULATING THE 2016 WORLD SERIES CHAMPION CHICAGO CUBS

WHEREAS, the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners on behalf of its residents wish to wholeheartedly congratulate the 2016 Chicago Cubs for their triumphant year, winning the National League Central Division, National League Pennant, and culminating in their World Series win which captivated fans around the world; and

WHEREAS, established in 1876 as the Chicago White Stockings, later changing their name to the Chicago Colts, the Chicago Orphans and finally settling on the name Chicago Cubs in 1903, the Cubs are the oldest Major League Baseball team to have played its entire existence in a single city; and

WHEREAS, the leadership and commitment of Chairman and Owner Tom Ricketts to invest in the Cubs' long-term growth, starting with President of Baseball Operations Theo Epstein, who brought a proven winning track record and attention to detail, set the stage to turn the Cubs from the lovable losers that caused yearly heartbreak to its devoted fans into a world-class, championship organization; and

WHEREAS, in his second season as manager, Joe Maddon guided the Cubs to 103 victories; the best record in the major leagues, finishing a dominant 17 1/2 games ahead of the Central Division runner-up and long-time rivals the St. Louis Cardinals; making it the first 100+ win season the Cubs have had since 1935 and marking the most victories the team has had since 1910; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 Chicago Cubs featured a star-studded roster led by a dominating pitching staff including 2015 Cy Young winner Jake Arrieta, 2016 Cy Young candidates Kyle Hendricks and Jon Lester, Jason Hammel, John Lackey, Carl Edwards, Jr., Justin Grimm, Mike Montgomery, Hector Rondon, Pedro Strop, Travis Wood, Trevor Cahill and Aroldis Chapman; and

WHEREAS, the Cubs also fielded an impressive All-Star line-up including National League Most Valuable Player (MVP) Kris Bryant, Anthony Rizzo, Javier Baez, Dexter Fowler, Willson Contreras, Jason Hayward, Albert Almora, Jr., Miguel Montero, David Ross, Addison Russell, Kyle Schwarber, Chris Coghlan, Munenori Kawasaki, Tommy La Stella, Matt Szczur, Jorge Soler, Joe Smith, Rob Zastryzny and World Series MVP Ben Zobrist; and

WHEREAS, the historic 2016 season saw the Cubs win their first National League Pennant in 71 years and marked the Cubs' first appearance in the World Series since 1945 and their first World Series victory since 1908; and

WHEREAS, the World Series win was especially poignant for the countless long-time Cubs fans who were overcome with emotion, remembering family members, fathers, mothers, sisters and brothers who were no longer here to witness the triumph, and for the generations of fans, many of whom came to Chicago from around the country and around the world, even without tickets to any of the games, solely to experience what they knew in their hearts was history in the making; and

WHEREAS, in the playoffs, the Cubs faced and defeated two (2) historic and highly regarded California franchises, the San Francisco Giants in the National League Division Series and the Los Angeles Dodgers in the National League Championship Series; and

WHEREAS, the World Series pitted our Chicago Cubs against the Cleveland Indians, who themselves had a historic run through the playoffs, in one of the most exciting and heart-wrenching match-ups in baseball history; and

WHEREAS, the World Series saw the Cubs down three (3) games to one (1), a deficit only five (5) teams have previously overcome in World Series history, but the resilient and unshakeable Cubs never lost their confidence and roared back to win the next three (3) games; and

WHEREAS, as was fitting of a World Series of such epic proportions, the championship came down to a Game 7 pitting Cubs' pitching ace Kyle Hendricks, owner of the lowest earned run average (ERA) (2.13) in Major League Baseball in 2016, against Cleveland ace pitcher Corey Kluber, who had already won Games 2 and 4 of the World Series. The Cubs started the scoring quickly with a Dexter Fowler lead-off home run. After six (6) innings, the Cubs held on to a 6-3 lead, but in the bottom of the eighth, the Indians tied the game with a rally that featured a two-run home run. At the end of nine (9) innings, the score was still tied 6 to 6 sending the final game of the baseball season into extra innings. After a seventeen-minute rain delay, the 10th inning started and the Cubs scored two (2) runs on a double by Ben Zobrist and a single

by Miguel Montero. The club’s place in history was etched in the bottom of the tenth inning, when following a Cleveland run, the Cubs got the final out, winning the game 8 to 7, and sending shockwaves and tears around the globe. Baseball experts agree that Game 7 will go down in history as one of the most dramatic and thrilling in the annals of the World Series and in sports itself; and

