

Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street
Chicago, IL



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9:00 AM

Consent Calendar Meeting

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

LUIS ARROYO, JR.
RICHARD R. BOYKIN
JERRY BUTLER
JOHN P. DALEY
DENNIS DEER
JOHN A. FRITCHEY
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**DAVID ORR
COUNTY CLERK**

Board met pursuant to law and pursuant to Resolution 18-0624.

OFFICIAL RECORD

President Preckwinkle in the chair.

CALL TO ORDER

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

QUORUM

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

ATTENDANCE

Present: Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Deer, Fritchey, Gainer, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Suffredin and Tobolski (15)

Absent: Commissioners Butler and Garcia (2)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Pursuant to Cook County Code of Ordinances, public testimony will be permitted at regular and special meetings of the Board. Duly authorized public speakers shall be called upon at this time to deliver testimony germane to a specific item(s) on the meeting agenda, and the testimony must not exceed three (3) minutes. The names of duly authorized speakers shall be published in the Post Board Action Agenda and Journal of Proceedings as prepared by the Clerk of the Board.

There were no registered public speakers.

CONSENT CALENDAR

**18-6748
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE,
PRESIDENT OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

HONORING AND RECOGNIZING THE GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY

WHEREAS, hunger remains a pervasive problem in the United States, specifically in Illinois, more than

1.4 million people struggle with hunger and, of them, 459,330 are children; and

WHEREAS, according to Feeding America’s Map the Meal Gap Study, one (1) in seven (7) people in Cook County will experience food insecurity this year; and

WHEREAS, among other not-for-profit organizations in Cook County, the Greater Chicago Food Depository has been integral in leading the fight against hunger since 1979, serving more than 812,000 individuals or 232,100 households each year throughout Cook County; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Chicago Food Depository’s only mission is to provide food for hungry people while striving to end hunger in our community; and

WHEREAS, last year, the Food Depository distributed 70 million pounds of food, 38 percent which was fresh produce through its partnerships with 700 agencies and programs including pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and responses for children, older adults and veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Chicago Food Depository serves as a model of innovation and service for food banks across the nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, do hereby recognize and express Cook County’s support for the Holiday Food Drive for the Greater Chicago Food Depository; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that under the leadership of the Bureau of Administration, various Cook County departments and agencies will collaborate with the Greater Chicago Food Depository to plan, coordinate, and otherwise support the Holiday Food Drive for the Greater Chicago Food Depository; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bureau of Administration shall be further authorized to utilize County resources, as necessary, to promote, plan and otherwise support the Holiday Food Drive for the Greater Chicago Food Depository; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby acknowledge and commend the Greater Chicago Food Depository for its continued positive impact; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to the Greater Chicago Food Depository in expressing Cook County’s well wishes for a successful Holiday Food Drive.

Approved and adopted this 13th of November 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**18-6780
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE,
PRESIDENT OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

IN HONOR OF PONNI ARUNKUMAR, MD, FCAP, CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2003, Dr. Ponni Arunkumar was hired as a Fellow Pathologist and subsequently became an Assistant Medical Examiner; and

WHEREAS, in September 2012, Dr. Arunkumar became the Deputy Chief Medical Examiner for Cook County; and

WHEREAS, on July 13, 2016, Dr. Arunkumar was appointed the Chief Medical Examiner for Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ponni Arunkumar graduated from Bangalore Medical School, in India. She is Board certified in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology and in Forensic Pathology. She has 15 years of forensic pathology experience, has conducted close to 6,500 postmortem examinations, and testified in court and depositions over 150 times. She teaches at RUSH University, University of Illinois at Chicago, and Northwestern University. She has presented at various national conferences and published articles in the field of forensic pathology. She is a member of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, the National Association of Medical Examiners, the College of American Pathologists, and the American Society for Clinical Pathology; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Arunkumar was recognized for her efforts in organ and tissue donation by receiving the Gift of Hope 2017 Lifesaving Partners Award; and

WHEREAS, in 2017 she was recognized with an Achievement Award from the National Association of Counties (NACo) for a Medical Examiner online data portal that provides up-to-date information about Cook County's deaths, including those caused by gun violence and the opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Arunkumar hosted the first Missing Persons Day in Illinois to help those with missing friends and family have the ability to submit DNA samples, medical records, pictures and other records to aide in the search of their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Medical Examiner's (NAME) is the national professional organization of physician medical examiners, medicolegal death investigators and death investigation system administrators who perform the official duties of the medicolegal investigation of deaths of public interest in the United States; and

WHEREAS, NAME serves as a resource to individuals seeking to improve medicolegal death investigation by continually working to develop and upgrade national standards for death investigation. The published NAME Standards for a Modern Medicolegal Investigative System provide a model for jurisdictions seeking to improve death investigation. NAME aims to involve competent professional medicolegal death investigators in every jurisdiction in the United States; and

