

Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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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 the following call:

PRESIDENTS LETTER

July 7, 2017

The Honorable David Orr Cook County Clerk
69 West Washington St.
Fifth Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60602

RE: SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE for July 18, 2017 at 9 a.m. in the Cook County Board Room, 118 North Clark Street, Room 569, Chicago, Illinois

Dear Clerk Orr:

Pursuant to the authority vested in me, I hereby call a Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County to be convened on Tuesday, July 18, 2017, at the hour of 9 a.m. in the County Board Room, Room 569, County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois.

At said meeting, the following item will be considered:

- Consent Calendar

Please issue the Notice of this Special Meeting as required by law.

Very truly yours,
Toni Preckwinkle President

LETTER TO COMMISSIONERS

July 10, 2017

President and Members
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Toni Preckwinkle, President of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, has directed me to call a Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County on Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at the hour of 9:00 A.M. in the County Board Room, Room 569, County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois. At said meeting, the following item will be considered:

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Very truly yours,

David Orr
County Clerk

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The following Legal Notice appeared in the Chicago Tribune Newspaper, Wednesday, July 12, 2017 through Tuesday, July 18, 2017.

LEGAL NOTICE

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Very truly yours,

DAVID ORR, Cook County Clerk and
Clerk of the Board of the Commissioners of Cook County, Illinois

OFFICIAL RECORD

Commissioner Daley in the chair.

CALL TO ORDER

At 9:00 A.M., being the hour appointed for the meeting, Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, moved to approve Commissioner Daley to the Chair. Commissioner Daley 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, Butler, Daley, Fritchey, García, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (13)

Absent: Commissioners Deer, Gainer, Goslin and Tobolski (4)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

None.

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.

**17-2988
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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

HONORING THE LIFE OF JUDGE RAYMOND MYLES, SR.

WHEREAS, Raymond Myles, Sr. was the fifth of fourteen children born to Milry and Haskel Myles, Sr. on October 15, 1950, in Thyatira, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, after receiving his Bachelor of Arts Degree, immediately followed by his Master of Arts Degree in Social Work, he continued his educational journey by receiving his Juris Doctor Degree from the University of Illinois in 1977; and

WHEREAS, Raymond Myles worked in private practice for some years, during which he was admitted in 1986 into the United States Navy Service School Command Court Marshal Division at Naval Station Great Lakes in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, he was appointed Associate Judge to the Circuit Court of Cook County by the Illinois Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, in 2009 Judge Myles was assigned to the Criminal Division at 26th and California, where he presided over trials involving misdemeanor offenses and juvenile court hearing matters; and

WHEREAS, although Judge Myles was strict with the youth that came into his court, he believed that it was his duty to steer the young offenders toward a better life by connecting them to opportunities and education; and

WHEREAS, Judge Myles was involved in high profile cases and made his career on administering justice in all cases in his courtroom; and

WHEREAS, Judge Myles was involved in several bar associations including the Illinois State Bar Association, the Chicago Bar Association and the Cook County Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, Judge Myles gave back to his community by participating in legal clinics, youth coaching, and academic learning centers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board President and Commissioners of the Cook County Board will gather together to express their honor and sorrow on the passing of Judge Raymond Myles, Sr., and will extend to his family and friends their sincere condolences; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution is spread upon the permanent Record of Proceedings of the Board of Commissioner of Cook County, and that a suitable copy of this Resolution will be prepared and presented to the family of Raymond Myles Sr. that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

Approved and adopted this 18th of July 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**17-3699
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF DR. DONALD MARION PEDRO

WHEREAS, Donald Marion Pedro was born July 7, 1929 in Manhattan, New York to George and Georgie Pedro; and

WHEREAS, Donald completed his undergraduate degree in 1951 at Lincoln University in Pennsylvania and graduated from Howard University Medical in 1955; and

WHEREAS, while attending medical school Donald met and married Dolores Massey which was blessed with three (3) children; and

WHEREAS, Donald M. Pedro, M.D. received an honorable discharge after serving in the United State Army in the 82nd Medical Company – 82nd Airborne Division in Fort Bragg, North Carolina from 1957 until 1959; and

WHEREAS, he returned to Illinois and established his practice under the name of the Morgan Park Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pedro was a constant and faithful contributor to the Morgan Park Community as well as a supporter of the Jackie Robinson West Little League and its annual parade; the annual Phoebe’s Place Health Fair at the Maple Park United Methodist Church and the Gatling’s Chapel Annual Fest; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pedro was an active member of the Midwest Bridge Unit, he served as president and was honored in 2005 with the organization’s highest recognition for outstanding service, the Life Membership Award; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pedro was the only physician in the greater Chicagoland area to continue the service of making house calls long after the service was assumed obsolete; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pedro steadfast dedication to serving others is depicted throughout his career. Illinois Senate Democratic Leader, Emil Jones, Jr. appointed him to serve as a member of the Electoral College for the 1996 and 2000 Presidential election. In October 2000, 111th and Halsted Street was named “Dr. Donald M. Pedro Way” in recognition of his dedication to the community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pedro retired and left his practice in March 2008. At that time, when asked what advice he would give to the doctors of today and tomorrow, he responded, “You have to like people... if you don’t like people - get another job.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board President and the members of the Board of Commissioners would like to extend their deepest condolences, and heartfelt sorrow at the passing of Dr. Donald Marion Pedro; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Cook County Board President and the Board of Commissioners shall recognize and honor Dr. Donald Marion Pedro in celebration of his life, accomplishments, and commitment to the citizens of Chicago; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings and the Cook County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the family of Dr. Donald Marion Pedro.

Approved and adopted this 18th of July 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**17-3700
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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

HONORING DEIDRE CLAYTON UPON HER RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Deidre Clayton began her health care career in 1976 at St. Mary of Nazareth Hospital as the Assistant Director of Volunteer Services; and

WHEREAS, while in this position she was tapped to coordinate the hospital reception for the visit of Pope John Paul II, and to host her first health fair, which led to the creation of a Junior Volunteer program with more than 150 students from Roberto Clemente High School; and

WHEREAS, Deidre Clayton transferred to South Chicago Community Hospital/Trinity Hospital in 1978 as the Director of Community and Volunteer Services; and

WHEREAS, as Director, Deidre was responsible there for several initiatives, including working with ABC reporter Dianne Burns to highlight stories on health initiatives at South Chicago Hospital; initiating a speaker's bureau utilizing physicians to discuss health related topics with church groups, community and business agencies; as well as creating a youth Medical Exploring Post with high school students; and

WHEREAS, in 1993 she moved to Cook County's Provident Hospital, where she hosted the 1996 visit of Diana, Princess of Wales, and coordinated the celebrity visits such as football Hall of Famer player Walter Payton, Ms. Black Illinois, comedian Dick Gregory, CBS news reporter Harry Porterfield and Disney's Mickey and Minnie Mouse; and

WHEREAS, Deidre was given the freedom to create strategic alliances with organizational leaders and politicians who would become Provident Hospital's Community Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, she was instrumental during this time in implementing several programs, including 4 Men Only Health Fair, the Bud Billiken Parade First Aid Stations, the Medical Careers program at Beasley Academy, and several senior initiatives at St. Edmund’s Towers, TRC Senior Village, North Washington Park Senior Manor and Judge Green Senior Village; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, Dee Clayton recreated Provident’s Employee Christmas Toy Drive, which donated 300 toys to the children from the Center for New Horizons and Ounce of Prevention. Through the support of the medical staff, she was able to coordinate the hospital’s 5th, 10th, 15th, and 20th anniversaries; and

WHEREAS, Deidre has always prioritized God, family and career in that order; and

WHEREAS, Charles, her wonderful husband of 39 years; supports Dee Clayton two (2) lovely grown children, Charles Jr. and Christina; and her mother, who always will be her eternal guardian angel. Having 41 years of administrative healthcare experience, Deidre Clayton embraced her role of facilitating and creating internal and external special events for the community and employees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Cook County shall recognize Deidre Clayton’s service to the citizens of Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Clerk is authorized to spread upon the record of proceedings and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to be presented to Deidre Clayton in recognition of her retirement.

