

**Board of Commissioners of Cook County**

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL



**Consent Calendar Journal of Proceedings**

**Tuesday, March 13, 2018**

**9:00 AM**

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

LUIS ARROYO, JR.  
RICHARD R. BOYKIN  
JERRY BUTLER  
JOHN P. DALEY  
DENNIS DEER  
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PETER N. SILVESTRI  
DEBORAH SIMS  
LARRY SUFFREDIN  
JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI

**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, 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.

No Public Speakers

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**18-1569  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE EDWARD M. MOODY, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**SAUK TRAIL BAPTIST TEMPLE 50TH ANNIVERSARY**

**WHEREAS**, in 1968, Pastor Don G Humbert found the Sauk Trail Baptist Temple and in 1989 his son Pastor Bruce M. Humbert became the pastor; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sauk Trail Baptist Temple has been faithfully preaching the Bible, making disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, and positively influencing the community for 50 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sauk Trail Baptist Temple conducts week Children's Sunday school and Sunday Adult Bible Study lasses along with Sunday morning worship services and Sunday evening praise services. In addition, the Sauk Trail Baptist Temple also holds Wednesday Bibles Studies and Ladies Bible Studies regularly; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sauk Trail Baptist Temple hosts an annual men's conference called Men's Advance where over 350 men attend each year to be the man God wants them to be; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sauk Trail Baptist Temple is involved in the chaplain program for the Richton Park Police Department, has organized clothes drives, is a member of the Richton Park Business chamber, and participates in community events, picnics, and program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sauk Trail Baptist Temple has donated over 9.5 million dollars to foreign and domestic church missions.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize and honor the Sauk Trail Baptist Temple on their 50th anniversary; 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 Sauk Trail Baptist Temple.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**18-2167  
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 MS. ERMA J. BENNETT'S 90TH BIRTHDAY**

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Erma J. Bennett was born on February 15, 1928 in Brownsville, Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Erma J. Bennett has lived in Cook County and the City of Chicago, Illinois since the age of 17; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Erma J. Bennett is the widow of Ira Terry Bennett, a union that produced ten (10) children, twenty-one (21) grandchildren, sixteen (16) great-grandchildren, and two (2) great-great grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Erma J. Bennett is an active member of the Greater Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, where she serves on the Mother Board, Women's Mission and as a mentor for the Children's Ministry; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Erma J. Bennett has maintained a pristine voting record, having voted in every local and national election since she was of voting age; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Erma J. Bennett is proud to have supported the nation's first African American President, Barack Obama and had the opportunity to tour the Obama White House at the age of 82; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Erma J. Bennett has been an outstanding mother, mentor, a force for good and a major influence in helping others to realize their true potential.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners that we celebrate Ms. Erma J. Bennett's 90th birthday and the sincere appreciation of the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners is extended to the family of Ms. Erma J. Bennett for her commitment to family, community, and the body of Christ.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**18-2239  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by  
THE HONORABLE PETER N. SILVESTRI, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**CONGRATULATING MARY KATE MANION FOR BEING CROWNED QUEEN OF  
CHICAGO'S 2018 ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE**

**WHEREAS**, Mary Kate Manion, a resident of Chicago's Lincoln Park neighborhood, was selected from a field of sixty women of Irish ancestry to be the 2018 St. Patrick's Day Parade Queen; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary Kate Manion's court consists of Madeline Mitchell, Maura Carr, Nicole Coghlan, and Catherine Coghlan; and

**WHEREAS**, the 63rd annual St. Patrick's Day Parade will take place on March 17, 2018, along Columbus Drive; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary Kate Manion and her court will represent the Chicago Irish community at the parade and at other Irish-heritage events throughout the year on behalf of the parade committee; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary Kate Manion is the second-eldest child of Tom and Nancy Manion and is a loving sister to her siblings Michael, Colleen, Rory and Molly; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary Kate Manion is a graduate of Immaculate Conception Grade School and Immaculate Conception High School in Elmhurst; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary Kate Manion received her undergraduate degree in Business Administration from St. Norbert College, where she was also a four-year player and two-year captain on the Women's Volleyball Team; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary Kate Manion is currently employed as a legislative aide for the Committee on Finance of the Chicago City Council and serves as a member on the Junior Board for Aunt Martha's Health and Wellness; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary Kate Manion will represent Cook County's and Chicago's proud Irish community with honor and distinction.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate Mary Kate Manion for being crowned Queen of the 2018 Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to Mary Kate Manion as an expression of our esteem.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**18-2330  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE PETER N. SILVESTRI, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**CONGRATULATING REVEREND RICH CONYERS ON HIS RETIREMENT**

**WHEREAS**, after twenty years at Notre Dame College Prep in Niles, Reverend Richard Conyers, C.S.C. has announced his retirement; and

**WHEREAS**, from a very early age, Reverend Conyers knew he wanted to be a priest and wanted to teach; and

**WHEREAS**, at fourteen, Reverend Conyers left home to attend Holy Cross Minor Seminary on the campus of Notre Dame University and has been a part of that community for decades; and

**WHEREAS**, following his retirement, Reverend Conyers will reside at Fatima House, a home for retired religious professionals on the campus of Notre Dame University; and

**WHEREAS**, even though he was born on the South Side of Chicago, Reverend Conyers has been an avid Cubs fan since the age of four; and

**WHEREAS**, Reverend Conyers served as chairman of the Fine Arts Department at Notre Dame High School and also taught various levels of religion; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2016, the Reverend Richard Conyers, C.S.C. Scholarship was initiated and funded at a \$25,000.00 level, and to date two students at Notre Dame High School have benefitted from this scholarship; and

**WHEREAS**, Reverend Conyers' impact on Notre Dame High School has been profound-on the students, faculty, staff, alumni, and parents-and he will be greatly missed.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate Reverend Rich Conyers on the occasion of his retirement; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to Reverend Conyers as an expression of our esteem.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President

Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**18-2343  
RESOLUTION**

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

**EARTH DAY 2018**

**WHEREAS**, Earth Day, April 22, is celebrated around the world with the goal of diversifying, educating and activating the environmental movement; and

**WHEREAS**, addressing climate change requires action on many fronts; including decreasing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and protecting the natural environment; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to reach the goal of an 80% reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 the County has reduced its GHG emissions in the categories of energy, water and transportation by 19% since 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, building energy is the largest contributor to GHG emissions in our region and the County has decreased GHG emissions from building energy by 25% since 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, the exponential growth of the use of plastics poisons and injures marine life, disrupts human hormones, creates litter and clogs our streams and landfills; and

**WHEREAS**, Earth Day 2018 is dedicated to providing the information and inspiration needed to fundamentally change human attitude and behavior about plastics; and

**WHEREAS**, about 22 million pounds of plastic, including straws, drink lids and single use plastic bags flow into the Great Lakes each year, according to the Illinois Environmental Council; and