WHEREAS, NAME representatives participate and serve in an advisory capacity to federal, public and private organizations on projects of mutual interest. As the official specialty association of physician medical examiners, the NAME promotes its vision of competent national death investigation from a seat in the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association; and

WHEREAS, NAME serves as the national forum for medical death investigators and system administrators for the discussion and dissemination of such information. NAME further encourages members to participate in the training of law enforcement officers, allied health professionals, paramedical personnel and others who interface in death cases; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Arunkumar has been a leader at the Cook County Medical Examiner’s Office and played an instrumental role in the office receiving national accreditation in January 2016 by ensuring that new policies and procedures were implemented, raising expectations of employee performance, upgrading operations and technology, and bringing a culture of change to the office. As a result, the Cook County Medical Examiner’s Office is now recognized as one of the premier institutions for death investigations in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Arunkumar was elected to the National Association of Medical Examiner’s Board on October 16, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Board of Commissioners of Cook County do hereby extend their gratitude to Dr. Ponni Arunkumar for her accomplishments and continued contributions and leadership that she provides as Chief Medical Examiner for Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to Dr. Ponni Arunkumar as a small token of appreciation for her continued service to Cook County.

Approved and adopted this 13th of November 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**18-6523
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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

CELEBRATING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF SHINNICK’S PUB

WHEREAS on October 20, 2018 Shinnick’s Pub is celebrating its 80th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS George Sr. and Mary (Healy) Shinnick took over a bar in 1938 at the corner of 3758 S. Union Ave in Chicago which would become Shinnick’s Pub; and

WHEREAS the building that the pub resides in was constructed in the late 1880’s and the ornate mahogany Brunswick-Balke-Collender back bar was built on-site at the same time; and

WHEREAS after World War II and throughout the 1950’s the pub became a popular place for local residents to gather and enjoy food and drinks in a friendly environment; and

WHEREAS in 1966 George Jr. & Celine (Dougherty) became the next owners of Shinnick’s Pub; and

WHEREAS George and Celine gave birth to 9 wonderful children; and

WHEREAS over the years those nine children would become the respected neighborhood pub’s bartenders and in 1989 they inherited Shinnick’s Pub; and

WHEREAS in October of 2005 Shinnick’s Pub hosted some its largest crowds to watch the neighborhood’s favorite team, the Chicago White Sox, win the American League Championship Series and the World Series; and

WHEREAS over the years and throughout many changes, Shinnick’s Pub has remained faithful to the vision and philosophy of outstanding customer service and has not only succeeded as a commercial enterprise but as a greatly valued and widely respected institution in the Bridgeport community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County does hereby congratulate Shinnick’s Pub, and pays tribute to the memory of its founders George Sr and Mary, and to all their successors in the Shinnick Family and to all of the employees past and present, who have built the Pub into the successful and well respected neighborhood institution that it is today; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the Official Proceedings of this Honorable Body, and that a suitable copy of same be tendered to Shinnick’s Pub in commemoration of

this occasion and in grateful acknowledgment of the important contributions made by Shinnick's Pub and the Shinnick family in the Bridgeport community over the course of the Pub's 80 years in business.

Approved and adopted this 13th of November 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**18-6953
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE PETER N. SILVESTRI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**CONGRATULATING THOMAS A. JACONETTY ON HIS RETIREMENT
FROM COOK COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

WHEREAS, Thomas A. Jaconetty will be retiring on November 30, 2018, after spending the last thirty-eight years as a dedicated Cook County employee; and

WHEREAS, from 1981-2010 Thomas Jaconetty worked for the Cook County Board of Review in a variety of positions, and from 2010-2018 he worked at the Cook County Assessor's Office as Deputy Assessor of Valuation and Appeals; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Jaconetty published nineteen articles on real property taxation/valuation and assessment administration in professional journals and was co-author of the Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education, *State and Local Taxation Handbook* since 1991; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Jaconetty has made more than 150 appearances as a presenter, moderator, or teacher at professional conferences and seminars in more than thirty cities across the United States and Canada; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Jaconetty has been instrumental as a member of a wealth of committees, commissions, and task forces, including the ISBA State and Local Taxation Section Council and the Civic Federation; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Jaconetty has devoted himself to a range of community, charitable, and educational institutions throughout Chicago and the suburbs; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Jaconetty has served as an adjunct professor in the real estate program at John

Marshall Law School from 2008-present.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby wish Thomas Jaconetty well in his retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to Thomas Jaconetty as an expression of our appreciation of his service to the County of Cook.