WHEREAS, all of Chicago and Cook County are proud of the great accomplishments of the 2016 Chicago Cubs and wish them continuing success and championships in future seasons.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate Owner Tom Ricketts, President of Baseball Operations, Theo Epstein, President of Business Operations, Crane Kenney, the Chicago Cubs players and staff on an exceptional 2016 season that will deservedly be forever glorified in Major League Baseball; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to the Chicago Cubs organization as a token of our heartfelt congratulations.

Approved and adopted this 7th of February 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk



A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**17-1609
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE RICHARD R. BOYKIN, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
LUIS ARROYO JR, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY,
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LARRY SUFFREDIN AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

HONORING BISHOP DR. CLAUDE PORTER ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY

WHEREAS, Bishop Dr. Claude Porter was born on January 21, 1937 in Memphis, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Porter celebrated his 80th birthday on January 21, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Porter has more than 45 years of experience in social services having founded Proviso Leyden Council for Community Action, Inc. with a single employment training grant in 1968; and

WHEREAS, he is also the Founder and President of the Porter Family Center, the President of Maywood Phoenix Homes Senior Citizens Project, the Executive Vice President of the West Suburban National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the Founder, Bishop and Pastor of Proviso Missionary Baptist Church located in Maywood, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Porter is a member of several boards in and around the West Suburban Cook County area and Chairman of the Proviso Township Ministerial Alliance Network (PT-MAN); and

WHEREAS, Bishop Porter is the past recipient of the Humanitarian Award, the Community Spirit Award, Business of the Year Award, Pioneer Award H.H.S. Head Start and was inducted into the Hall of Fame of Partners for Progress; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Porter is a role model to the youth, and he is someone that should be continually recognized for all his hard work and dedication he has for his community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners that Bishop Dr. Claude Porter is to be honored and celebrated for his 80th birthday, and that the sincere appreciation of the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners be extended to Bishop Dr. Claude Porter for his service to his Church and to the wider community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this is where you ask for further action or where you ask for ceremonial copies of your Resolution to be sent to the person or organizations being memorialized.

Approved and adopted this 7th of February 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**17-1612
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE RICHARD R. BOYKIN, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
LUIS ARROYO JR, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY,
BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, EDWARD M. MOODY,
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PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE,
LARRY SUFFREDIN AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**A RESOLUTION HONORING JAMELA ANTHONY
IN HER FIGHT AGAINST BRAIN CANCER**

WHEREAS, Jamela Anthony was born on November 10, 2010, to her mother Tangela Watson; and

WHEREAS, at the age of five, Jamela was diagnosed with a rare brain cancer; and

WHEREAS, since her diagnosis, Jamela has undergone months of radiation therapy and a year of chemotherapy; and

WHEREAS, despite spending much of her time in and out of the hospital, Jamela remains positive and full of life; and

WHEREAS, Jamela’s brightness and energy have touched the hearts of her family and caregivers; and

WHEREAS, Jamela has continued to dance and joke with her family as she bravely faces this diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, Jamela, with the support of her family and caregivers, will continue to courageously battle her cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President of the Board and the Board of Commissioners that Jamela Anthony is to be honored for her valiant fight against cancer.

Approved and adopted this 7th of February 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**17-1617
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE LARRY SUFFREDIN, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

IN MEMORY OF JEFF MCGRATH

WHEREAS, Jeff McGrath, award-winning journalist, pioneer in the television home shopping industry and longtime ABC 7 television executive widely credited with launching the career of Oprah Winfrey died at the age of 73, leaving behind family, countless friends, colleagues and a community enriched for having known him; and

WHEREAS, Jeff McGrath was a talented and influential Chicago television executive for more than thirty years. In addition to his countless career achievements he was well-known and beloved by his colleagues as

a generous mentor to generations of producers and programmers working around the country. His wisdom and guidance helped shape the next generation of television journalists; and