**WHEREAS**, plastic accounts for about 80% of the litter on the Great Lakes' shorelines; and

**WHEREAS**, true solutions focus on reducing the sources of plastic pollution by decreasing demand for items such as water and soft-drink bottles, beverage cups and straws, disposable utensils, wrappers and packaging.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by President Toni Preckwinkle and the Cook County Board of Commissioners to hereby encourage Cook County employees and residents to reduce plastic pollution by taking a pass on plastic whenever possible; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by President Toni Preckwinkle and the Cook County Board of Commissioners that April 22, 2018 is Earth Day in Cook County.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**18-2389  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE PETER N. SILVESTRI, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**HONORING SISTER DONNA MARIE WOLOWICKI ON HER 50TH JUBILEE**

**WHEREAS**, Sister Donna Marie Wolowicki celebrated the 50<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary of her profession of vows with the Sisters of the Resurrection; and

**WHEREAS**, after graduating from Loyola University of Chicago with her bachelor of science degree in nursing in 1971, Sister Donna Marie started as a staff nurse in Resurrection's intensive care unit; and

**WHEREAS**, from 1989 to 2011, Sister Donna Marie Wolowicki was the Executive Vice President and CEO of Resurrection Medical Center in Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, at Resurrection Medical Center, Sister Donna Marie worked her way steadily thorough the administrative ranks at the same time she was earning her master's degree in nursing at Loyola and later her master's degree in business administration from North Park University; and

**WHEREAS**, among her other honors, Sister Donna Marie was the recipient of the Career Achievement Award from the Chicago Health Executives Forum in 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, Sister Donna Marie is a Resurrection High School alumna and has served as President of Resurrection College Prep in Chicago since July of 2013; and



**WHEREAS**, Sister Donna Marie Wolowicki was honored by Presence Resurrection Medical Center in 2016 with the Inspire Award, which recognizes exceptional leadership from an individual that has gone above and beyond the call of duty to advance the well-being of her community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate Sister Donna Marie Wolowicki on the occasion of her 50th Jubilee; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to Sister Donna Marie Wolowicki as an expression of our appreciation for her service.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**18-2403  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by  
THE HONORABLE STANLEY MOORE, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**HONORING THE LIFE OF IDA MAE CRAIG HARRIS**

*"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' Matthew 25:23 NIV*

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Ida Mae Craig Harris would accept her heavenly call February 16, 2018; not only is this the loss of a devoted mother and grandmother, but a treasured confidant, community leader, and faithful servant; and

**WHEREAS**, Ida Mae Craig Harris professed her faith at an early age. She kept her walk with Christ for 64 plus years; while much of her working career was geared toward the service industry, Ida took greater pride of being of service through her long standing membership with Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church (TMBC) as faithful member serving God's people; modeling her commitment through her tithing of her talents through her multiple roles in such an esteemed temple; and

**WHEREAS**, Ida, affectionately known as "Sister", having a matriarchal presence; as many did of her time, taking on the role of caring for her siblings was a necessity. She would sacrifice her life dreams, being fulfilled to do so but yet later catch up to them and accomplish her goals; and

**WHEREAS**, her commitment to build stronger communities through common unity was exemplified through her discernment, patience, and perseverance; and

**WHEREAS**, the passing of our beloved Ida Mae Craig Harris, is the absence of the body; we are assured she is in the presence of the Lord. For her modeling of faith consoles us to know that God will never leave us nor forsake us.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County of Cook 4th District community embraces the family; that the memories of her Earthly presence will encourage comfort in the time of sorrow and yet the celebration of her life illuminating the joys; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution is spread upon the permanent record of Proceedings of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, and that a suitable copy of this Resolution will be prepared and presented to the family of Ida Mae Craig Harris that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished; and

We cannot replace Ida Mae Craig Harris, let it be that we may attempt to demonstrate the love she had for everyone.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**18-2428  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE PETER N. SILVESTRI, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**HONORING THE PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH AS IT CELEBRATES ITS 175TH  
ANNIVERSARY**

**WHEREAS**, the Park Ridge Community Church was the first church established in Park Ridge and is the oldest Congregational Church in Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Park Ridge Community Church provides its members a great opportunity to practice, demonstrate, and share their developing Christian faith through worship services, exceptional music offerings, outreach programs, Christian education, and a wide variety of service and fellowship opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, in the summer of 1841, a small group of Christians-in an area newly opened to settlement between Norwood Park and the Des Plaines River-decided to worship together despite their different religious backgrounds; and

**WHEREAS**, eventually those informal gatherings on Sunday mornings led the group to officially organize as the Monroe Congregational Church on January 22, 1843; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1868, the first permanent minister, Rev. J.H. Laird, was hired, and the church became formally affiliated with the Congregational Church. The first structure was completed in 1873 with donated land, labor, and brick from local brickyards; and

**WHEREAS**, after World War I, the church enjoyed a period of stability and growth, beginning with Orvis Fairlee Jordan's 35-year pastorate; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1957, Rev. Tom Maurer became Senior Minister and served until 1969. During his tenure, the intellectual life of the congregation was deepened through his preaching as was the fellowship of the church through his implementation of small community groups; and

**WHEREAS**, over the next several decades, leadership at Park Ridge Community Church continued to expand the congregation and its ministries; and

**WHEREAS**, the Reverend Brett McCleneghan served from June 2001 through August 2017 and worked to create a welcoming and inclusive place to worship, learn, serve, and grow in faith-and significantly enhanced programs for children, middle and high school students, and adults alike; and

**WHEREAS**, the commemoration of Park Ridge Community Church's 175th Anniversary will continue throughout 2018 with concerts, social events, and opportunities for 175 acts of service and kindness.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate the Park Ridge Community Church as it celebrates its 175-Year Anniversary; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to Park Ridge Community Church as a token of our appreciation for its historic and continued service to the community.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE DEBORAH SIMS, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,  
RICHARD R. BOYKIN AND JERRY BUTLER, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING SIX STUDENTS OF THE HARVEY-DIXMOOR SCHOOL DISTRICT 147  
ON THEIR HEROIC ACTIONS**

**WHEREAS**, City of Harvey, Illinois, Mayor Eric J. Kellogg will be joined by the Harvey -Dixmoor School District 147 Superintendent Johnetta Miller, School Board President Bonnie Rateree, and the Rosa Parks Middle School Principal Mr. Patrick Keller in honoring six (6) students who discovered a loaded semi-automatic weapon on school grounds and quickly alerted school officials; and

**WHEREAS**, on Tuesday, February 20, 2018, students Joyce Carter, Sigfredo Gallegos, Malik Holton, Jchaun Lumpkin Donnie Randle El and Keymarrion Ross entered Rosa Park school grounds and noticed a loaded semi- automatic weapon in a grassy area near the entrance of the school; and

**WHEREAS**, the kids quickly developed a plan to have three (3) of them run in the school to alert school officials; and

**WHEREAS**, while the remaining three (3) stood around the gun and kept other students away from attempting to touch the loaded weapon; and

**WHEREAS**, “The bravery and focus of the five (5) boys and one (1) girl is noteworthy and astonishing, they are worthy of the community coming together and honoring their achievement” says Mayor Kellogg; and