Approved and adopted this 13th of November 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**18-6597
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE DEBORAH SIMS, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, 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, LARRY SUFFREDIN
AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

HONORING WOORI TAEKWONDO & HAPKIDO ACADEMY

WHEREAS, “Woori” means “You and Me” Woori Taekwondo and Hapkido Academy is a community of martial artists with the same goal, that of striving toward excellence in marital arts and in every aspect of our lives; and

WHEREAS, philanthropy holds a special place of importance in the Woori philosophy; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, November 17, 2018, Woori Taekwondo and Hapkido Academy is sponsoring its 6th Annual fundraising event to benefit St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital entitled “Kick for the Cure”; and

WHEREAS, Woori Taekwondo and Hapkido Academy is a team of highly motivated and superbly trained individuals dedicated to the development of character and inner peace characterized by integrity and discipline; and

WHEREAS, Kwan Pil Kim is the school’s Grand Master and will be testing on his 7th Degree Black Belt in Taekwondo. Elizabeth Stack and Keysean Bonds will be testing for their 4th Degree Black Belt in Taekwondo. Grand Master Kwan Pil Kim, Master Basia Pudysz, Master Hyo Myeong Choi, Master Asad Umrani, Master Hogyun Choi, and Instructors will be participating in the 500 Board Breaking to support the cure for cancer. Woori students will also be participating in Low Belts and Black Belts; and

WHEREAS, all proceeds raised from the sale of “Kick for the Cure” event will go to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners commend the Masters, Instructors and Students of Woori Taekwondo and Hapkido Academy on its fundraising effort “Kick for the Cure” to benefit St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and official copy be given to Woori Taekwondo and Hapkido Academy in honor of their “Kick for the Cure” event on November 17, 2018.

Approved and adopted this 13th of November 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk



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

**18-6955
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE LARRY SUFFREDIN, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, 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,
AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**COMMEMORATING THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF
RONALD C. SMITH**

WHEREAS, Ronald C. Smith, Professor Emeritus at The John Marshall Law School, United States Navy veteran, public servant, criminal and constitutional law scholar, and a leader in his profession, died at the age of 84 leaving behind family, countless friends, and a community enriched for having known him; and

WHEREAS, Ronald C. Smith was born in Chicago on December 9, 1933. He graduated from Fenwick High School in Oak Park in 1951 and received a B.S. in the Humanities from Loyola University in Chicago in 1955; and

WHEREAS, Ronald C. Smith served his country from 1956-1962 as a naval helicopter pilot and personnel officer. He left active duty to enter law school but remained a naval reservist until retiring as a Lt. Commander in 1977. While in the Navy, Ron, a “seadog” with bright red hair, acquired the nickname “Red Dog,” a name that followed him for the rest of his life; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Loyola Law School in 1965, Ronald C. Smith clerked for Justice John V. McCormick of the Illinois Appellate Court. During that year, Ron was hired as an adjunct professor in the legal writing program at John Marshall Law School, beginning his career-long association with the school; and

WHEREAS, Ronald C. Smith served as a legal counsel for the Santa Fe Railroad from 1966-1968, specializing in governmental regulation and administrative procedure. He joined John Marshall full-time in 1968, where he specialized in constitutional law and criminal law until he retired in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Ronald C. Smith will be remembered for his commitment to independence and ethics in politics. In 1969, Ron ran for a seat as a delegate to the Illinois Constitutional Convention against a candidate backed by the regular Cook County Democratic Party. He won that seat and was aligned with an “independent bloc” of about ten delegates, which included his fellow law professor, Dawn Clark Netsch. He served as a member of the Committee on the Executive, where he sponsored the amendatory veto provision; and

WHEREAS, in 1972, Ronald C. Smith ran for the Democratic nomination for the Illinois State Senate. Party regulars conspired to deprive him of the seat by running a candidate against him who would win, but then resign the nomination in favor of a replacement chosen by the party. In response, he did what any law professor would do - he sued. His lawsuit, *Smith v. Cherry*, 489 F.2d 1098 (1974) was a leading federal elections lawsuit on dirty tricks until legislation addressed the situation; and

WHEREAS, Ronald C. Smith continued public service as a member of Governor Dan Walker’s Ethics Board, among other positions; and

WHEREAS, Ronald C. Smith acted as legal counsel for his wife, Mary Ann Smith - retired 48th Ward Alderman, in her many campaigns for the 48th Ward Aldermanic seat; and

WHEREAS, Ronald C. Smith was a tireless advocate for a fair and just legal system. While at John Marshall, he continued to practice criminal law. In the 1970s he served as an assistant state’s attorney during the summer, prosecuting cases for the Cook County State’s Attorney. Later, he represented

indigent defendants, often those who were not knowledgeable in English or the American legal system; and