WHEREAS, Jeff McGrath's distinguished career in television management included a lengthy run as program director at ABC-owned WLS-Channel 7. In addition to his outstanding work there he will long be remembered for being the first to spot a young Oprah Winfrey on the demo tape of Debra DiMaio, a producer from Baltimore he had hired for "A.M. Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Jeff McGrath served as general manager of WYCC-Channel 20, the City Colleges of Chicago public television station, and as president and chairman of the board of Silver King Communications, parent company of the former WEHS-Channel 60 and thirteen other home-shopping stations. He also was president and partner of Center City Studios, a broadcast and advertising production facility in Chicago. He is credited with the launch of Channel 60 and 14 ultra high frequency (UHF) stations and other low-power stations across the country; and

WHEREAS, Jeff McGrath was a Chicago native and graduate of Drake University. He joined ABC 7 as a producer/promotion writer in 1967 and moved up to community affairs director, specials producer, executive producer and assistant program director before he was named program director in 1976. McGrath's first work on a locally produced program was as an assistant producer on "The Chicago Show," hosted by Ronnie Barrett. In addition to others, he was credited with creating "The Prize Movie with Lone," a daily two-hour movie show combined with a call-in promotion; and

WHEREAS, Jeff McGrath was a pioneer in the televised home shopping industry. He was chairman of Silver King Communications, which owned 12 Home Shopping Network stations, including WEHS-Ch. 60, which now is WXFT-TV. McGrath oversaw the launch and automation of the 12 stations as the Home Shopping Network undertook a transition from cable TV to over-the-air stations. Channel 60 is widely credited with playing a major role in establishing home shopping channels. He insured that Channel 60 was a state-of-the-art facility; on his watch the home shopping concept grew exponentially from nothing into a two (2) billion dollar industry in six (6) years; and

WHEREAS, Jeff McGrath's exceptional work was frequently recognized by his peers; he was singled out for distinction when he was awarded a local Emmy by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences for his work as executive producer of an ABC 7 documentary on crime entitled *Burglary: The Easiest Crime* in 1973; and

WHEREAS, Jeff McGrath will long be remembered for his support and promotion of unheard voices and perspectives. He was instrumental in producing programming that served and responded to the needs of underrepresented or marginalized groups; he brought their stories to the foreground. Above all, he will be remembered for doing this while remaining a model of affability and collegiality; and

WHEREAS, the County of Cook has lost a great friend in Jeff McGrath. He will be sorely missed by his friends, neighbors and colleagues. His loss will be felt most acutely by his wife Joan and son Andrew.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County commemorates the exceptional life of Jeff McGrath and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable and innumerable 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 the same be tendered to the family of Jeff McGrath.

Approved and adopted this 7th of February 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**17-1618
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE LARRY SUFFREDIN, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

**HONORING THE OUTSTANDING SERVICE OF GEORGE MITCHELL,
OUTGOING PRESIDENT OF THE NAACP EVANSTON/NORTH SHORE BRANCH**

WHEREAS, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is the oldest and largest" United States grassroots based civil rights organization; founded February 12, 1909, by a diverse multi-racial group of activists of varying political and religious backgrounds, including Ida Wells-Barnett, W.E.B. DuBois, Henry Moscowitz, Mary White Ovington, Oswald Garrison Villiard and William English Walling. They were all committed to the cause of equality; and

WHEREAS, the local branch, Evanston/North Shore NAACP, was formed in 1915 and is a vital and proud organization that is both well respected and admired for their work pursuing the mission and objectives of the NAACP. For over a century, Evanston/North Shore NAACP has been a major force for good in the community; achieving political, educational, social and economic equality and working to eliminate race prejudice. They continue to be a voice for change and have a long list of victories breaking down barriers and creating meaningful change fighting for equity in education, social justice, and fair housing; and

WHEREAS, on Sunday January 22, 2017 the members of the Evanston/North Shore branch of the NAACP celebrated outgoing President George Mitchell. Community leaders joined chapter members in congratulating him for a job well done at an event held at the Unitarian Church of Evanston; and

WHEREAS, throughout his many years of service, George Mitchell has represented the best qualities of citizenship and humanity through his tireless work breaking down barriers. He is widely acknowledged for his work on local redistricting and his work forging relationships with law enforcement. The NAACP honored him as Region Three State Conference President of the Year and he was selected Evanston Branch "Man of the Year." He was also honored by the North Shore Board of Realtors who presented him with their "Humanitarian Award"; and