Approved and adopted this 18th of July 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**17-3738
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE STANLEY MOORE, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER,
JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER,
PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS AND LARRY SUFFREDIN,
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

CELEBRATING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF ANDREA M. BOSSI

WHEREAS, Lindblom Math and Science Academy’s mission is to empower students to become independent thinkers; and

WHEREAS, all the students who attend the school should be applauded for their determination to achieve their highest potential; and

WHEREAS, Andrea M. Bossi is a senior at Lindblom Math and Science Academy being recognized for her achievements and commitment to becoming an independent thinker; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bossi has attended a two (2) week long program that included camping, mountaineering exploring glacial biodiversity in the Girls on Ice North Cascades Program; and

WHEREAS, she attended the Junior Academy of the New York Academy of Science, where she worked with a group of young adults to collaborate on the improvement of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) programs and create innovative solutions to global issues; and

WHEREAS, Andrea M. Bossi is the Secretary of the National Honor Society, a Lindblom Ambassador, a member of the 1000 Girls, 1000 Futures organization and Technolochica of National Center for Women and Information Technology and the Televisa Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bossi is an Illinois State Scholar, a National Hispanic Scholar, and a Ron Brown Scholar Captain; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bossi carries a weighted grade point average of 4.94 on a 4.0 scale and she will be attending Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts in the fall of 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Cook County shall recognize Andrea M. Bossi’s determination and strong resolve to push for her best and reach her high school academic goals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Clerk is hereby authorized to spread this text upon the record of proceedings and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to be presented to Ms. Andrea M. Bossi in recognition of achievement.

Approved and adopted this 18th of July 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**17-3739
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE STANLEY MOORE, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER,
JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER,
PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS AND LARRY SUFFREDIN,
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

CELEBRATING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF ABISOLA H. OLAWALE

WHEREAS, Lindblom Math and Science Academy's mission is to empower students to become independent thinkers; and

WHEREAS, all the students who attend the school should be applauded for their determination to achieve their highest potential; and

WHEREAS, Abisola H. Olawale is a senior at Lindblom Math and Science Academy being recognized for her achievements and commitment to becoming an independent thinker; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Olawale was a student at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Online Science, Technology and Engineering Community (MOSTEC) where she learned how to simplify technical writing for the general public, designed and created android applications, and created the SOS application which is used during emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Olawale interned for two (2) summers at the University of Chicago Center for Robust Decision-Making on Climate and Energy Policy, where she learned about climate and crop model predictions, researched and analyzed adaptation to improve crop yield, and presented reports on her analysis of air and water pollution in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Olawale also interned at Longview Asset Management, where she observed financial analysts and applied her skills learned by presenting reports on investment recommendations; and

WHEREAS, Abisola H. Olawale is an Illinois State Scholar, a National Honorable Mention of the National Center for Women and Information Technology (NCWIT) Award for Aspiration in Computing; a NCWIT Northern Illinois Affiliate Award of Aspiration in Computing Winner and a National Honor Society Member; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Olawale carries a weighted grade point average of 5.12 on a 4.0 scale and she will be attending Stanford University in Stanford, California in the fall of 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Cook County shall recognize Abisola H. Olawale's determination and strong resolve to push for her best and reach her high school academic goals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Clerk is hereby authorized to spread this text upon the record of proceedings and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to be presented to Ms. Abisola H. Olawale in recognition of achievement.

Approved and adopted this 18th of July 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**17-3740
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE STANLEY MOORE, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER,
JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER,
PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS AND LARRY SUFFREDIN,
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

CELEBRATE THE ACHIEVEMENT OF FAITH ESPERANZA JONES

WHEREAS, Lindblom Math and Science Academy's mission is to empower students to become independent thinkers; and

WHEREAS, all the students who attend the school should be applauded for their determination to achieve their highest potential; and

WHEREAS, Faith Esperanza Jones is a senior at Lindblom Math and Science Academy being recognized for her achievements and commitment to becoming an independent thinker; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jones participated in the Minority Introduction to Engineering and Science (MITES) program of Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), a residential academic enrichment program focused on developing skills in science and engineering for high school seniors; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jones served as a Pre-Calculus Teachers Apprentice and organized study sessions and taught Lindblom students under the guidance of a teacher; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jones was the Head Mechanical Engineer on Lindblom's Electric Eagles Robotics Team and competed in the For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (F.I.R.S.T.) Robotics Competition for the past three (3) years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jones is the Co-Captain and Research Expert of the After School Matters Pre-Freshman Engineering Program Team at Chicago State University and a member of the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE); and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jones was the recipient of a full scholarship to study Mandarin Chinese at Beijing University of Post and Telecommunications (BUPT) and passed her final examination at the International Chinese Training Center of BUPT; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jones is an Illinois State Scholar, a National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholar, Jack Kent Cooke College Scholarship Semi-Finalist, a Questbridge Scholar, an Advanced Placement (AP) Scholar with Honors Awardee, and the recipient of many more awards; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jones carries a weighted grade point average of 5.0968 on a 4.0 scale and she will be attending Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Massachusetts in the fall of 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Cook County shall recognize Faith Esperanza Jones' determination and strong resolve to push for her best and reach her high school academic goals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Clerk is hereby authorized to spread this text upon the record of proceedings and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to be presented to Ms. Faith Esperanza Jones in recognition of achievement.

Approved and adopted this 18th of July 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**17-3931
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER,
JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER,
PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS AND LARRY SUFFREDIN,
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

COMMEMORATING UNITY PARK ADVISORY COUNCIL'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, in the early 1950s, a fire ravaged the homes on the 2600 block of Kimball Avenue. Following the demolition of the remaining structures, the lot was turned into a parking lot for businesses at the corner of Diversey, Milwaukee and Kimball Avenues; and

WHEREAS, time passed and the nearby businesses shuttered, the lot was no longer needed, becoming an impromptu play area for the neighborhood's children; and

WHEREAS, in the 1970s, residents demanded the City of Chicago donate a portion of the lot to the Chicago Park District. With community organizing, planning and help from Logan Square Neighborhood Association, the City of Chicago granted these neighbors their request. Playlot 293 was created with just a sandbox and basic play equipment; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, as children flocked to the playlot, parents' and neighbors' concerns grew about the concrete being too rough for kids to play on safely, but so too did the need for an actual playground; and

WHEREAS, during this time, Manuel Guillot of Logan Square Neighborhood Association was walking door-to-door to speak with residents about improvements they were interested in pursuing. Through this outreach, Mr. Guillot encountered Mr. Joel Monarch who would later become Unity Park Advisory Council's co-founder and co-chair; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Guillot and Mr. Monarch began inviting neighbors to a community meeting and through this gathering, 'Parents for a Decent Playlot' was created; and

WHEREAS, this group of seven (7) residents, fought for nearly half a year with the Chicago Park District to have the playlot rehabbed. In June 1987, after protests and contentious community meetings, the concrete was replaced by a soft surface and fresh landscaping which was part of the City's pilot program to overhaul 300 playlots across Chicago; and

WHEREAS, with the unveiling of the new playlot came a new name, Unity Playlot Park and in 1993 Unity Park Advisory Council received their official advisory council status. Since then, Unity Park Advisory Council has held meetings on a monthly basis and has seen four expansions of the park. Unity Park now has an incredible community base and offers activities and events, together with Chicago Park District such as April's Earth Day Clean-Up and Planting, July's "Art in the Park", an August movie and October's signature "PumpkinFest" which are all funded by the council's annual fundraisers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Cook County Board, issue a proclamation that all of the citizens of Cook County acknowledge and congratulate Unity Park Advisory Council members and volunteers for their committed, purposeful and philanthropic community contributions during these past thirty years. Unity Park Advisory Council will be celebrating their 30th Year Anniversary on Friday, June 16, 2017; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and an official copy of the same be presented to Unity Park Advisory Council to commemorate this milestone event.