WHEREAS, his work with the criminal justice sections of multiple bar associations culminated in his election to the chairmanship of the American Bar Association’s Criminal Justice Section in 2001. During that year he was often the voice of the A.B.A. on anti-terrorism activities and international criminal justice; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, Ronald C. Smith founded the National Criminal Justice Trial Advocacy Competition, co-sponsored by John Marshall Law School and the American Bar Association. Teams from all over the world have participated in this award-winning and path-breaking exercise in training future prosecutors and defense attorneys; and

WHEREAS, the loss of Ronald C. Smith to the community is significant. He will be remembered as someone devoted to making Illinois a better place to live, to securing justice for everyone, and to preparing law students to enter the noble profession that he loved. He will be missed by countless friends, family, and neighbors. His loss will be felt most acutely by his wife of forty-seven years Mary Ann Smith; his sons, Michael (Liv Rainey) Smith and Matthew (Carolyn Chandler) Smith; his goddaughter, Margaret Thompson Blumberg, and his cousins Philip, Jonathan, and Mark Thompson.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners on behalf of the nearly the 5.2 million residents of Cook County commemorates the extraordinary life of Ronald C. Smith, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions he has made to the legal profession and Citizens of Cook County, Illinois; and

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

Approved and adopted this 13th of November 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**18-6978
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT, LUIS ARROYO JR,
RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER,**

**JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN,
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LARRY SUFFREDIN AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

HONORING COOK COUNTY ASSESSOR JOSEPH BERRIOS

WHEREAS, Joseph Berrios is concluding his tenure as Cook County Assessor to the residents of Cook County on November 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Berrios was born in Chicago on Valentine’s Day, 1952 and is one of seven children; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Berrios, at the age of six, moved with his family to a public housing high-rise in Cabrini-Green; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Berrios is an alumni of Lane Tech High School and holds a Bachelor’s Degree in accounting from the University of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Berrios lives on Chicago’s northwest side and is the father of three children and has three grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Berrios’ life of public service began in 1982 when he was the first Hispanic-American elected to serve in the Illinois General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Berrios served taxpayers at the Cook County Board of Review for 30 years and was elected Commissioner in 1988; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Berrios was elected Cook County Assessor in 2010 and re-elected in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Berrios shortened the assessment cycle to ensure the timely mailing of tax bills for the first time in 34 years, saving school districts and municipalities tens of millions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Berrios’ Erroneous Exemption Unit has collected \$37 million and billed \$59 million billed to date, after legislation he crafted made this possible - with money being returned to local taxing bodies; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Berrios initiated legislation that became law expanding exemption savings for veterans, homeowners and seniors in Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Berrios increased assessment workshops county wide, working with elected officials, organizations and taxpayers; and

WHEREAS Joseph Berrios worked to improve residential assessment modeling, developing and utilizing an improved model for the 2018 City of Chicago reassessment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby extend our sincere and grateful appreciation to Cook County Assessor Joseph Berrios for his service and our best wishes to him for continued success, happiness, and good health in the years to come; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of same be tendered to Cook County Assessor Joseph Berrios.

Approved and adopted this 13th of November 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**18-6979
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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

HONORING COOK COUNTY CLERK DAVID ORR

WHEREAS, David Orr is concluding his tenure as Cook County Clerk on November 30, 2018 after 28 outstanding years of public service to the residents of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Clerk Orr has been a progressive voice in Chicago politics for more than 35 years, starting with his aldermanic career of the 49th Ward in City of Chicago in 1979; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, Clerk Orr became Mayor of the City of Chicago after the sudden passing of then Mayor Harold Washington; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, Clerk Orr was elected to office of Cook County Clerk, an office responsible for one of the largest election districts in the United States; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Clerk Orr has ushered in a Voter Renaissance in Illinois making voter registration and voting easier and more accessible statewide; and

WHEREAS, Clerk Orr led the fight to implement the Motor Voter law in Illinois as well as introduced Early Voting legislation that now allows voters in Illinois to cast their ballots two weeks prior to an election; and

WHEREAS, Clerk Orr promoted passage of a statewide law that allows junior and senior high school students to serve as election judges, part of the Clerk’s Teen Democracy Program; and

WHEREAS, Clerk Orr has used technology to improve customer service and save the county and taxpayers money, such as consolidating City and County vital records; and

WHEREAS, Clerk Orr created the free Running for Office Starter Kit which allows suburban Cook County residents to view the elected offices they are eligible to run for and receive the necessary information and documentation to complete the challenging process of running for office; and

WHEREAS, Clerk Orr worked closely with legislative leaders and civil rights groups to bring marriage equality to Illinois, efforts through which more than 14,000 same sex couples have gotten married in Cook County; and

WHEREAS, throughout his years of public service, Clerk Orr has been dedicated to the needs and values of the residents of Cook County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby extend our sincere and grateful appreciation to Cook County Clerk David Orr for his service and our best wishes to him for continued success, happiness, and good health in the years to come; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of same be tendered to Cook County Clerk David Orr.