**WHEREAS**, prominent members of the community have some surprises in store for the six (6) kids including gifts amongst other acts of kindness in their honor.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognize and commend the six (6) students of the Harvey-Dixmoor School District 147 on their heroic actions.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**18-2522  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE STANLEY MOORE, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. DONALD CHATMAN**

*"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' Matthew 25:23 NIV*

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Donald Chatman would accept his heavenly call February 22, 2018; not only is this the loss of a devoted physician, but a treasured confidant, community leader, and faithful servant; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Donald Chatman is a man of many talents, because he committed his work to the Lord and his plans were established. He is a Harvard University graduate, one of the first African American attending physicians in his field at Michael Reese Hospital and Medical Center in Chicago. An associate professor at the Northwestern Feinberg School of Medicine. Dr. Donald Chatman has received numerous accolades for his dedication to quality health care; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Donald Chatman took great pride in living an unselfish life, by his service to his country as a captain in the United States Air force. His delivery of thousands of children in the Chicagoland area. His publications and lectures nationally and internationally on endometriosis in African American women and adolescents; and

**WHEREAS**, his commitment to build stronger health care through obstetrics, gynecology, and medical research for treatment of endometriosis was exemplified through his discernment, passion for excellence, and perseverance; and

**WHEREAS**, the passing of our beloved, Donald Chatman is the absence of the body; we are assured he is in the presence of the Lord. For his modeling of care for others consoles us to know that God will never leave us nor forsake us.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County of Cook 4th District community embraces the family; that the memories of his Earthly presence will encourage comfort in the time of sorrow and yet the celebration of his life illuminating the joys; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution is spread upon the permanent record of Proceedings of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, and that a suitable copy of this Resolution will be prepared and presented to the family of Donald Chatman that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished; and

We cannot replace, Dr. Donald Chatman let it be that we may attempt to demonstrate the love he had for everyone.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**18-2557  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**CELEBRATING THE VILLAGE OF HANOVER PARK'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Hanover Park was incorporated on August 14th, 1958; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village has grown from the first census taken of 330 residents in 1959 to just under 38,000 residents in 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, this year will mark Hanover Park's 60th anniversary, and, in recognition of that milestone, is hosting a year of events celebrating the history of the Village; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Hanover Marks the 60th anniversary by honoring its residents, volunteers, elected officials and staff who work to maintain and enhance the community; and

**WHEREAS**, of six main events this summer the biggest and broadest will be the 60th Anniversary Family Festival at the Hanover Park Park District Community Center and Park; and

**WHEREAS**, Hanover Park has revealed its new tagline "America's Global Village," which is meant to reflect the 80 nationalities and 30 spoken languages of its 38,000 residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village celebrates that the community is family oriented, diverse and strongly rooted in American values.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County hereby congratulates Village President Rodney S. Craig, the Village Board, and the great citizens of the Village of Hanover Park for their continuing celebrations of 60 years as a municipality; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to President Craig, and the Village Board in recognition of this momentous event, and that it also be spread upon the proceedings of this honorable body.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**18-2569  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE SEAN M. MORRISON, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**HONORING LITHUANIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY**

**WHEREAS**, one hundred years ago on February 16, 1918 Lithuania was reestablished as an independent democratic state, yet after 20 years of existence was caught up in the tides of World War II, was subjugated by alien forces in 1938; and

**WHEREAS**, for 50 years the United States refused to recognize the forcible annexation of the Baltic States and has long supported the principle of self-determination for the peoples of Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia; and

**WHEREAS**, people of Lithuania yearned and struggled to achieve freedom and independence while preserving their religion, culture, language, and self-identity; and

**WHEREAS**, that element of self-preservation was evident in the Lithuanian immigrants who settled within United States and the Chicagoland area and contributed greatly to America by giving back to their adopted homeland, never forgetting their rich history, culture, and heritage; and

**WHEREAS**, we commend the perseverance of the Lithuanian people who stand against hatred, tyranny and aggression and recognize their endurance and commitment to freedom, liberty, and independence; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize the rich cultural heritage and family values which are passed along to future generations through the many Lithuanian musical, social, fraternal, educational, and religious organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, the spirit of freedom lived on in the hearts and minds of the Lithuanian people and on March 11th, 1990 they exercised their right of self-determination and declared the reestablishment of the Lithuanian democratic state, with Vilnius as its capital.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners join the Lithuanian community in the Chicagoland area in celebrating Lithuania's independent democratic state and wish them a most enjoyable celebration on March 11, 2018; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and an official copy be tendered to the Lithuanian community in recognition of their consistent desire for freedom and democracy for Lithuania and their many contributions to the United States, their adopted country.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**18-2578  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT AND  
GREGG GOSLIN, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**HONORING THE LIFE OF STEVE J. SIDERIS**

**WHEREAS**, Steve J. Sideris entered this world on June 16, 1964, born to immigrant parents from Greece; and

**WHEREAS**, Steve J. Sideris grew up in Cicero before ultimately moving to Palos Hills; and

**WHEREAS**, Steve J. Sideris was an accomplished honor roll student attending Plato Academy, Fenwick High School and the University of Illinois at Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, Steve J. Sideris used his bachelor's degree in accounting to start a bookkeeping business with his brother; and

**WHEREAS**, Steve J. Sideris was a pillar in his community and happily went out of his way to help those in need, to help shovel sidewalks, mow lawns, and check on elderly neighbors who required extra assistance; and



**WHEREAS**, Steve J. Sideris loved to be around family and went above and beyond to assure that his parents were safe and cared for as they aged; and

**WHEREAS**, Steve J. Sideris was an avid sports fan and followed Chicago sports teams with great passion, and was thrilled to have witnessed each Chicago team win at least one championship in his lifetime; and

**WHEREAS**, Steve J. Sideris fought his illness with utmost strength and bravery; and

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Steve J. Sideris from our midst on February 19, 2018.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and many friends of Steve J. Sideris, and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss; and

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

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**18-2594  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**CONGRATULATING THE VILLAGE OF SCHAUMBURG ON BEING NAMED  
THE BEST PLACE TO LIVE IN ILLINOIS**

**WHEREAS**, Money Magazine released its list of the top 100 places to live; and

**WHEREAS**, the list takes into account places that pair economic and educational performance with affordability, as well as convenience, safety, and a pleasant way of life; and

**WHEREAS**, there were 2,400 places that met the standards for the magazine's study before it was narrowed down to the top 100; and

**WHEREAS**, Schaumburg, Illinois was ranked at number nine (9) overall, and number one (1) for the state of Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, Schaumburg holds a firm place in Chicago's Golden Corridor which encompasses the northwest suburbs of the city that is known for being an economic and manufacturing powerhouse; and

**WHEREAS**, Schaumburg claims it is home to more business than any other place in Illinois, outside the City of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, the village is home to many impressive resources and facilities, such as the Prairie Center for the Arts, the Trickster Art Gallery, Legoland Discovery Center, and Schaumburg's district library, which is one of the largest libraries in the state, with more than one (1) million visitors each year; and