Approved and adopted this 18th of July 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**17-4036
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE PETER N. SILVESTRI, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER,
JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER,
DEBORAH SIMS AND LARRY SUFFREDIN, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING GIANNA ARIOLA AND ISABELLA WERNING
FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO FIGHTING CHILDHOOD CANCER**

WHEREAS, Alex’s Lemonade Stand Foundation (ALSF) emerged from the front yard lemonade stand of cancer patient Alexandra “Alex” Scott who, at the age of four (4), announced that she wanted to hold a lemonade stand to raise money to help find a cure for all children with cancer; and

WHEREAS, since Alex held that first stand, the foundation bearing her name is now a 501(c)3 charity that has raised more than \$140 million toward finding a cure to the disease that took her life; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, when she was only five (5), Gianna Ariola heard about the foundation on television and decided on her own to start a lemonade stand in Elmwood Park and donate every penny to ALSF; and

WHEREAS, Gianna, now in River Grove, has just completed her fourth year participating in Lemonade Days, conducted by ALSF and held throughout the country the first two (2) weeks of June each year; and

WHEREAS, this year Gianna took on a partner, Isabella Wernsing, who herself had been in the hospital and yearned to help other sick children; and

WHEREAS, Gianna and Isabella, who have just finished third grade, show great entrepreneurship and distribute their own fliers and provide online options as well as in person; and

WHEREAS, Gianna and Isabella are known as caring and generous beyond their years; and

WHEREAS, this year Gianna and Isabella raised \$638.00, bringing Gianna’s four-year total to approximately \$2,300.00; and

WHEREAS, Gianna and Isabella plan to work in the field of medicine when they grow up and continue to motivate young and old alike.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize and honor Gianna Ariola and Isabella Wernsing for their hard work and dedication to fighting childhood cancer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to Gianna and Isabella to encourage their commitment.

Approved and adopted this 18th of July 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President

Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**17-4095
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE PETER N. SILVESTRI, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER,
JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER,
DEBORAH SIMS AND LARRY SUFFREDIN, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

HONORING MOTHER CABRINI ON THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF HER PASSING

WHEREAS, in 1850 Francesca Xavier Cabrini was born the thirteenth child to her family in Sant'Angelo Lodigiano, Italy. Her two-month premature birth left her in delicate health most of her life; and

WHEREAS, in 1880 Mother Cabrini founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Lodi, Italy; and

WHEREAS, in 1889 Pope Leo XIII sent Mother Cabrini to New York City to serve the increasing numbers of Italian immigrants and orphans; and

WHEREAS, despite the neighborhood's extreme poverty, Mother Cabrini and the sisters soon opened an orphanage and within two (2) years opened Columbus Hospital; and

WHEREAS, in 1899 Mother Cabrini's success in New York brought her to Chicago, where she founded and taught at Assumption School, the first Italian school in the city. Mother Cabrini and the sisters worked hard to keep the school tuition free for its nearly 700 students, even if they had to beg for funds; and

WHEREAS, in 1905 Mother Cabrini opened Columbus Hospital in Chicago's Lincoln Park and five (5) years later founded the Extension Hospital (later changed to St. Cabrini Hospital) in a low-income Italian neighborhood on Chicago's West Side using surplus funds from the original hospital; and

WHEREAS, in 1909 Mother Cabrini became a citizen of the United States; and

WHEREAS, among Mother Cabrini's many attributes was her business acumen, and in 1917 she purchased a 32-acre farm in what is now Park Ridge so patients at her hospitals could have fresh food; and

WHEREAS, Mother Cabrini traveled the world for 25 years founding orphanages, schools and hospitals on three (3) continents; and

WHEREAS, in December of 1917 Mother Cabrini passed away in her room at Columbus Hospital at age 67. By the time of her death, she had founded 67 institutions, helping shape America’s social and healthcare systems; and

WHEREAS, after four (4) miracles had been attributed to her, Pope Pius XII proclaimed Mother Cabrini a saint in 1946, making her the first American saint; and

WHEREAS, in 1950 Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini was named Universal Patroness of Immigrants because of her devotion to helping immigrants around the world; and

WHEREAS, after a ten-year closure, the National Shrine of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini reestablished itself in 2012 as a new, independent entity to become a dynamic spiritual center fostering human and spiritual development; and

WHEREAS, this year marks 100 years since Mother Cabrini’s earthly life ended and her eternal life began; and

WHEREAS, the National Shrine of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini will celebrate the life, legacy, and mission of its namesake with a gala reception on July 19 at the Chicago History Museum as part of a yearlong series of events commemorating the impact Mother Cabrini made on the lives of Chicagoans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby honor Mother Cabrini on the 100th anniversary of her passing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to the National Shrine of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini as it commemorates Mother Cabrini’s contributions in the areas of education, healthcare, outreach to immigrants, spiritual support and social welfare.

Approved and adopted this 18th of July 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**17-4295
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER,
JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER,
PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS AND LARRY SUFFREDIN,
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

HONORING HIS HOLINESS MAHANT SWAMI MAHARAJ

WHEREAS, the BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha is a spiritual, volunteer driven organization dedicated to improving society through individual growth by fostering the Hindu ideals of faith, unity and selfless service; and

WHEREAS, the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Bartlett, Illinois was inaugurated by His Holiness Pramukh Swami Maharaj in 2004, the Mandir has served as a center for spirituality, harmony and service for its members and the surrounding community within Illinois; and

WHEREAS, for the past thirteen years the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Bartlett has been for thousands of visitors, a center for learning and experiencing Indian culture and Hindu religion and customs; and

WHEREAS, His Holiness Pramukh Swami Maharaj appointed His Holiness Mahant Swami Maharaj as his spiritual successor and the sixth Guru of the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Santha; and

WHEREAS, His Holiness Mahant Swami Maharaj will arrive in the United States of America for the first time as the leader and guru of the BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha; and

WHEREAS, on Sunday July 9, 2017, he will celebrate the auspicious occasion of Guru Purnima at the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Bartlett, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, for millions of Hindus around the world, Guru Purnima marks a day when they honor and express gratitude for their spiritual and academic teachers.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate His Holiness Mahant Swami Maharaj on his inaugural visit to BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Bartlett and declare July 9, 2017 as “His Holiness Mahant Swami Maharaj Day”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of the Honorable body and that a suitable copy be tendered over to His Holiness Mahant Swami Maharaj.

Approved and adopted this 18th of July 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**17-4368
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE PETER N. SILVESTRI, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER,
JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER,
DEBORAH SIMS AND LARRY SUFFREDIN, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

ANTHONY J. FORNELLI, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, on June 28, 2017, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom called Anthony J. Fornelli from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Anthony J. Fornelli was the beloved husband of the late Angela (nee Favia) Fornelli for 59 years; and

WHEREAS, the two (2) had five (5) daughters, Jeanine (the late Blake) Hammack, Toni (Michael) Kilgallon, Angela (Salvatore) Galioto, Marguerite (Craig) Pettite, and the late Madelyn Fornelli; and

WHEREAS, Anthony J. Fornelli was the loving husband of Guadalupe Cerrillo; and

WHEREAS, Anthony J. Fornelli was the loving grandfather of nine and great-grandfather of fifteen; and

WHEREAS, Anthony J. Fornelli attended St. Ignatius, Loyola University, and DePaul University Law School; and

WHEREAS, Anthony J. Fornelli drove a meat truck to put himself through law school and later became one of the most prominent Italian-Americans in the Chicago area; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Fornelli served at every level of Illinois government and leaves behind a legacy of accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Fornelli organized Festa Italiana, which donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to Villa Scalabrini in Northlake, established as an Italian-American home for the elderly; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Fornelli co-founded Casa Italia, a 17-acre cultural center and was a benefactor to *Fra Noi*, a Chicago magazine covering the Italian-American community.