Approved and adopted this 13th of November 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**18-6970
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE,
PRESIDENT OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING CRYSTAL BARNES AND ARK PRODUCTIONS FOR CREATING
THE LAW OF MOISES FEATURE FILM**

WHEREAS, Crystal Barnes received her Bachelor of the Arts in Theater and Communications from Temple University, and is Master of Fine Arts Candidate at Rutgers University; and

WHEREAS, Crystal completed her master's degree in Non-Profit Management at Spertus College, but taught herself the business of entertainment, social media and film marketing; and

WHEREAS, Crystal started Ark Productions 15 years ago to create works that inspire, motivate and change, and to provide women an opportunity to use their craft and advocate for careers that will transform perspectives and culture; and

WHEREAS, Ark Productions has Chicago-specific production goals to use local talent and vendors to bring in revenue that support local businesses primarily on the south and west sides of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Ark Productions exists to create films in which people of color and differently-abled people have the opportunity to be in the spotlight where they might otherwise only be an after-thought or the ever-present stereotype; and

WHEREAS, *The Law of Moises*, the first full length feature film by Ark Productions, is a film about a troubled young filmmaker desperate to escape his hometown who discovers his destiny is to save it; and

WHEREAS, Ark Productions' goal is to develop 2-3 feature films per year and create a mentoring program for women 30 years and older.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, honor Crystal Barnes and Ark Productions and praise its essential contribution to the cultural viability of Cook County.

Approved and adopted this 13th of November 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**18-6971
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE,
PRESIDENT OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

HONORING GREATER AUBURN-GRESHAM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

WHEREAS, since 2001, Greater Auburn-Gresham Development Corporation has provided comprehensive community development services to Auburn Gresham and surrounding communities to improve the quality of life for south side residents in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Greater Auburn-Gresham Development Corporation focuses its efforts on five pillars: Economic Development, Housing and Senior Services, Education and Youth Development, Health and Wellness, and Community Engagement; and

WHEREAS, Greater Auburn-Gresham Development Corporation has been providing free income tax preparation services since 2004, serving more than 15,000 clients and bringing back more than \$20 million in refunds to low-income residents; and

WHEREAS, Greater Auburn-Gresham Development Corporation created and has grown the 79th Street Renaissance Festival into an iconic, multi-day community event with family fun for all ages; and

WHEREAS, Greater Auburn-Gresham Development Corporation provides free minor home repairs for senior citizens to help them live comfortably; and

WHEREAS, through its Housing and Seniors Services program, Greater Auburn-Gresham Development Corporation has invested \$2 million to improve the homes of more than 400 seniors since 2003; and

WHEREAS, Greater Auburn-Gresham Development Corporation created Auburn Gresham GOLD, a community-driven education plan that provides after school programming, math and literacy summer camps and year-round support to students and parents to improve the educational outcomes in Auburn Gresham schools; and

WHEREAS, Greater Auburn-Gresham Development Corporation is redeveloping a long vacant building at 839-45 West 79th Street into the Auburn Gresham Healthy Lifestyle Hub, bringing more than 100 living wage jobs to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Healthy Lifestyle Hub will increase the community's quality of life through increased access to health and wellness services, educational and technology enhancements, and community

development services to youth, seniors, families and disenfranchised community members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby honor Greater Auburn-Gresham Development Corporation and praise its essential contribution to the health and viability of Cook County.

Approved and adopted this 13th of November 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**18-6987
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE DENNIS DEER, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

HONORING JERALYN HARRIS 50TH BIRTHDAY

WHEREAS, Ms. Jeralyn Harris was born November 3, 1968 in Springfield MA; and

WHEREAS, Jeralyn spent her formal childhood years in Springfield MA as well as Baltimore, MD; and

WHEREAS, Jeralyn was selected valedictorian from her high school and was voted most likely to succeed. In addition at 19 years of age Jeralyn was featured on the Phil Donahue Show for a program she founded to help stop teenage pregnancy; and

WHEREAS, Jeralyn graduated from the University of Massachusetts with a degree in English Education. She has later completed two additional masters degrees as is currently in the process of completing her doctorate degree; and

WHEREAS, For over 28 years Mrs. Harris has dedicated herself to the development of youth through education, spiritual development, and exposure to worlds beyond their norm; and

WHEREAS, She has served as Principal of Chicago Westside Christian School and teacher in the North Lawndale Community for 21 years where she has educated and uplifted thousands of individuals and families in Cook County and still continues to push for the enhancement and improvement of all families within her community; and