**WHEREAS**, Schaumburg is also home to Woodfield Mall, one of the largest malls in the country with nearly 300 stores and restaurants.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate the Village of Schaumburg on being named the 9th best place to live in the country, and the best place to live in Illinois; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a commemorative copy of this Resolution be tendered to the Village of Schaumburg.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**18-2604  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE JESÚS G. GARCÍA, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**CONGRATULATING MUJERES LATINAS EN ACCIÓN ON ITS 45TH ANNIVERSARY**

**WHEREAS**, *Mujeres Latinas en Acción* is a not-for-profit organization based in the Pilsen neighborhood, within the 7th District of Cook County; and

**WHEREAS,** *Mujeres Latinas en Acción* was founded in 1970, when the Latino and immigrant population in Chicago began to grow substantially; and

**WHEREAS,** *Mujeres Latinas en Acción* has three locations, and serves approximately 8,000 community residents each year; and

**WHEREAS,** *Mujeres Latinas en Acción* is the Latina organization with the longest record of service in the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** *Mujeres Latinas en Acción* has been empowering women by providing services which reflect their values and culture and being an advocate on the issues that make a difference in their lives for over 45 years; and

**WHEREAS,** *Mujeres Latinas en Acción* works in collaboration with other organizations to help Latinas throughout Chicagoland make better lives for themselves and their families by continuously sharing its resources through events and workshops; and

**WHEREAS,** *Mujeres Latinas en Acción* has been a beacon of hope to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault by providing temporary financial relief as well as court advocacy and leadership training, academic support, and other skills women need to become self-sufficient; and

**WHEREAS,** *Mujeres Latinas en Acción* seeks to empower Latina women of all ages through personalized programs and services including after school programs, parent support programs, counseling, crisis intervention, court supervised visitation for non-custodial parents, and referrals to medical and financial support resources for women in need; and

**WHEREAS,** *Mujeres Latinas en Acción* is a passionate and knowledgeable advocate concerning issues affecting Chicago Latinas, including but not limited to immigration, access to healthcare and education, and reproductive rights; and

**WHEREAS,** *Mujeres Latinas en Acción* serves as an ambassador for change at the local and national level, and is committed to achieving social justice for Latinas; and

**WHEREAS,** *Mujeres Latinas en Acción* has remained true to its original mission of creating a safe place for Latinas to flourish, learn, and discover themselves by providing women with the tools and support needed to succeed.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** the Cook County Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate the staff, volunteers, and supporters of *Mujeres Latinas en Acción* on their 45th 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 *Mujeres Latinas en Acción* in honor of its outstanding achievements.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**18-2621  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

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

**HONORING ARAB AMERICAN FAMILY SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, Arab American Family Services (AAFS) is a nonprofit social service agency that provides caring, compassionate assistance to South Suburban Chicagoland residents, with special sensitivity to the cultural and linguistic needs of Arab Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, AAFS was established in 2001 by Itedal Shalabi and Nareman Taha, two (2) women who witnessed the dire need for a social service agency that advocates and addresses the issues and concerns of the Arab-American community; and

**WHEREAS**, AAFS offers support in the areas of public benefits, ESL and civics, immigration services, domestic violence prevention and intervention, mental health, and elderly services; and

**WHEREAS**, AAFS also sponsors outreach programs to build healthier families and communities as well as cultivate respect and understanding of Arab-American culture; and

**WHEREAS**, AAFS is making a profound and positive impact in their community by actively seeking to confront the myths and taboos that have kept some Arab Americans from obtaining the assistance they need and by helping local neighbors overcome personal crises, strengthen their families, and live healthier, more successful lives; and

**WHEREAS**, AAFS will hold the *Spirit of Empowerment Black Tie Fundraising Gala* on Saturday, March 24, 2018 to celebrate Arab Americans both locally and nationally and their social, economic, cultural, and political achievements to society as well as their steadfast willingness to make a difference.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, recognize the importance of Arab American Family Services and their essential contribution to the health and viability of Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to Arab American Family Services.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**18-2623  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

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

**HONORING THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS METRO-SUBURBAN**

**WHEREAS**, the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Metro-Suburban is a community mental health and social service organization dedicated to building better lives for those affected by mental illness; and

**WHEREAS**, NAMI Metro-Suburban improves the lives of individuals, families and communities affected by mental illness by providing education, support and advocacy; and

**WHEREAS**, NAMI Metro-Suburban partners with 17 local schools to educate students on the signs and symptoms of mental illness, the importance of early detection and treatment, and how to help themselves or a friend in need; and

**WHEREAS**, NAMI Metro-Suburban believes that by using a young person's testimony in the classroom, it can greatly reduce the stigma associated with mental illness within this generation; and

**WHEREAS**, NAMI Metro-Suburban operates the oldest free standing Drop-in Center in The State of Illinois, by providing socialization, life skills and job readiness and placement opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, NAMI Metro-Suburban partners with five local hospitals including The Hines VA, to provide recovery support and education services making recovery a possibility for psychiatric patients; and,

**WHEREAS**, NAMI Metro-Suburban currently serves Oak Park, River Forest, Cicero, Berwyn, Lyons and Proviso Township; and

**WHEREAS**, NAMI Metro-Suburban continues to expand its reach into the western suburbs by providing alternatives to emergency room visits through a Living Room in LaGrange, with a second Living Room location opening in Broadview, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, NAMI Metro-Suburban provides all services, including its family education and family support groups, free of charge.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, recognizes the importance of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Metro-Suburban and its essential contribution to the education and viability of Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to NAMI Metro-Suburban.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**18-2624  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

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

**HONORING PILLARS COMMUNITY HEALTH**

**WHEREAS**, Pillars Community Health is a health and social services organization dating back to 1921; and

**WHEREAS**, Pillars Community Health serves more than 10,000 residents across 35 communities in the Western and Southwestern suburbs of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, Pillars Community Health is committed to eliminating barriers to care, such as language, income or stigma; and

**WHEREAS**, Pillars Community Health is one of only a few nonprofits in the state of Illinois to integrate primary medical and dental care with mental health, early education and social services; and

**WHEREAS**, Pillars Community Health provides more than 35 programs to the community including Medical, Dental, Mental Health and Addictions, Domestic and Sexual Violence, Early Head Start, Child Care, Prevention/Health Education and Outreach, and Benefits Assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, Pillars Community Health offers comprehensive services through 10 locations and also provides many services in community settings such as homes, schools, police stations, courthouses and emergency rooms; and

**WHEREAS**, Pillars Community Health encourages community residents to volunteer in a variety of roles and invest in the community through contributions and events like the Annual Pillars Ball, which raised \$250,000.00 in 2017.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, recognizes the importance of Pillars Community Health and its essential contribution to the health and viability of Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to Pillars Community Health.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**18-2625  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

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

**HONORING THE DUSABLE HERITAGE ASSOCIATION**

**WHEREAS**, The DuSable Heritage Association, created in 2002, is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the legacy of Haitian founder of Chicago, Jean-Baptiste Pointe DuSable, through educational and cultural activities; and