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 Anthony J. Fornelli; 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 Anthony J. Fornelli so that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

Approved and adopted this 18th of July 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**17-4386
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE BRIDGET GAINER, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER,
JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER,
PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS AND LARRY SUFFREDIN,
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

HONORING THE LIFE OF ROBERT W. PIERSON

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Robert W. Pierson from our midst on June 6, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Robert (Bob) Pierson was born on June 18, 1941 in the South Suburbs where Bob resided his entire lifetime; and

WHEREAS, Bob was initiated into International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 9 on December 1, 1966; and

WHEREAS, due to his dedication and loyalty to Local 9, to the brotherhood and for the betterment of the IBEW, Bob was appointed as assistant business manager in 1980; and

WHEREAS, Bob's efforts and tireless labor to improve the lives of IBEW members of Local 9 earned him the respect of labor leaders across Northern Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Bob earned the privilege to serve on the Executive Board of the Chicago Federation of Labor and the Executive Board of the State Conference of IBEW; and

WHEREAS, Bob was appointed to the IBEW International Executive Council by IBEW President Edwin Hill on October 2005; and

WHEREAS, on November 1, 2005 Bob was appointed the Chairman of the International Executive Council; and

WHEREAS, Bob was twice reelected to the International Executive Council and served as Chairman of the International Executive Council of the IBEW is a lasting testament to his devotion, tireless work and the commitment of Bob for the best interest of members of Local 9 as well as the entire brotherhood; and

WHEREAS, Bob was married to his Shirley and raised four (4) children, Wendy, Gary, Chad and Todd; and

WHEREAS, the people of Cook County and labor members commend Bob 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 Robert W. Pierson and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss.

Approved and adopted this 18th of July 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**17-4402
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE PETER N. SILVESTRI, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER,
JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER,
DEBORAH SIMS AND LARRY SUFFREDIN, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

DOMINIC STORINO, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom called Dominic “Don” Storino from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Don Storino was the beloved husband of the late Mary (nee Hughes); and

WHEREAS, Don and Mary were the beloved parents of three (3) children: Donald J. (Patricia), Noreen (Gerry) Moore, and Terri (John) Nuzzo; and

WHEREAS, Don Storino was the loving grandfather of Donald, John, Daniel, Timothy, Katie, Matthew, Brian, Anna, Joseph and Serafina; and

WHEREAS, Don Storino was the dear great-grandfather of fourteen; and

WHEREAS, Don Storino served in Italy and Africa during World War II, and he received the Bronze Star for his service; and

WHEREAS, Don Storino was a fixture in his town of Elmwood Park, serving as Trustee there for more than thirty years and also serving as Mayor; and

WHEREAS, Don Storino ran a successful State Farm Insurance business from the 1960s to the time of his passing; and

WHEREAS, Don Storino was involved in many charitable groups over the years, including St. Celestine's Parish and Holy Cross High School, where he served as President of the Board.

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 Storino; 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 Storino so that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

Approved and adopted this 18th of July 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**17-4407
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE JOHN A. FRITCHEY, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY,
DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN,**

**EDWARD M. MOODY, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON,
TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS,
LARRY SUFFREDIN AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**CONGRATULATING CHANG BROTHERS TAEKWONDO ACADEMY
FOR THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AT THE
2017 USA TAEKWONDO NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

WHEREAS, Chang Brothers Taekwondo Academy (CBTA) was established in 1983 by Grandmaster Ki Jin Chang and his three (3) younger brothers: Ki Oh, Ki Hoon and Ki Jang; and

WHEREAS, Grandmaster Ki Jin Chang first began learning martial arts under his father and then began his Taekwondo training at age eight (8), and later when he came to America in 1979, he continued his training at various schools. He taught martial arts to hundreds of students at Northern Illinois University before founding Chang Brothers Taekwondo Academy in 1983 in Hanover Park, Illinois. He went all over the Midwest performing demonstrations and furthering the development of Taekwondo in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Grandmaster Chang went on to coach at the state, collegiate, national and even international level. In 1995 he was chosen to be the head coach of the United States (US) National team for an international competition; and

WHEREAS, Grandmaster Chang helped thousands of children and adults during his time as Master of the school to better themselves through martial arts. Grandmaster Ki Jin Chang passed in 2006 and left a legacy that is Chang Brothers Taekwondo Academy and that legacy is now carried on by his son Master David Chang; and

WHEREAS, Master David Chang started Taekwondo at three (3) years of age under the tutelage of his father and has over 25 years of Taekwondo and martial arts experience. He has taken over the Chang Brothers legacy with goals of furthering the path that his father began; and

WHEREAS, Chang Brothers Taekwondo Academy is committed to providing high quality martial arts instruction to peewees, children, teens, and adults by merging the values of traditional martial arts with the new aspects of modernized Olympic Taekwondo enabling students to use the teachings of martial arts in all areas of their lives; and

WHEREAS, Chang Brothers has one of the most active competition teams in all of Illinois. Their Olympic Sparring, Sports Poomsae (Forms), and newly added Demo Teams compete annually at the United States of America (USA) Taekwondo State and National Championships as well as other high level local and regional competitions and have won numerous medals and championships at these events; and

WHEREAS, Chang Brothers Competition teams recently competed at the 2017 USA Taekwondo National Championships in Detroit, Michigan from June 29th to July 6th and had a highly successful competition winning a total of 13 medals [six (6) Bronze, three (3) Silver and four (4) Gold] in both Olympic Sparring and Sports Poomsae competition as well as a competitive first Demo Team competition, 27 athletes in all; and

WHEREAS, competition team members included: Santiago Espinoza, Saiyuri Thammavongsa, Andrei Salud, Eduardo Morales, Sitalia and Sorran Mitchell, Jasmine Alanis, Francis Santiago, Jackie Gutierrez, Marcela Castillo, Bryant & Brandon Bactat, Alexia Ceci, Karolina Bosek, Kristofer Silva, America Cervantes, Gissell Tellez, Michael Kim, Kevin Cao, Jesus Gutierrez, Julian Chagoya, Ranbir and Puran Gill, Stefani Morales, Mia Schoening, Jose Banuelos and Eduardo Quintana; and

WHEREAS, Chang Brothers athletes who brought home medals included: Santiago Espinoza (Bronze in Blue Belt Dragon Poomsae, Saiyuri Thammavongsa (Bronze in Green Belt Dragon Poomsae and Gold in Green Belt Dragon Sparring-Lightweight), Andrei Salud (Silver in Green Belt Dragon Poomsae and Gold in Green Belt Dragon Sparring-Lightweight), Eduardo Morales (Bronze in Red Belt Youth Poomsae), Sitalia Mitchell (Bronze in Red Belt Youth Poomsae), Jasmine Alanis (Gold in Red Belt Cadet Sparring-Bantamweight), Francis Santiago (Bronze in Red Belt Junior Sparring-Light Middleweight), Jackie Gutierrez (Silver in Black Belt Tiger Sparring-Middleweight), Marcela Castillo (Silver in Black Belt Ultra Sparring-Fin-weight), Bryant Bactat (Bronze in World Class Black Belt Junior Sparring-Fin-weight) and Alexia Ceci (Gold in World Class Black Belt Senior Sparring-Welterweight); and

WHEREAS, Alexia Ceci, the 2017 US Women’s National Welterweight Champion, is the 1st World Class Black Belt Senior National Champion under Master David Chang, and the only adult black belt National Champion from Illinois this year. The victory qualified her to compete for the US National Team at trials competition early next year; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the fantastic results of the entire Chang Brothers Taekwondo Competition Teams at this year USA Taekwondo National Championships.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate Master David Chang and the entire Chang Brothers Taekwondo Academy Competition Teams on an outstanding 2017 National Championships and wish him and the entire CBTA community continued success in the future; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to Master David Chang in honor of Chang Brothers Taekwondo Academy’s outstanding achievements.