WHEREAS, Principal Harris has touched the lives of countless individuals throughout the many years of service, often turning down opportunities for increased revenue and stayed committed to her commitment

to serving youth; and

WHEREAS, She has traveled extensively with her students throughout the United States. She has taken over 60 groups of young men and women on tours through the country providing them with opportunities first hand of what they have studied in their various classrooms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Board of Commissioners of Cook County congratulate Ms. Jeralyn Harris on the occasion of her 50th birthday and proclaim November 3, 2018 as Jeralyn Harris day in Cook County and wish her continued health and happiness and also for her dedication and commitment to shaping our future leaders; and

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

Approved and adopted this 13th of November 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**18-6988
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT AND
EDWARD M. MOODY, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED MEN OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY INC. FOR
THEIR FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATION**

WHEREAS, on the evening of November 17, 1911, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity was founded inside the Science Building (later renamed Thirkield Hall) at Howard University located in Washington, D.C. The founders were three undergraduates -- Edgar Amos Love, Oscar James Cooper and Frank Coleman. Joining them was their faculty adviser, Ernest Everett Just; and

WHEREAS, from the initials of the Greek phrase meaning, "friendship is essential to the soul". The name Omega Psi Phi was derived. That phrase was selected as the motto; and

WHEREAS, the Cardinal Principles of Omega Psi Phi are Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift; and

WHEREAS, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. is the first international fraternal organization founded on the

campus of a historically black college; and

WHEREAS, notable members include Michael Jordan, Langston Hughes, Percy Julian, Tom Joyner, L Douglas Wilder, and Cook County's own Robert B. Steele, Dennis Deer and John Roberson; and

WHEREAS, everyone life has been touched by a Man of Omega Psi Phi, one member, Dr. Charles Drew, perfected the use of blood plasma, which led to the establishment of Blood Banks. These Blood Banks save millions of lives every year; and

WHEREAS, members are Politicians, Scientists, Mentors, Fathers, Entrepreneurs, Entertainers, and Community Leaders. Members include the First African-American Olympian, William DeHart Hubbard and Dr. Carter G. Woodson, who established what we know today as Black History Month; and

WHEREAS, there are ten (10) active chapters chartered in Cook County, Sigma Omega, Iota, Epsilon Eta, Rho Gamma Gamma, Theta Kappa Kappa, Chi Lambda Lambda, Omicron Mu Mu, and Rho Mu Mu, Mu XI, NU PI; and

WHEREAS, every year, these Chapters donate over \$100,000 in scholarships to high school students, donate hundreds of pints of blood, Mentors young people, and contributes over \$50,000 to the College Endowment Funds; and

WHEREAS, Chapters also conduct Voter Registration, Education, and Mobilization drives, highlight the best high school talent for the annual Talent Hunt, and Social Action Programs; and

WHEREAS, Omegas has sent over 2000 pounds of food, clothes, and medical supplies to Haiti after the Earthquake hit in 2010. In addition, held one of Cook County's largest water drives for Flint, Michigan, collecting and sending over 10 semi-trucks of water and supplies and also one of Cook County's largest relief drives for Houston, Texas, after Hurricane Harvey. Delivers thousands of Christmas Presents to children of incarcerated parents; and

WHEREAS, Omegas conduct education on health Initiatives focusing on Diabetes, High Blood Pressure, and other prevalent issues effecting the residents of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, the men of Omega Psi Phi have held Ques4Peace marches throughout Cook County to fight youth violence; and

WHEREAS, On Saturday, November 17, 2018, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. will celebrate their Founders Day where individuals are recognized for their contributions to Community Uplift via Citizen of the Year and Omega Man of the Year awards.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on behalf of the President, the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the 5.4 million residents of Cook County take great pleasure in honoring and celebrating the men of Omega Psi Phi for their leadership, dedication and commitment and hereby proclaim November 17, 2018 as Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. Day in Cook County and herewith express our sincere gratitude for your service to the community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution is spread upon the official

proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in honor of this auspicious occasion.

Approved and adopted this 13th of November 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**18-6967
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE EDWARD M. MOODY, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

HONORING JOHN DAKAJOS

WHEREAS, John Dakajos followed in his father's footsteps, taking over the business that's been in their family for over 50 years; and

WHEREAS, John has 7 McDonalds located through Chicago's south side and suburbs and has been active in all of the communities they are located in; and

WHEREAS, John has and continues to be very involved with the school and other organizations in all of those communities including Alsip and Oak Lawn by doing fund raisers, school orders, sponsoring schools and youth athletics, and donations to community events; and

WHEREAS, John has donated over \$30,000 in cash and food this year alone and over many years has averaged over \$25,000 in such donations; and

WHEREAS, John has received numerous awards of the years from McDonald's including the QSC (Quality, Service, Cleanliness) award that recognizes high level of operations, the Comp Sales Awards and Guest Count Increases recognizing sales increases and guest count increases, the Outstanding Execution Award for improving and maintaining high levels of operations in restaurants; and

WHEREAS, John has and continue to be a large contributor to Ronald McDonald Charities which provides resource and stability for families everywhere.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does honor John Dakajos for his many years of hard work dedicated service to his communities with this Resolution;

and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to John Dakajos a small token of appreciation for his continued service to the citizens of Cook County.