WHEREAS, under George Mitchell's careful guidance the Evanston/North Branch flourished. The political action committee worked tirelessly to insure voting strength; he encouraged all members of the executive committee to become deputy registrars. He was a tireless promoter of voter registration and he created the school board candidate forum which was featured on local television. While he was president, the Housing Committee of the Evanston/North Branch NAACP sponsored high impact community seminars which focused on discrimination, predatory lending and affordable housing. He will long be remembered for forming the legal redress committee which investigates discrimination. He is widely respected and oftentimes, he was able to remedy a case of housing discrimination through the quiet strength and power of his gravitas; a letter to the landlord was all that it took; and

WHEREAS, George Mitchel is a Life Member of the NAACP and was Illinois State Conference President from 2011 to 2015 and is a candidate for the National Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County takes great pleasure in honoring and celebrating George Mitchell for his outstanding work as President of the NAACP in Evanston; 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 George Mitchell.

Approved and adopted this 7th of February 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**17-1619
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE LARRY SUFFREDIN, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

**HONORING THE INSTALLATION OF REVEREND DOCTOR MICHAEL C.R. NABORS
AS THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE NAACP ON JANUARY 22, 2017**

WHEREAS, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is the oldest and largest" United States grassroots based civil rights organization; founded February 12, 1909, by a diverse multi-racial group of activists of varying political and religious backgrounds, including Ida Wells-Barnett, W.E.B. DuBois, Henry Moscowitz, Mary White Ovington, Oswald Garrison Villiard and William English Walling. They were all committed to the cause of equality; and

WHEREAS, the local branch, Evanston/North Shore NAACP, was formed in 1915 and is a vital and proud organization that is both well respected and admired for their work pursuing the mission and objectives of the NAACP. For over a century, Evanston/North Shore NAACP has been a major force for good in the

community; achieving political, educational, social and economic equality and working to eliminate race prejudice. They continue to be a voice for change and have a long list of victories breaking down barriers and creating meaningful change fighting for equity in education, social justice, and fair housing; and

WHEREAS, on Sunday January 22, 2017 the members of the Evanston/North Shore branch of the NAACP celebrated the installation of their new President, Reverend Dr. Michael C.R. Nabors at an event held at the Unitarian Church of Evanston; and

WHEREAS, the newly installed President, Dr. Michael C.R. Nabors is currently the Pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Evanston.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County takes great pleasure in honoring and celebrating the installation of Reverend Dr. Michael C.R. Nabors as newly installed President of the NAACP in Evanston; 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 Reverend Dr. Michael C.R. Nabors.

Approved and adopted this 7th of February 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**17-1620
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE ROBERT B. STEELE, DEBORAH SIMS AND STANLEY MOORE,
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING POWERS AND SONS CONTRUCTION COMPANY
FOR FIFTY YEARS OF DEDICATED AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY**

WHEREAS, Powers and Sons were founded in 1967 by its Founder Mamon Powers Sr. Powers and Sons Constructions is a highly respected commercial, industrial, and institutional construction company; and

WHEREAS, Powers and Sons staff has grown from three (3) employs to a staff of more than 70 professionals, support staff of architects, registered engineers and other specialist to help the company meet its client's needs with offices in Chicago, Illinois, Gary, Indiana and Indianapolis; and

WHEREAS, they take pride in their relationships with local unions to ensure successful and timely completion of their projects; and

WHEREAS, Powers and Sons have maintained a solid, unblemished record of integrity, quality performance and cost effectiveness in the general contracting industry; and

WHEREAS, this company began as a premier home building firm, have grown to become a leading general contractor, construction manager, design builder and project management company in Illinois and around the country; and

WHEREAS, Powers and Sons have been either the general contractor, design builder or project manager for Illinois Institute of Technology, Hales Franciscan High School, Harper Court and University of Chicago all located in Cook County just to name a few; and

WHEREAS, as a result of their accomplishments Powers and Sons has been recognized by industry associations, many publications and affiliate organizations, including Black Enterprise and Minority Business News for its stellar accomplishments in the construction industry.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that he Cook County Board of Commissioners along with the President and the 5.3 million residents of Cook County do hereby congratulate Mamon Powers, III, President;- Indianapolis, Mamon Powers, Jr. CEO and Claude Powers-President Chicago/Gary office for 50 years of dedicated and professional services in the Construction Industry; 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 provided to Mamon Powers III, Mamon Powers Jr, and Claude Powers to celebrate this auspicious occasion.