**WHEREAS**, this year, 2018, marks the 200th year memorial of the death of Jean Baptiste Pointe DuSable; and

**WHEREAS**, The DuSable Heritage Association will present yearlong cultural and educational activities honoring the many great contributions that Haitian and Americans of African origins have brought to Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, The DuSable Heritage Association acknowledges March 4th is the anniversary of the incorporation of Chicago founded by Jean Baptiste Pointe DuSable; and

**WHEREAS**, members, leaders and supporters of the Haitian community convened on March 3, 2018 to celebrate the aspiration of “DuSable Park: On the Horizon 2020”, the development of the City of Chicago Park District’s DuSable Park; and

**WHEREAS**, The DuSable Heritage Association also honored Haitian American institutions who empower, educate and provide needed services in many communities across the greater Cook County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, recognizes the importance of The DuSable Heritage Association and its essential contribution to the education and viability of Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to The DuSable Heritage Association.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**18-2633  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE SEAN M. MORRISON, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**HONORING CONRADY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL ON RECEIVING THE  
2017 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL AWARD**



**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners are proud to recognize excellence in local school districts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes the importance of local school districts in educating, developing and preparing youth for adulthood; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Palos School District 117 and Conrady Junior High School continue to demonstrate excellence in education by receiving the coveted 2017 National Blue Ribbon Award in the category of Exemplary High-Performing schools; and

**WHEREAS**, Conrady Junior High School was the only junior high school in the South Cook Region to win the coveted award and one of only nine Title I schools in the country to be named a National Blue Ribbon winner; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Blue Ribbon Award is the highest honor a school can receive, as only 342 schools received this award in 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Blue Ribbons Schools Program noted that great results are not always from a cutting-edge idea or innovative programming but rather from a combination of passion, care and focus on what is important, and that Conrady is the epitome of these qualities; and

**WHEREAS**, an achievement of this magnitude requires excellence and dedication at all levels, from the students, parents, staff, community, board of education and the administration; and

**WHEREAS**, this dedication towards excellence is reflected in the Conrady Junior High School motto, "Be the Best for the World".

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners congratulate the students, faculty and administrators at Conrady Junior High School on their achievement of excellence in education; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and an official copy be tendered to Conrady Junior High School in recognition of their 2017 National Blue Ribbon School Award.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**HONORING MAYOR AL LARSON**

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Al Larson was elected Mayor of Schaumburg in 1987; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Larson has served in his role as mayor for 30 years as of his current term; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to his election Mayor Larson was very active in his community in a number of different capacities such as; Pace Board Director, CMAP Board Member, NWMC President, IML President, Steering Committee for Transportation of the National League of Cities, Meet Chicago Northwest Convention Bureau Board member, Arts Alliance Illinois Board member, Council of Mayors representing northwest Cook County, and Joint Action Water Agency Chair; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Larson has additionally served in a number of elected offices as well, as the Public Relations Director for Schaumburg, Member of Zoning Board of Appeals, Chair of the Environmental Committee, and 12 years as a Village Trustee; and

**WHEREAS**, during his tenure he has contributed to a series of beautifications, acquisitions and infusions of culture and fine arts that Schaumburg has branded as a progressive community steeped in commerce, culture and family values; and

**WHEREAS**, these improvements include; the establishment of Olde Schaumburg Centre, the development of a 85 mile bikeway, the development of the Spring Valley Nature Sanctuary, a 135 acre nature center, and the design and designation of Schaumburg's Regional Center and Schaumburg Road's Corridor Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Larson has led a life devoted to serving the residents of the Village of Schaumburg and the people of Cook County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and Board of Commissioners that Mayor Al Larson is honored for his milestone of 30 years as Mayor of the Village of Schaumburg.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that the Resolution**

be approved. The motion carried.

**18-2637  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE STANLEY MOORE, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**HONORING THE LIFE OF FREDRICK “FRED” GEORGE FLOYD JONES**

*“Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom the master has put in charge of the servants in his household to give them their food at the proper time” Matthew 24:45 NIV*

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Fredrick George Floyd Jones would accept his heavenly call February 28, 2018; not only is this the loss of a devoted son and brother, but a treasured friend, advisor, entrepreneur and faithful servant; and

**WHEREAS**, Fredrick George Floyd Jones had a passion for education, capitalism, and politics. He was a proud graduate of DePaul & Northwestern University, a former employee of Arthur Anderson, a life member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, a member of the National Association of Black Accountants, the National Association of Black MBA’s, and a Prince Hall Mason. Fredrick George Floyd Jones has walked many miles in this journey of life; and

**WHEREAS**, Fredrick, affectionately known as “Kapitalist1”, lived an unselfish life having a patriarchal presence; by dedicating his time, resources, and love to all those he believed in and trusted. Often he would share his favorite quote “You measure what you have to gain by what you have to lose.” As he took on the role of educating and advising his friends, family, and leaders from various sectors with a venture of focus and passion; and

**WHEREAS**, his commitment to figuring out how to maximize the best profitable outcome, from any scenario was exemplified through his discernment, patience, and perseverance; and

**WHEREAS**, the passing of our beloved Fredrick George Floyd Jones, is the absence of the body; we are assured he is in the presence of the Lord. For his modeling of faith consoles us to know that God will never leave us nor forsake us.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County of Cook 4th District community embraces the family; that the memories of his Earthly presence will encourage comfort in the time of sorrow and yet the celebration of his life illuminating the joys; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution is spread upon the permanent record of Proceedings of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, and that a suitable copy of this Resolution will be prepared and presented to the family of Fredrick George Floyd Jones that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

We cannot replace Fredrick George Floyd Jones, let it be that we may attempt to demonstrate the love he had for everyone.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**18-2638  
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**

**HONORING THE UNITED STATE OF WOMEN**

**WHEREAS**, March is Women's History Month; and

**WHEREAS**, The United State of Women is an outstanding organization dedicated to advancing women's rights; and

**WHEREAS**, The United State of Women was a key player in organizing the Chicago Women's March in 2017 and 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the organization has coordinated many conversations and events with key leaders to empower women; and

**WHEREAS**, The United State of Women launched the Galvanize Summit in Chicago in 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, fighting for equality is so important, and the United State of Women does just that every day; and

**WHEREAS**, all residents of Cook County benefit when each individual is treated equally; and

**WHEREAS**, the fight for equality is not over, and we all should be rest assured that groups like the United State of Women are on the front lines to ensure equality for all.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners that the United State of Women is thanked for its significant contributions to the equal rights movement and that the organization is honored for its diligent work.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**18-2639  
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**

**HONORING THE MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL LADY COMMANDOS BASKETBALL TEAM  
FOR BEING THE ILLINOIS STATE 2A CHAMPIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the John Marshall Metro High School is located on the West Side of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly 700 students attend Marshall High School; and

**WHEREAS**, the Marshall Lady Commandos had a fantastic 2018 season; and

**WHEREAS**, Head Coach Dorothy Gaters continued her legacy of victories and is the winningest coach in Illinois basketball history; and