Approved and adopted this 13th of November 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

**18-7002
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE SEAN M. MORRISON, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

**CONGRATULATING ELNORA OVERTON ATHALONE ON THE OCCASION OF HER
100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

WHEREAS, the members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners are proud to congratulate Elnora Overton Athalone, an esteemed Cook County resident on the occasion of the celebration of her 100th birthday on November 9, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Elnora Overton Athalone was born in Tunica County, Mississippi on November 9, 1918; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Athalone comes from a very close knit and loving family as the middle child of Sam and Willie Overton where she was raised in the church; and

WHEREAS, Elnora Overton Athalone is the proud and loving mother to seven children, one son and six daughters; and

WHEREAS, in December of 1938, Elnora Overton married Henry Athalone and they enjoyed 56 years of marriage together until his death in March of 1995; and

WHEREAS, in 1952, Elnora and her family moved to the South Side of Chicago. This was during the period of The Great Migration and Elnora helped numerous family members by opening up her own home to help them get their new start in the city of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Elnora's home was the place where most of her 19 grandchildren spent their days and some of their nights before they reached school age. Along with her 19 grandchildren, Elnora has over 50 Great and Great-Great grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Elnora enjoyed cooking for her family, especially her passion for baking cakes and peach cobbler, and she is presently a member of Sweet Holy Spirit Church.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners joins with

her family and friends in extending our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to Elnora Overton Athalone on the occasion of her 100th birthday; that we commend her on achieving a long and fulfilling life and enriching the lives of everyone she came into contact with, and we wish her continued happiness and good health in the future; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the text of this Resolution be spread across the journal of proceedings of this honorable body and that a suitable copy hereof be presented to Elnora Overton Athalone as a token of our true admiration for her.

Approved and adopted this 13th of November 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**18-7012
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE SEAN M. MORRISON, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

HONORING DANIEL JOSEPH LITTON FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners is pleased to recognize outstanding achievement and dedication; and

WHEREAS, in August 1911, The Boy Scouts of America established the rank of Eagle Scout which is the highest title that can be attained by a Boy Scout; and

WHEREAS, in order to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, a Scout must first earn at least 21 merit badges and demonstrate Scout Spirit through community service and leadership, including an extensive service project that the Scout plans, organizes, leads and manages; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Joseph Litton, has earned the rank of Eagle Scout with Troop 1373 of Palos Hills where he has earned a total of 32 merit badges. Daniel has spent ten years in the scouting program and has served in numerous leadership capacities which include Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, Librarian, Chaplain's Aide and Troop Guide; and

WHEREAS, scouting has provided numerous community service opportunities for Daniel to participate in such as Feed My Starving Children, the NALC Food Drive, the Special Olympics and Honor Flights for veterans at Midway Airport; and

WHEREAS, for his Eagle Scout Service Project, Daniel created the “Kits for Kids” service project which entailed the gathering of school supplies, story books, activity books, hygiene items, dental informational packets, snacks, and games. These items were assembled by Daniel and his fellow scouts into over 100 gift bags for children, ages 6-12, which were distributed to the Operation Blessing food pantry where Daniel had volunteered previously; and

WHEREAS, Daniel’s commitment extends beyond Boy Scouts and into his education where he has served on Student Council as the chairman of the Missions and service Committee where he has led blood drives, food drives, hunger awareness events and a St. Baldrick’s fundraiser which raised over \$8,000; and

WHEREAS, Daniel has excelled in his education where he has earned a 4.29 cumulative GPA over the course of his high school career which has qualified him for both the Honor Roll and National Honors Society.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners that we join the community, family and friends of Daniel Joseph Litton in expressing our sincere pride and admiration and congratulations on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the text of this Resolution be spread across the journal of proceedings of this honorable body and that a suitable copy hereof be presented to Daniel Joseph Litton.