Approved and adopted this 18th of July 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE LARRY SUFFREDIN, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER,
JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER,
PETER N. SILVESTRI AND DEBORAH SIMS, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

HONORING FATHER DOMINIC GRASSI ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Father Dominic Grassi, pastor, teacher, counselor, coach, retreat and vocation director, inspirational speaker, editor and popular writer said his final mass in June at Saint Gertrude Parish of Chicago. For over eleven years he was a treasured priest and leader of the faith community at St. Gerts, a congregation that under Father Dom made certain that all who came felt welcome. On his watch he made certain that their motto “All Are Welcome” truly became a reality, and

WHEREAS, Father Dominic Grassi’s family emigrated from Southern Italy. His father and uncle opened a grocery store, and by the time Dominic was born, they had one of the largest grocery stores in the city. His mother was famous for her extraordinary cooking; and

WHEREAS, as a child, Dominic Grassi’s family modeled strong values of multiculturalism decades before the term became commonly used. He grew up as a member of the only Italian family in a neighborhood that was a great melting pot, along the way learning from each of his neighbors and developing a deep appreciation of people’s differences; he became a compassionate listener and advocate; and

WHEREAS, Dominic Grassi was the third of his three (3) older brothers to attend the seminary before him but he was the only one (1) of the three (3) to finish seminary. He attended the college seminary, which was Niles College. It was originally a junior college and later before he graduated, it had affiliated with Loyola. He received an undergraduate degree in literature. While he was a seminary student, the country was in the midst of deep turmoil. During the 1960’s the country was involved in the Vietnam War and the struggles surrounding the civil rights movement, among others. These events had a formative impact on his world view; he was ordained in 1973; and

WHEREAS, in childhood, Dominic Grassi attended school near a large public library; reading became a very important past-time for him. A great reader grew into a great writer later in life. He became a popular author, his books include: Bumping into God, Bumping into God Again, Bumping into God in the Kitchen, and Still Called by Name, and the coauthor of Living the Mass; and

WHEREAS, Father Dominic Grassi has always had and will always have the backs of those who are marginalized for any reason. As the youngest child in his family and being an Italian-American priest at time when non-Irish priests were marginalized, he had an acute familiarity with how it felt to be forced to the sidelines; and

WHEREAS, Father Dom’s first assignment as a priest was in the African American community. He later went into teaching. He was part of the Industrial Areas Foundation, Saul Alinsky’s group, and he was a major force in the social justice movement. He maintained his advocacy for worker’s rights and a living

wage throughout his career as an educator and pastor, most recently with the hospitality employees at Loyola University; and

WHEREAS, Father Dominic Grassi's abilities singled him out for distinction and he has often been honored for his exceptional contributions. He was awarded the St Pope John XXII award from the Association of Chicago Priests. The award is given to a priest for excellence in priestly ministry and for significant contribution to the life of the Church of Chicago. In 2012, he received the Distinguished Pastor Award from the National Catholic Educational Association, as pastor of Northside Catholic Academy; and

WHEREAS, in retirement, Father Dominic Grassi will likely continue to write, give retreats, advocate for people on the margins of society and provide a sympathetic ear, wise counsel and great Italian cooking for all whom he encounters.

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 hard work, accomplishments and exceptional career of Father Dominic Grassi 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 the same be tendered to Father Dominic Grassi.

Approved and adopted this 18th of July 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**17-4432
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE LARRY SUFFREDIN, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER,
JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER,
PETER N. SILVESTRI AND DEBORAH SIMS, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

HONORING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF JAMES SPROWAL

WHEREAS, James Sprowal was born in Greenwood, South Carolina on May 13, 1917, the first born of Frank and Willie Sprowal. Over the next twenty years, Frank and Willie Sprowal presented James with

three (3) brothers and four (4) sisters. The family lived on a farm in the south during the Great Depression and segregation; and

WHEREAS, James Sprowal grew up and married his beloved Eddie Mae Tucker on December 24, 1941 at the Justice of the Peace and paid \$5.00 for the license. James has been quoted as saying that “those five (5) dollars were the best investment I ever made.” The couple were married for over 68 years until Eddie Mae’s death in 2011. Together they raised a wonderful family, two (2) children of their own, three (3) nieces and a nephew: Mrs. Emma Sprowal, Mr. John Sprowal, Rev. Ernie C. Bibbs (Sharon), Angela Y. Fisher, Leticia Fisher and Toni L. Fisher; and

WHEREAS, James Sprowal proudly served his country in the military. He was a decorated veteran of the United States army and served in World War II. Three (3) of his children followed in his footsteps and served: John Sprowal in the United States Army, Ernie Bibbs in the United States Army and Toni L. Fisher who served in the United States Marines; and

WHEREAS, James Sprowal’s family has a history of long life and prosperity. His mother died at the age of ninety-nine and at the age one hundred James has the stamina and schedule of a person half his age; he is still driving, taking care of his own lawn, singing in the church choir and paying his own bills; and

WHEREAS, James Sprowal is legendary in his tireless commitment to his faith and church. He is an active member and serves as Trustee Emeritus at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, where he has been a member for more than fifty years.

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 100th birthday, hard work and many accomplishments of James Sprowal 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 the same be tendered to James Sprowal in honor of his 100th Birthday.

Approved and adopted this 18th of July 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**17-4433
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE LARRY SUFFREDIN, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER,
JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER,
PETER N. SILVESTRI AND DEBORAH SIMS, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING PATRICK L. KREIS ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT
FROM THE WINNETKA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, Patrick L. Kreis retired from the Winnetka Police Department on June 6, 2017 after over twenty-six years as a law enforcement officer; and

WHEREAS, Patrick L. Kreis began his career as a law enforcement officer with the Winnetka Police Department on January 2, 1991; and

WHEREAS, Patrick L. Kreis was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on December 8, 1994; and

WHEREAS, Patrick L. Kreis attended and graduated from the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command on September 25, 1995; and

WHEREAS, Patrick L. Kreis was awarded Police Officer of the Year for 1996; and

WHEREAS, Patrick L. Kreis attended and graduated from the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy on March 18, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Patrick L. Kreis was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant on April 20, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Patrick L. Kreis was promoted to the rank of Deputy Chief on August 11, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Patrick L. Kreis was appointed Interim Chief of Police on January 31, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Patrick L. Kreis was appointed Chief of Police on July 7, 2011; and

WHEREAS, during his career, Patrick L. Kreis served as an operator, team leader and board member of the Northern Illinois Police Alarm System Emergency Services Team, board president of the Northeastern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy, Co-Manager of the department's Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Use of Force and Critical Incident Response Instructor, Master Firearms Instructor, coordinated the renovation of the Winnetka Police Public Safety Building, and was recognized by his superiors and the citizens he served, receiving numerous Honorable Mentions and letters of appreciation from citizens; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County does hereby offer Patrick L. Kreis 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 L. Kreis.

Approved and adopted this 18th of July 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**17-5434
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE RICHARD R. BOYKIN, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
LUIS ARROYO JR, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, JOHN A. FRITCHEY,
BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, EDWARD M. MOODY
STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER,
PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS,
LARRY SUFFREDIN AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

CELEBRATING BISHOP JAMES SPRINGFIELD, JR.'S 80TH BIRTHDAY

WHEREAS, Bishop James Springfield was born July 7, 1937 to James and Myria Bee Springfield in Boises, Mississippi, and was the oldest of ten (10) siblings; and

WHEREAS, Bishop James Springfield graduated from Coleman High School Greenville, Mississippi in 1956 and attended senior prom with his wife of 59 years Barbara Evans Springfield; and

WHEREAS, Bishop James Springfield answered the call to the Ministry in 1983, call to pastor January 4, 1987. He attended Chicago School of Ministries, a subsidiary of Oral Roberts University, Chicago Baptist Institute, International Bible College and Seminary, and he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Biblical Studies July 1, 1998; and

WHEREAS, Bishop James Springfield has been pastoring for 30 years and presently is the pastor of Greater Hope Baptist Ministries in Maywood, Illinois. He is the Chaplain of Proviso Township Ministerial Alliance, Treasurer Interfaith Illinois and involved in many other community initiatives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners to congratulate Bishop James Springfield for his 80th birthday and the sincere appreciation of the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners is extended to Bishop James Springfield for his service to his church and the wider community.