**WHEREAS**, the team consists of: Miyanda Rainey, Dyanla Rainey, Jalyn Jimenez, Brandi Hudson, Dashiera Butts, Dajanar James, Jayonna Smith, Niyah Zamundio, Roquesha Sims, Ashante Kizer, Tamarriyanna Levy, and Kenosha Walker; and

**WHEREAS**, this successful season was the result of countless hours of practice and discipline in addition to the full course load each member of the team carried; and

**WHEREAS**, the families, coaches, teachers, and friends of the players made this championship possible with their unyielding support and commitment; and

**WHEREAS**, this outstanding accomplishment is just one of many for the school and its students.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President of the Board and the Cook County Board of Commissioners that the John Marshall Metro High School Girls Basketball Team is honored for being the Illinois State 2A Champions.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**18-2643  
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**

**HONORING PASTORS RAY AND ADRIENNE BERRYHILL  
ON THEIR 25TH PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY**

**WHEREAS**, Reverends Ray and Adrienne Berryhill will celebrate their 25th pastoral anniversary this year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Berryhills minister at Resurrected Life Church in Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Adrienne is a celebrated soloist and for years served as the lead vocalist for Ray Berryhill Ministries; and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Adrienne also is a leader in Prayer Intercessors and the Women's Ministries of Resurrected Life; and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Ray has served as senior Pastor at Resurrected Life since 1992; and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Ray helped grow the membership at Resurrected Life by more than 1,000 people in his tenure; and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Ray is a national and international speaker who helps prepare believers for the work of ministry; and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Ray has ministered in the United States, Asia, Africa and Europe; and

**WHEREAS**, the Berryhills have dedicated their lives to ministry and improving the lives of the people of Chicago.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners that Ray and Adrienne Berryhill are honored for their 25 years of ministry and thanked for their continued devotion to their church and community at large.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**18-2644  
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**

**HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. PORFIRIO VICTOR BURGOS**

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Porfirio Victor Burgos was born in 1929; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Porfirio Victor Burgos spend his life providing for his family while working multiple strenuous jobs, masonry, construction and a fisherman; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Porfirio Victor Burgos was a devoted faithful Christian man who enjoyed sharing the word of the lord with whomever would listen; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Porfirio Victor Burgos enjoyed listening to music and playing along with his Guiro; and

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God and his infinite wisdom has called Mr. Porfirio Victor Burgos from our midst February 17, 2018.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners that we honor the life of Mr. Porfirio Victor Burgos and that the sincere appreciation of the President at the Cook County Board of Commissioners is extended to his family and friends for his service to his community.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**18-2645  
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**

**HONORING THE OAK PARK WOMEN'S GUILD**

**WHEREAS**, March is Women's History Month; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oak Park Women's Guild is comprised with women from Oak Park, River Forest and the surrounding areas who are dedicated to community service and raising money for local charities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oak Park Women's Guild is well known for their in-kind donations, financial support to local non-profits who are often in need of additional support; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oak Park Women's Guild has cultivated numerous friendships throughout the Oak Park and River Forest communities, connecting a diverse set of local leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oak Park Women's Guild is enriching the lives of women by offering them an array of programs, speaker series, presentations and classes that uplift women; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oak Park Women's Guild purchases school supplies and clothing items for the Hephzibah Children's Association, supports HousING Forward by providing lunches and provides food and gift baskets to low income families and seniors during the holiday season; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oak Park Women's Guild has a great collection of women leading their Board, including Co-Presidents Jenny Balsten and Laura McCollough and other Board Members Kelly Mitchell, Suzanne Griffin, Megan Patterson, Kathleen Kochendorfer, Natalie Brewer, Ginger Timchak, Megan Puntillo, Caren Chessick Teclaw, Lisa Kemper, Bri Kellogg, Amy Soumar, Becky Yang and Meghann Moses.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners that the Oak Park Women's Guild is recognized for their charitable efforts to uplift their community and that the organization is honored for its diligent work.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**18-2648  
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**

**HONORING THE LIFE OF DEACON SIP PETTIES**

**WHEREAS,** Deacon Sip Petties was born on August 21, 1929 in Clarksdale Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS,** Deacon Petties was a devoted and loving husband to his angel Jennie Lee Bouldin for 64 years; and

**WHEREAS,** Deacon Petties was blessed with five (5) children; two (2) girls and three (3) boys; and

**WHEREAS,** Deacon Petties alongside his wife shared a passion for their faith and together they founded their Family Alter Evangelistic Baptist Church; and

**WHEREAS,** Deacon Petties promised to devote his life to the lord and with that promise he gave his time and talents and served on the Family Alter Evangelical board for 28 years; and

**WHEREAS,** Deacon Petties with much love and pride for his parish built the communion table with his bare hands and would later build and create the Drama Guild Ministry Building; and

**WHEREAS,** Deacon Petties was also a hardworking man who provided for his family, he was known to say, “A man that doesn’t work doesn’t eat”. He was a national bakery worker employed by the Nabisco Bakery where he dedicated 38 years and eventually retired; and

**WHEREAS,** Deacon Sip Petties is survived by his wife Bishop Jennie L. Petties and his children: Rev. Mary Jean and Richard Bowens, Deacon Linda S. Petties; Trustee Sip and Bridgette Petties, Kenneth Petties, Deacons Melvin and Nadine Petties. Grandchildren: Apostle Angie Thibeaux, Deacon Tameka and Ronald Burnett, Tanaha Petties, Rev. Quentin and Maliya Petties, Shelita Jones, Nadine and Frank Bass, Melvin and Jarcy Petties, Linda and Marrio Golden, Jamila Dillard, Kenneth Petties, Jr., Kevin and Carrol Martin, Perry and Jarius Strong, Keturah, Keyton and Isaiah Petties, Fallon Monique Petties, Kendra and Kierra Petties, and 37 Great Grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS,** Deacon Sip Petties Sr. completed his earthly journey on February 6, 2018 having lived 88 years strong, and leaves behind a lifetime of fond memories and a legacy that the Petties family will carry forward.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners to remember the life of Deacon Sip Petties Sr. Cook County Board of Commissioners extends our sincerest appreciation to the family of Deacon Sip Petties for his life and legacy.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**18-2649  
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**

**HONORING THE LIVES OF OFFICER JAMES ERIC DAVIS, SR. AND DIVA DAVIS**

**WHEREAS**, Bellwood Police Officer James Eric Davis, Sr., and his wife Diva Davis were killed on March 2, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, Officer Davis served the people of Bellwood for more than 20 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Davis was a flight attendant, real estate broker and survived a fight with breast cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, Officer Davis spent 20 years on the Bellwood Police Force; and

**WHEREAS**, in those years, Officer Davis devoted himself to the people of Bellwood; and

**WHEREAS**, the residents of Bellwood and the entire first district mourn the loss of Officer Davis; and

**WHEREAS**, Officer Davis was an Army veteran who also worked for the Jesse Brown VA Clinic as a police officer, and

**WHEREAS**, Officer Davis devoted himself to the people of Bellwood, and he and his wife are admired for their dedication to the First District.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners that Officer Eric Davis Sr., and Diva Davis are thanked and honored for their extensive contributions to the Bellwood community.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**18-2654  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE LARRY SUFFREDIN, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**HONORING THE 80TH BIRTHDAY OF THOMAS J. REYNOLDS**