Approved and adopted this 13th of November 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**18-6986
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE LARRY SUFFREDIN, TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT,
LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, 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,
AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**A RESOLUTION HONORING THOMAS J. ROSS ON THE OCCASION OF HIS
RETIREMENT FROM PACE**

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Ross will retire on November 30, 2018 from Pace. Pace is the suburban bus and regional paratransit division of the Regional Transportation Authority in the Chicago metropolitan area that serves tens of thousands of daily riders and 284 municipalities. For over twenty years TJ Ross has diligently served the citizens of Cook County and further has the distinction of not missing a single Pace Board Meeting during his tenure; and

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Ross began his service to Pace Suburban Bus in 1998 as the Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, Executive Director Ross's leadership was instrumental in the I-90 Market Expansion Program, the largest service expansion in Pace history which included the State of Illinois's first inline (on highway) bus station; and

WHEREAS, Executive Director Ross brought bike racks to Pace buses and oversaw the conversion of Pace's fixed route fleet to accessible low-floor vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Executive Director Ross introduced Transit Signal Priority (TSP) to the region with Pace's South Cook County TSP Program, resulting in more reliable service; and

WHEREAS, Executive Director Ross converted Pace's South Division to Compressed Natural Gas (CNG), reducing emissions and saving \$1.2 million dollars annually in fuel; and

WHEREAS, Executive Director Ross led Pace during the launch of Ventra, Pace's first real-time information signs, dozens of new bus routes, and hundreds of vanpools; and

WHEREAS, Executive Director Ross successfully transferred Chicago ADA Paratransit Service from the CTA to Pace, stabilizing the system and improving service; and

WHEREAS, Executive Director Ross leaves Pace with the appreciation and good wishes of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County.

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 Thomas J. Ross on his retirement from Pace and herewith honors and thanks him for all that he 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 Thomas J. Ross.

Approved and adopted this 13th of November 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**18-7031
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE RICHARD R. BOYKIN, TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT,
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 HONORING THE REVEREND STEPHEN E. RICHARDSON ON THE
OCCASION OF HIS 25TH ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, the Reverend Stephen E. Richardson is the Senior Pastor of Jordan Temple Baptist Church in Hillside; and

WHEREAS, before entering the ministry, Pastor Richardson held several positions in the private financial sector; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Richardson was the initial Property Manager for the center of the Chicago Public Library System, named after Mayor Harold Washington; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Richardson and his beloved wife, Cynthia, created their own business that provided maintenance services to Downtown buildings and O'Hare Airport in addition to another business that built residential and commercial buildings across Cook County; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, Pastor Richardson succeeded his father in law, the Reverend Willie F. Jordan, Sr., in the Pastorate of Jordan Temple; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 1996 Pastor Richardson and his wife closed a portion of their businesses to better serve their church community; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Richardson was diagnosed in 1996 with a disease that mandated two heart transplants and a kidney transplant; and

WHEREAS, since those transplants, the Pastor has become a vocal advocate for organ donation; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Richardson’s life exemplifies Psalm 34:19, which says Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all, and

WHEREAS, this year marked the 25th anniversary that God has blessed Pastor Richardson with the honor to serve Jordan Temple; and

WHEREAS, beyond serving his church community, Pastor Richardson and Lady Richardson have been married 37 years and raised three (3) children.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Board of Commissioners that the Reverend Stephen E. Richardson is honored on the occasion of his 25th anniversary leading Jordan Temple Baptist Church.

Approved and adopted this 13th of November 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**18-7032
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE RICHARD R. BOYKIN, DENNIS DEER, TONI PRECKWINKLE,
PRESIDENT, LUIS ARROYO JR, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY,
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 THANKING PEPSICO AND THE CITY COLLEGES OF CHICAGO

WHEREAS, PepsiCo has been a fixture across the Country and Cook County for decades; and

WHEREAS, PepsiCo employs many Cook County residents; and

WHEREAS, PepsiCo has in many ways exhibited its dedication to the Community, but perhaps in no way more important than its cooperation with the City Colleges of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, the City Colleges of Chicago worked hand in hand with PepsiCo to create a new scholarship program; and

WHEREAS, the City Colleges of Chicago is one of the largest community college systems in the country; and

WHEREAS, the City Colleges of Chicago includes seven campuses and has several award-winning culinary schools; and

WHEREAS, the City Colleges of Chicago and PepsiCo joined forces to establish a scholarship program; and

WHEREAS, that program will enable individuals from the South and West Sides of Chicago to attend Olive-Harvey College and Richard J. Daley College who then can join an apprenticeship with PepsiCo; and

WHEREAS, nearly half of African American men, mostly located on the South and West Sides, are unemployed or not attending school; and

WHEREAS, the scholarship will cover full tuition for participants, making the American Dream available to a number of individuals who did not have access to it before; and

WHEREAS, this type of private-public partnership is exactly what is needed to make the world a better place.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners that PepsiCo and the City Colleges of Chicago are thanked and honored for their collaboration and dedication to the communities they serve.

Approved and adopted this 13th of November 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

ADJOURNMENT

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A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that the Consent Calendar meeting do now adjourn to meet again at the same time and same place on December 11, 2018, in accordance with County Board Resolution 18-0624.

The motion prevailed and the meeting stood adjourned.