Approved and adopted this 18th of July 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**17-4435
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CONGRATULATING PASTOR TOMMY WOOLRIDGE FOR HIS
32ND PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, Pastor Tommy Woolridge was born May 2, 1963 in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Tommy Woolridge has been married for 32 years and with his wife they have three (3) children; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Tommy Woolridge is a member of the faith based community of the 15th district with the Chicago Police; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Tommy Woolridge is an Associate to the Sheriff's Department as a Chaplain; and

WHEREAS, Helping Hand Missionary Baptist Church has been established for 61 years, Pastor Tommy Woolridge has been a member for 45 years before becoming pastor for 32 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners that Pastor Tommy Woolridge is to be honored for his commitment to give back to others, and that the sincere appreciation of the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners is extended to Pastor Tommy Woolridge for his service to Cook County citizens.

Approved and adopted this 18th of July 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**17-4436
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RECOGNIZING
MICHELLE EVANS ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT**

WHEREAS, Michelle Evans is a graduate of Northern Illinois University class of 1985; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Evans started working in the Cook County Comptroller's Office July 21, 1987 as a Clerk under Comptroller Thomas Beck; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Evans was promoted to Garnishment Supervisor and has served in that capacity for the last 26 years where she was responsible for Child Support, Bankruptcy, Student Loans, Citations, Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and State Levies; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Evans received the Cook County Employee of the Year award from President Richard Phelan in 1994; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Evans served under seven (7) Comptrollers and three (3) Interim Comptrollers during her years of service; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Evans is currently working on an electronic filing system for all bankruptcy payments that are submitted to the trustees in order to cut back on paper checks.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners to commend Michelle Evans for her years of service in her community and the sincere appreciation of the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners is extended to Michelle Evans for her years of service to Cook County Government.

Approved and adopted this 18th of July 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**17-4437
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE RICHARD R. BOYKIN, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
LUIS ARROYO JR, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, JOHN A. FRITCHEY,
BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, EDWARD M. MOODY
STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER,
PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS,
LARRY SUFFREDIN AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RECOGNIZING
BRENETTA HOWELL BARRETT FOR HER 85TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

WHEREAS, Brenetta Howell Barrett was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois. She is a mother, grandmother, great grandmother, great great grandmother and a surrogate mother to many; and

WHEREAS, Brenetta Howell Barrett worked in many capacities, paid and unpaid, to promote the causes of human/civil rights and civil liberties; and

WHEREAS, Brenetta Howell Barrett served as an advisor, officer, or board member for a broad range of organizations and institutions, such as Third Unitarian Church of Chicago, Third World Conference Foundation, Chicago Focus, Path Press, Introspect Youth Services, Chicago Forum, Illinois Chapter, American Civil Liberties Union, and the Chicago Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression; and

WHEREAS, Brenetta Howell Barrett previously served as Vice President, and has been a board member of the Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights for over three (3) decades; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Harold Washington appointed her Commissioner of the Department of Consumer Services, also Chicago’s lead agency for environmental protection; and

WHEREAS, through her lifetime work of advocacy and community organizing Ms. Barrett has implemented an approach that emphasizes empowerment and personal capacity-building as key elements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners to congratulate Brenetta Howell Barrett for her years of service in her community and the sincere appreciation of the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners is extended to Brenetta Howell Barrett for her service to her church and the wider community.

Approved and adopted this 18th of July 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**17-4438
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE LARRY SUFFREDIN, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER,
JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER,
PETER N. SILVESTRI AND DEBORAH SIMS, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING THE KEYSTONE FOUNDERS SOCIETY OF
PRESENCE SAINT FRANCIS HOSPITAL ON REACHING THEIR GOAL TO
RAISE FUNDS FOR THE SHEILA M. AND ROBERT L. HULSEMAN
CENTER FOR CANCER CARE**

WHEREAS, Presence Saint Francis Hospital is a nationally recognized, full-service teaching hospital and named one of Chicago’s Best Hospitals; and

WHEREAS, the Keystone Founders Society of Presence Saint Francis Hospital is comprised of donors who support the hospital with annual gifts of \$1,000.00 or more. Since 1988 the Keystone Founders Society has contributed more than 3.4 million dollars. Past projects include breast screenings for low-

income women, providing an oncology nurse navigator to shepherd patients throughout their cancer journey and dedicating a sleeping room for family members with a critically ill patient; and

WHEREAS, in April of 2017, the Presence Saint Francis Hospital Keystone Founders Society reached their goal of fundraising \$500,000.00 to fund improvements to the hospital's cancer center. With help from an anonymous \$250,000.00 matching challenge, the Keystone Founders reached their goal nine(9) months ahead of schedule; and

WHEREAS, Presence Saint Francis Hospital Center for Cancer Care will be named in memory of Sheila and Bob Hulseman, in recognition of the Hulseman's tireless devotion to Saint Francis Hospital. The Hulseman's are among the hospital's most significant supporters over the past forty years. Their generosity has touched nearly every corner of the hospital. Their gift in 1996 enabled the hospital to purchase its first linear accelerator to treat patients with cancer, which transformed cancer care in 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 Presence Saint Francis Hospital reaching their fundraising goal to transform cancer care in Evanston and herewith honors the progress and impact they have made in bettering the lives of 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 Presence Saint Francis Hospital.

Approved and adopted this 18th of July 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**17-4440
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE JESÚS G. GARCÍA, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER,
JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI,
DEBORAH SIMS AND LARRY SUFFREDIN, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**CONGRATULATING THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF MEXICAN ART (NMMA)
ON ITS 30TH ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, in 1982, Carlos Tortolero organized a group of fellow educators and founded the Mexican Fine Arts Center Museum, which opened its doors in 1987; and

WHEREAS, the Mexican Fine Arts Center Museum aimed to fill a void in Chicago: the lack of a place to present Mexican art and history and to celebrate the culture so vital to the Pilsen neighborhood, Chicago's Mexican community, and the city at large; and

WHEREAS, the goal was to establish an arts and cultural organization committed to accessibility, education and social justice all while also providing a positive influence for the local Mexican community, especially since many other art institutions did not address Mexican art; and

WHEREAS, over the years, the institution has grown, its audience has broadened, and its reach now extends across the United States and beyond; and

WHEREAS, to support this evolution, in 2001, the museum expanded to a 48,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art facility in the heart of Pilsen and in 2006 they unveiled a new name, the National Museum of Mexican Art (NMMA); and

WHEREAS, while the NMMA presence has grown, it remain true to the founding mission: *To showcase the beauty and richness of Mexican culture by sponsoring events and presenting exhibitions that exemplify the majestic variety of visual and performing arts in the Mexican culture; to develop, conserve and preserve a significant permanent collection of Mexican art; to encourage the professional development of Mexican artists; and, to offer arts-education programs; and*

WHEREAS, today, the NMMA stands out as one of the most prominent first-voice institutions for Mexican art and culture in the United States and is home to one of the country's largest Mexican art collections, including more than 10,000 seminal pieces from ancient Mexico to the present; and

WHEREAS, as the first Latino museum accredited by American Alliance of Museums, the NMMA recognizes the unique responsibility to present exhibitions of artistic and cultural value and to deliver high-quality education that demonstrates the breadth and depth of Mexican art, culture and history; and