**WHEREAS**, Thomas J. Reynolds will soon celebrate his 80th birthday; and

**WHEREAS**, Thomas J. Reynolds tirelessly served the people of Cook County. He spent nearly four (4) decades of his life as a Cook County Assistant Public Defender where he was well known and respected by his peers and his adversaries alike for his diligence and devotion to fighting for every client's constitutional rights; and

**WHEREAS**, Thomas J. Reynolds proudly served his country in the United States Army; and

**WHEREAS** Thomas J. Reynolds has been a major force for good in the community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County does hereby extend its warmest wishes and congratulations to Thomas J. Reynolds on the occasion of his 80th Birthday, and join all who have had the pleasure of his friendship in wishing him more years of richly deserved happiness; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and an official copy of same be presented to Thomas J. Reynolds to commemorate this joyous occasion.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**18-2655  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE LARRY SUFFREDIN, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**REMEMBERING DISTINGUISHED AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORIAN AND BELOVED  
“GRIOT” DORIA DEE JOHNSON**

**WHEREAS**, Doria Dee Johnson, a woman whose exceptional leadership and great body of scholarly work examining the African American experience will long be remembered and treasured. In her short life she educated thousands and when she died, far too soon, at age the age of 56 she left behind countless friends, family and an international community enriched for having known her; and

**WHEREAS**, Doria Dee Johnson was born in Evanston Illinois, the first of three (3) children of Helen and Charles Johnson. Her exceptional talent revealed itself very early in her life. As a young student, she attended a Crawford family reunion near Abbeville, South Carolina where she learned the tragic history of her great-great-grandfather, Anthony Crawford, who had been the victim of lynching. His story was a part of a much broader, history of lynching in America, a vicious tool of racial control to suppress black civil rights. Doria established the Anthony Crawford foundation in his name; his heart-rending story and those of so many others provided the focus to her life's work. On October 21, 2016, on the Centennial of his tragic death, she lead a pilgrimage of scholars, justice advocates, faith leaders and artists from across the country to a two day event entitled “Justice for Anthony Crawford, Freedom School and Speak Out.” She worked with Public Interest Attorney Bryan Stevenson and the Equal Justice Initiative to establish one of the few historical markers in the country dedicated to lynching, marking the site of her great-grandfather's death; and

**WHEREAS**, Doria Dee Johnson spent her academic and professional life examining the deeply complex and troubled story of the African American experience; she received her Bachelor of General Studies in History with honors from Roosevelt University and later received her Master of Arts degree in Afro-American Studies from the University of Wisconsin; she was pursuing a doctorate degree in U.S. history at the time of her death. She was a faculty member of Strayer University in Baltimore, Maryland and visiting scholar at the Newberry Library in Chicago. She was the resident scholar at the Shorefront Legacy Center in Evanston and served on the Board of the Evanston History Center; and

**WHEREAS**, Doria Dee Johnson traveled the world educating those she met about the history of African Americans, becoming a well-known and much beloved Griot. The term is a West African word describing

the vocal tradition of preserving genealogies and historical truth. Doria Dee Johnson essentially became a “world village” Griot sharing her work with thousands the world over. She was named a ‘change-agent’ by the Nelson Mandela Foundation. She was an international lecturer and participated in human rights initiatives in Palestine, Israel, South Africa, Europe, Sri Lanka, Chicago, Ferguson, Missouri and Cuba; and

**WHEREAS**, Doria Dee Johnson was the Bill Lucy Justice Scholar-in-Residence at the Annual Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference inspiring faith leaders across the country to reclaim the narratives of faith and victory. She was largely credited with establishing the Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference Truth Telling Commission that aligned with the United Nations Declaration of the Decade for the People of African Descent; and

**WHEREAS**, Doria Dee Johnson’s extensive scholarship and leadership on the United States Senate Steering Committee for the Apology on Lynching culminated in securing a 2005 United States Senate apology for lynching. She played a role in insuring that Emmett Till’s casket rests in the archives in the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington DC; and

**WHEREAS**, Doria Dee Johnson’s exceptional work was regularly singled out for recognition. She was awarded many academic fellowships: the Andrew W. Mellow Dissertation Fellowship; the University Wisconsin Advanced Opportunity Fellowship, the University of Chicago Black Metropolis Research Consortium Dissertation Research Fellowship and Yale University Summer Public History Institute Fellowship. She was selected one of three United States Representatives as scholar in the Nelson Mandela International Dialogues program of the Nelson Mandela Foundation; and

**WHEREAS**, the world has lost a great scholar, activist, storyteller, truth agent, memory worker and friend in Doria Dee Johnson. She will be sorely missed by friends, neighbors and colleagues. Her loss will be felt most acutely by her father Dr. Charles Johnson and her sister Christina Johnson.

**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 Doria Dee Johnson, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable and innumerable contributions she has made to the Citizens of Cook County, Illinois; and

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

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**18-2656  
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  
CELEBRATING JEFFERY OSUJI, FEMI MASHA AND LARRY RAJI  
FOR FOUNDING EVENTS BY PYRAMID**

**WHEREAS**, PYRAMID was found in 2005 at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign by young Cook County residents; and

**WHEREAS**, PYRAMID strives to provide creative and cutting edge events to enhance the overall cultural appetite of African American millennials; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County is the second-largest County in the United States and struggles with having a thriving entertainment scene for African American millennials; and

**WHEREAS**, there have been wide-spread complaints amongst African American millennials regarding how they are treated at establishments in downtown Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, PYRAMID is the leading curator in Cook County for events catering specifically to African American millennials; and

**WHEREAS**, PYRAMID events are attended by African American millennials who are doctors, lawyers, teachers, accountants, City and County employees; and

**WHEREAS**, PYRAMID's contributions have been recognized by the Chicago Tribune, ABC Channel 7 News and on Medium.com.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners that Jeffery Osuji, Femi Masha and Larry Raji is to be honored for their commitment to being cultural innovators, and that the sincere appreciation of the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners is extended to Jeffery, Femi and Larry for their service to Cook County citizens.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President

Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**18-2657  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE BRIDGET GAINER, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**A RESOLUTION HONORING COMMUNITY-FOCUSED NEWS PUBLICATIONS  
BLOCK CLUB CHICAGO, ONE ILLINOIS AND THE TRIIBE**

**WHEREAS**, local news coverage is a vital tool for civic engagement; and

**WHEREAS**, the civically engaged - people who vote, volunteer and connect with those around them - play a key role in building stronger communities; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 2, 2017, local news publication DNA Info Chicago abruptly shut down, leaving a void in the important coverage of Chicago's 77 neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, three (3) editors from the former publication reunited to start up a new neighborhood news website to be funded by reader subscriptions; and

**WHEREAS**, Block Club Chicago was founded as a nonprofit, neighborhood news organization dedicated to delivering reliable, nonpartisan and essential coverage of Chicago's diverse neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, Block Club Chicago recently made history as the largest Kickstarter fundraising amount for a local community journalism publication; and