Approved and adopted this 7th of February 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**17-1621
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE ROBERT B. STEELE, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

**CONGRATULATING THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY
JUVENILE TEMPORARY DETENTION CENTE
ON THE 2017 SUMMIT-CHANGE STRATEGIES:
DECREASING VIOLENCE IN THE CHICAGOLAND AREA**

WHEREAS, on January 19, 2017 the Circuit Court of Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center (JTDC) held Summit-Change Strategies: Decreasing Violence in the Chicagoland Area hosted by the Honorable Timothy C. Evans, Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County and Leonard B. Dixon, Superintendent of Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center; and

WHEREAS, the Juvenile Temporary Detention Center convened a summit featuring a panel of teen residents, law enforcement officials and community organizations to address strategies to decrease violence in the Chicagoland area; and

WHEREAS, the group of teens represented residents detained at the Juvenile Temporary Detention Center who gave candid and articulate testimonies and strategies to over 200 Summit attendees; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement, community leaders and key stakeholders were represented by the Cook County Office of the President, Cook County Board of Commissioners, Chicago Police Department, Cook County Sheriff's Department, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Cook County Office of the Public Defender, Illinois Department of Child and Family Services, JTDC Resident Advisory Council, United States Attorney's Office, United States Department of Justice, area clergy, Chicago area media representatives; and

WHEREAS, The Summit was a successful in opening the discussion of Stakeholder, Law Enforcement and Local Community Agencies to partner in servicing the Entire Family and not just the child involved at the JTDC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate the residents at the Juvenile Temporary Detention Center, the Honorable Timothy C. Evans, Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County Superintendent Leonard B. Dixon and staff for an outstanding and timely anti-violence summit; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and that an official copy of the same be tendered to the Honorable Timothy C. Evans, Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County and Superintendent Leonard B. Dixon of the Juvenile Temporary Detention Center.

Approved and adopted this 7th of February 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**17-1613
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE RICHARD R. BOYKIN, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
LUIS ARROYO JR, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY,
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**PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT B. STEELE,
LARRY SUFFREDIN AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING ROOSEVELT MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS
FOR HAVING THE BEST APP IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS**

WHEREAS, Roosevelt Middle School, which is led by Mark Porter, is a part of Bellwood School District 88, which is led by Rosemary Hendricks; and

WHEREAS, six (6) Roosevelt Middle School students participated in Verizon's fifth annual Innovative Learning App Challenge for Illinois in January 2017; and

WHEREAS, the students' innovative idea is called Incenti-Bucks, and it was named the best app submitted by a middle school in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, more than 1,800 schools across the country entered the contest; and

WHEREAS, students Melini Chavez, Nyheim Walker, Alejandra Rios, Jacob Sanchez, Makayla Jones and Adrian Cervantes are all 7th grade students participating in the school's advanced Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) class taught by Mr. Bruce Williams; and

WHEREAS, the group's app rewards students via a paperless cash system for good behavior in school; and

WHEREAS, the innovative idea reinforces positive behaviors in schools and reduces paper waste by making incentives electronic; and

WHEREAS, this app has the potential to benefit not just Roosevelt Middle and District 88, but schools across the country.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners that the students and faculty of Roosevelt Middle School's advanced STEM class be commended for their innovative thinking and hard work in creating the Incenti-Bucks app; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the families and parents of these students be honored for their dedication to education.

Approved and adopted this 7th of February 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

BOARD RECESSED

The meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Tuesday, February 7, 2017 was recessed to Wednesday, February 8, 2017.

BOARD RECONVENED

President Preckwinkle in the Chair.

At 11:00 a.m., being the hour appointed for the reconvened meeting of Wednesday, February 8, 2017, the President called the Board to order.

The special presentation we intended to hear this morning is unable to occur. Therefore, we will simply adjourn the meeting and convene the regularly scheduled Board Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that the Consent Calendar meeting do now adjourn to meet again at the same time and same place on March 8, 2017, in accordance with County Board Resolution 17-0615.

The motion prevailed and the meeting stood adjourned.

David Orr