WHEREAS, twenty of the NMMA's exhibitions have traveled across the United States and six have traveled to Mexico. Landmark exhibitions that have traveled include *The Art of the Other Mexico* (1992), *Maria Izquierdo* (1996), *The African Presence in Mexico* (2006), and *Frida's Contemporaries: Women Artists of Modern Mexico* (2007); and

WHEREAS, the NMMA also hosts cultural programs- including symposia, theater, dance, music, authors and performance companies- that share the rich diversity of the Mexican culture; and

WHEREAS, the NMMA believes in art as a bridge between communities, and that art in education expands minds and breaks down barriers while preserving cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, the NMMA offers a wide range of educational programs for children and families, teens, school groups, and educators and its art exhibitions, performance arts, and educational programs are experienced by more than 130,000 visitors annually, including 58,000 K-12 students; and

WHEREAS, the NMMA is also a national leader and mentor for cultural institutions and community organizations, and for its advocacy of “first voice” and cultural equity issues; and

WHEREAS, from building a world-class institution in Chicago’s largely Mexican American neighborhood of Pilsen to creating groundbreaking exhibitions and forming partnerships with institutions in Mexico, the NMMA has a history of being bold and activist in its approach and reach.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby congratulates the National Museum of Mexican Art (NMMA) on its 30-year legacy and anniversary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to the National Museum of Mexican Art (NMMA).

Approved and adopted this 18th of July 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**17-4441
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE JESÚS G. GARCÍA, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER,
JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI,
DEBORAH SIMS AND LARRY SUFFREDIN, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

HONORING THE LIFE AND WORK OF WILLIAM “BILL” DREW

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom called William “Bill” Drew of Waukegan from our midst on May 14, 2017 at the age of 69; and

WHEREAS, Bill Drew contributed an enormous amount to his community of McKinley Park and the greater southwest side of Chicago, where he lived, loved, organized, and nurtured the community for the past 38 years; and

WHEREAS, Bill Drew has touched the lives of hundreds of individuals throughout his longstanding fight for justice and social change; during his college days, he was involved in the anti-war movement at the University of Wisconsin-Madison; and

WHEREAS, in 1972, Bill Drew moved to Milwaukee where he became the editor of the Milwaukee Worker, where he organized and wrote stories about the struggles of the factory workers and minorities in the Cream City; and

WHEREAS, Bill Drew moved to Chicago in 1979 where he taught English as a second language to Mexican immigrants at Robert Fulton Elementary in the Back of the Yards, and where he also worked as an intake counselor for dislocated factory workers of the stockyards; and

WHEREAS, it was in this neighborhood that Bill Drew met his beautiful wife, Gloria, whom he described as “incredibly strong, hard-working, and disciplined and the best thing that ever happened to me”; and

WHEREAS, Bill Drew was a tireless activist and leader, always pushing ahead with ways to make a positive difference in people’s lives; and

WHEREAS, Bill Drew had multiple talents, and was a computer programmer and a tenacious and thoughtful organizer; and

WHEREAS, one of Bill Drew’s greatest talents was his ability to find ways to collaborate and build relationships with people far and wide; there are few people who have had such a profound impact in the political empowerment of working and immigrant communities in the southwest side of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, during his later years, he worked furiously to create a space where McKinley Park residents could come together and use their collective power to improve their community and to fight for the rights of working families; and

WHEREAS, Bill Drew’s effort, which he named the McKinley Park Progressive Alliance, later morphed into the creation of the 12th Ward Independent Political Organization- which has propelled community engagement and served as an epitome for civic engagement in other wards of the southwest side of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Bill Drew’s spirit and legacy live on in the hearts of the hundreds of people whose lives he touched; he is survived by his wife, Gloria, and his two sons, Richard “Ricky” Drew and William D. “Billy” Drew Jr.- whom he often referred to as his “biggest pride and joy”; and his siblings, Nora Renzulli, Jane Waller, and John Drew.

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 many friends of William “Bill” Drew, and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to the family of William “Bill” Drew so that his memory may be honored and ever cherished.

Approved and adopted this 18th of July 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**17-4442
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT, DEBORAH SIMS,
RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY,
JESÚS G. GARCÍA, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER,
PETER N. SILVESTRI AND LARRY SUFFREDIN, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

HONORING EDWARD W. PAESEL

WHEREAS, in 2016 Edward W. Paesel retired as the executive director of South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Paesel has served as executive director of the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association for the past seventeen years and served his home community of Sauk Village, Illinois for twenty-two years as mayor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Paesel has promoted cooperation and regional pride with mayors and managers throughout the Southland of Cook County. The work of the SSMA under Ed Paesel was cited as exemplary in a 2013 Brookings Institution book “Confronting Suburban Poverty in America;” and

WHEREAS, Mr. Paesel has served on the boards of Metra, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) and as a Commissioner for the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Paesel, despite his retirement continues his work in Cook County’s Southland communities; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners welcomes Kristi DeLaurentiis as the new director of the SSMMA. Ms. DeLaurentiis brings a high level of experience in planning and community development and, as a Lansing resident, has volunteered with the Illinois Nature Preserve Commission and the American Cancer Society Illinois Division and has served on the Governors State University Board of Trustees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, express profound gratitude to Edward W. Paesel for his many years of professional and personal contributions to the people of Cook County.

Approved and adopted this 18th of July 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**17-4443
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT, RICHARD R. BOYKIN,
JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, JESÚS G. GARCÍA,
TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI,
DEBORAH SIMS AND LARRY SUFFREDIN, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

HONORING PROFESSOR LEWIS POWELL, ESQ.

WHEREAS, Professor Lewis Powell, Esq. has made significant contributions to the African American community and to the citizens of Cook County and in recognition of his long-term service and leadership at the Chicago Bar Association and numerous other civic and community organizations; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Powell has taught as an adjunct professor at the John Marshall Law School Fair Housing Clinic for over twenty years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Powell was elected President of the Cook County Bar Association in 1994 and has held various positions at the bar association over the past twenty years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Powell has served as the Corporate Counsel for the Austin African American Business Association and is a current board member of the Cook County Legal Assistance Foundation, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Powell has been awarded The Cook County Bar Association Centennial Presidential Award and The John Marshall Law School Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that President Preckwinkle and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, recognizes Professor Lewis Powell, Esq. for his essential contribution to the health and viability of Cook County.

Approved and adopted this 18th of July 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**17-4444
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE LARRY SUFFREDIN, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER,
JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER,
PETER N. SILVESTRI AND DEBORAH SIMS, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF HOWARD AREA COMMUNITY CENTER

WHEREAS, Howard Area Community Center is a social service agency that provides affordable and free education, employment, and health assistance and programs for the greater Rogers Park area. Their mission is to assist low-income individuals and families in the greater Rogers Park and adjacent communities to stabilize their lives and to develop the social skills necessary to become effective community members. In order to accomplish this mission, the agency's programs provide emergency intervention, family stabilization, and promote developmental growth. Many of their services are life-sustaining; and

WHEREAS, Howard Area Community Center began as a food pantry in 1967 when parishioners from St. Jerome Roman Catholic Church in Rogers Park saw their neighbors living in poverty. They organized to give out food and clothing to lend a helping hand. Since then, the organization has grown exponentially into a major force for good in Cook County. They still feed thousands every year, but now they offer comprehensive resources for the entire family, like adult and early childhood education, youth programs, health and human services, and employment aid to over 8,000 residents annually; and

WHEREAS, on August 25, 2017, the staff, participants, neighbors and donors will all join together to celebrate Howard Area Community Center's fifty years of exceptional service. The organization continues to be an invaluable safety-net for countless people looking to care for themselves and their families and pursue their dreams.

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 50th Anniversary of the Howard Area Community Center and herewith honors the progress and impact they have made in bettering the lives of 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 Howard Area Community Center.

Approved and adopted this 18th of July 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**17-4445
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT, RICHARD R. BOYKIN,
JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, JESÚS G. GARCÍA,
TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI,
DEBORAH SIMS AND LARRY SUFFREDIN, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

RECOGNIZING KRISTA ALSTON

WHEREAS, on July 9, 2017, Reverend Krista Alston celebrated her second anniversary as Pastor of Pleasant Gift Missionary Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Alston is a spiritual leader who serves both the church and her community; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Alston is a strong advocate on social justice issues, particularly as they pertain to the education of the children; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Alston fought the closing of fifty schools in Chicago in 2013 locally and by advocating for our children with senators and congressmen in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Alston is currently the secretary the Local School Council at Dunbar High School, where her son attends.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, recognize Pastor Krista Alston for her essential contribution to the health and viability of Cook County.

Approved and adopted this 18th of July 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**17-4446
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT, JERRY BUTLER,
STANLEY MOORE, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY,
JESÚS G. GARCÍA, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI,
DEBORAH SIMS AND LARRY SUFFREDIN, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

RECOGNIZING DR. CONRAD WORRILL

WHEREAS, Dr. Conrad Worrill will retire from the Northeastern Illinois University Center for Inner City Studies on December 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Worrill developed his thirst for activism while experiencing prejudice and racism as a young athlete and while serving his country as an Army soldier; and

WHEREAS, after returning home from his tour of duty in 1963, Dr. Worrill became a leader in the Civil Rights Movement, as a member of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. Throughout his career he has participated in organizations such as, the National Black United Front, the National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America and the United Nations World Conference Against Racism; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Worrill has dedicated his career to addressing political, social, economic, and cultural forces that impact African Americans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, recognize Dr. Conrad Worrill for his local, national and international contributions to the health and viability of the African American community and to the citizens of Cook County.

Approved and adopted this 18th of July 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**17-4448
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE LARRY SUFFREDIN, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER,
JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER,
PETER N. SILVESTRI AND DEBORAH SIMS, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING THE REDEDICATION OF EBENEZER PRIMM TOWERS IN EVANSTON, AND
HONORING THE LEGACY OF REVEREND JACOB S. BLAKE**

WHEREAS, Ebenezer Primm Towers was the first church sponsored federally funded housing project in a major suburban area. It will be rededicated on Sunday, July 30, 2017. At its rededication, the community will honor the Reverend Jacob S. Blake’s pivotal role in making Ebenezer Primm Towers a reality and the powerful legacy of Reverend Blake and Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church; and

WHEREAS, for decades, prior to arriving in Evanston, Reverend Blake was a leader and a major force for good in the region battling profound injustices, such as redlining, housing discrimination, education inequity and busing. In Evanston, in addition to so many other issues, he worked tirelessly to establish affordable housing for the senior citizens in Evanston, where rents were rising rapidly. The result was the establishment of Ebenezer Primm Towers, which has a proud history that is a reflection of Reverend Blake and his intense determination and strong leadership; and

WHEREAS, Ebenezer Primm Towers came about in an unprecedented real estate deal with Northwestern University. Reverend Blake and Ebenezer AME Church purchased land owned by the university at 25% below market value for \$75,000.00. According to university officials, Northwestern sold the land to the church to foster good community relations and to dispel the notion that the university only expanded in black communities. The Northwestern Black Student Union, the Black Ensemble of Northwestern and the African American Community in Evanston put pressure on the University to sell the land. But there was a catch to the deal, if construction didn’t start within 24 months of the sale, Northwestern University could buy the property back. With the clock ticking, funds were raised via several sources. The church got a loan to buy the land and received a grant from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development

to help finance the \$500,000.00 construction project. The rest was raised by the community that pulled together to make the dream a reality; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Levy, owner of a Buick car dealership at the time, donated a brand new Buick to be auctioned off to raise money for the project. The church held fundraisers which included selling dinners, hosting basketball tournaments and at the Ebenezer AME Church 90th Anniversary Gala. To ensure that housing for the elderly remained a priority in Evanston, John Young, Urban Planner of Evanston at the time worked with a committee to create a special zoning district for that purpose. Ebenezer Primm Towers was dedicated July 1973 and residents moved in soon after.

WHEREAS, Reverend Blake’s widow Patricia G. Blake and sons Justin S. Blake and Jacob S. Blake Jr. will be in attendance at the rededication of Ebenezer Primm Towers along with members of Ebenezer AME Church, other family members and friends; the community will honor Reverend Jacob S. Blake’s crucial role in making Ebenezer Primm Towers a reality.

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 rededication of Ebenezer Primm Towers and herewith honors the progress and impact that Reverend Blake’s work has done bettering the lives of 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 Ebenezer Primm Towers and the family of Reverend Blake.

Approved and adopted this 18th of July 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**17-4449
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT, STANLEY MOORE,
RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY,
JESÚS G. GARCÍA, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI,
DEBORAH SIMS AND LARRY SUFFREDIN, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

HONORING PROFESSOR LEWIS “LEW” MYERS, JR.

WHEREAS, Professor Lewis "Lew" Myers, Jr. has made significant contributions to the African American community and citizens of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, after completing his high school education in his hometown of Houston, Texas, Professor Myers, entered Tennessee State University in Nashville where he joined the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) Chapter on the Campus. He would eventually transfer from Tennessee State University to Howard University (Washington, D.C.) where he earned his degree; and

WHEREAS, Professor Myers, earned his law degree from the University of Mississippi in 1972; and

WHEREAS, Professor Myers has dedicated his life to tackling issues within the criminal justice system and its effect on young African American men and women; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, Professor Myers changed his litigation focus from a predominately criminal practice to personal injury and civil rights cases; and

WHEREAS, Professor Myers has served on many national and local organizations including but not limited to: Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) (Life Member), 500 Black Men (Founder of Chicago Chapter), Black Men's Forum and the American Historical Association, Teamwork Englewood; and

WHEREAS, Professor Myers served as an Assistant Professor and Assistant Director of the Urban Solutions Institute at Chicago State University, a historically black university located in Cook County. He has also taught Criminal Justice Kennedy-King College.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, recognize Attorney and Professor Lewis "Lew" Myers, Jr. for his essential contribution to the health and viability of Cook County.

Approved and adopted this 18th of July 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**17-4450
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE LARRY SUFFREDIN, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER,

**JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER,
PETER N. SILVESTRI AND DEBORAH SIMS, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING THE LIFE OF EDWARD CHARLES REINFRANCK, EDUCATOR,
POLITICAL LEADER, MORAL COMPASS AND STAR SOFTBALL PLAYER**

WHEREAS, Edward Charles Reinfranck passed away on June 21, 2017 at age 98; and

WHEREAS, Ed Reinfranck was a beloved World War II veteran; and

WHEREAS, Ed Reinfranck was a highly respected professor at Wright Junior College for thirty-seven years where he guided hundreds of students; and

WHEREAS, Ed Reinfranck served as State President of Common Cause and as President of the Democratic Party of Evanston where he was the moral compass for multiple generations of activists; and

WHEREAS, Ed Reinfranck and his wife Phyllis welcomed thousands of people to their home for spirited discussions and action planning on the issue of the day; and

WHEREAS, Ed Reinfranck was one of the oldest players in a variety of softball leagues, often playing better than his much younger teammates; and

WHEREAS, Ed and Phyllis moved to Evanston in 1960 to raise their four (4) sons, Stephen, Peter, Thomas and James; and

WHEREAS, Ed and Phyllis helped move Evanston from a conservative small town to the dynamic liberal town through their hard work; and

WHEREAS, all who knew Ed will miss his keen insights and the leadership he gave to so many issues.

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 extraordinary life of Edward Charles Reinfranck 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 the same be tendered to the family of Edward Charles Reinfranck.

Approved and adopted this 18th of July 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

ADJOURNMENT

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A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Commissioner Moody, that the Consent Calendar meeting do now adjourn to meet again at the same time and same place on September 12, 2017, in accordance with County Board Ordinance 16-4645.

The motion prevailed and the meeting stood adjourned.