**WHEREAS**, One Illinois is a new statewide, nonprofit news outlet intended to bring Illinoisans together and unite neighbors around our shared interests and aspirations; and

**WHEREAS**, One Illinois will spotlight the common struggles of working people across the state and showcase their resilience in a way that helps bridge the divides across race, class, and geography by pushing back against the divide-and-rule strategy; and

**WHEREAS**, over the coming years, One Illinois will build a broad-based audience across party lines, across race and class, and across Illinois to help shape a more positive and unified narrative; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Triibe is a digital media platform showcasing innovative content to reshape the narrative of Black millennials in Chicago; and



**WHEREAS**, The Triibe's original works in journalism and documentary, alongside creative writing and video, captures the multifaceted essence of Black Chicago from their point of view, with a goal of unifying Black Chicago millennials in the common purpose to create a safer, more vibrant Chicago.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners commends the important work of the above publications, and that a suitable copy of this Resolution be distributed to Block Club Chicago, One Illinois and The Triibe.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**18-2662  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE BRIDGET GAINER, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**A RESOLUTION HONORING THE O'CONNOR IRISH RADIO SHOW**

**WHEREAS**, since moving to Chicago from Ireland in 1966, Mike O'Connor volunteered on various local Irish radio programs as a spokesperson for local clubs; and

**WHEREAS**, Mike O'Connor's passion for Irish sports, politics, and most especially music, found an outlet in his own new program; and

**WHEREAS**, The Mike O'Connor Show debuted on a rainy Friday evening in November of 1971; and

**WHEREAS**, the show moved stations and time slots until finding a lasting home at WPNA Radio, where it focuses on the Irish community in Chicago, supporting Clubs, Benefits, and all things Irish; and

**WHEREAS**, musicians, film makers, authors, politicians, both from Ireland and Chicago have spent time behind the microphone; and

**WHEREAS**, The show is a living institution with a devoted and engaged audience with three generations of listeners; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Mike O'Connor show evolved into The O'Connor Show and continues to serve the Irish community in Chicago, honoring the legacy of Mike O'Connor.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners commends The O'Connor Show, and that a suitable copy of this Resolution be distributed to the O'Connor family.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**18-2665  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

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

**IN CELEBRATION OF THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF  
COMMISSIONER ELIZABETH 'LIZ' GORMAN**

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners; wishes to recognize the outstanding decades of public service of Commissioner Elizabeth "Liz" Gorman; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Elizabeth "Liz" Gorman is a proven leader in government and the private industries. She has earned her MBA from the University of Notre Dame and an undergraduate marketing degree at St. Mary's University of Minnesota; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Gorman is a former member of the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission (NIPC), which is now commonly known as the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP). A former Cook County and Forest Preserve Commissioner of the 17<sup>th</sup> District for 13years, and most recently served as the director of state and local government at PricewaterhouseCoopers; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Gorman, after demonstrating great leadership and success in the public and the private sector, the Board of Directors of the Illinois Tollway named her Executive Director of the Illinois Tollway, Wednesday February 21, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors, in their infinite wisdom selected Commissioner Gorman, valuing her years of experience, ability to advocate for economic opportunities, overseeing betterment projects for communities, and galvanizing support to create solutions that build positive working relationships across the County of Cook; and

**WHEREAS**, her dedication to the constituency of the County of Cook, it is only fitting that this adulation be shared publicly among her colleagues, friends, and community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County of Cook Board of Commissioners congratulates the esteemed Commissioner Elizabeth 'Liz' Gorman on her new role as Executive Director of the Illinois Tollway; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution is spread upon the permanent record of Proceedings of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, and that a suitable copy of this Resolution will be prepared and presented to Commissioner Elizabeth 'Liz' Gorman.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**18-2666  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT, DEBORAH SIMS,  
LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER,  
JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, 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 THE 104TH BIRTHDAY OF TEMPIE CORNELIA HARRISON THOMAS**

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Tempie Cornelia Harrison Thomas was born on February 2, 1914 in Meridian, Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS**, born the fourth child to Stewart and Lula Harrison, Sr. her early childhood was spent in Meridian, Mississippi and later her family moved to Dublin, Mississippi where she received her education; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1934 Tempie married Sam Thomas, and together they raised five (5) children; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1952 she relocated to the south side of Chicago, Illinois, where she worked 38 years in the Domestic field before retiring; and

**WHEREAS**, when Tempie came to Chicago, she fellowshipped with a few churches, and decided to join Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church located at 6614 South Blackstone, under the leadership of Reverend H.R. Jelks where she was an active member; and

**WHEREAS**, in the fall of 1970, Tempie again moved, but this time into the Roseland area and moved her membership to Christian Missionary Baptist Church, then under the leadership of Reverend John Taylor, where she is currently an active member, now under the leadership of Reverend R. E. Harper; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Tempie Thomas serves as a member of the Mothers and Missions board she is also a Sunday school teacher, Spiritual Advisor and a Spiritual Leader of the Bethlehem Districts of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, she has never been without a church home, from the time she accepted Christ and joined the church at a young child; and

**WHEREAS**, she boldly declares the Missionary work is her calling declaring being active and working on various auxiliaries within the church; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Tempie Thomas has no fear of the unknown as she steps out on Gods words, venturing out into such places as the prisons, the court houses, the hospitals and on street corners spreading the Gospel; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Tempie Thomas is a member of the International Prayer Line, where she receives calls from people from around the world requesting her prayers, her favorite saying is "It is not what you say, but only what you do for Christ that will last".

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby wish Ms. Tempie which is known as (Madar), not just by her family, but by many throughout the Roseland community a Happy 104<sup>th</sup> birthday and may God continue to bless her.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**18-2667  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by  
THE HONORABLE BRIDGET GAINER, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE AND  
DEBORAH SIMS, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**A RESOLUTION HONORING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY AND THE  
11,602 WOMEN EMPLOYEES KEEPING COOK COUNTY MOVING FORWARD**

**WHEREAS**, International Women's Day (March 8) is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women, and also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity; and

**WHEREAS**, the theme for International Women's Day 2018 was a call to "Press for Progress" to motivate and unite friends, colleagues and whole communities to think, act and be gender inclusive; and

**WHEREAS**, 11,602 women employees show up to work each week to keep Cook County moving forward; and

**WHEREAS**, the 11,602 women make up 53% of the County's total workforce, yet the Cook County Board of Commissioners is made up of only 17% women - leaving ample room for progress; and

**WHEREAS**, across the state of Illinois, there has been a 39% increase in women running for office in Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, the momentum for women's equality has been steadily gaining over the past year, with two national Women's March movements, the #MeToo movement, the #TimesUp movement and more.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners will continue to press for progress for Cook County's 11,602 women employees.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**18-2675  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

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

**HONORING BEDS PLUS**

**WHEREAS**, since 1988, BEDS PLUS has given the homeless a safe place to sleep, hot homemade meals, professional counseling, and job services to become self-sufficient; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of BEDS PLUS is to help vulnerable individuals stabilize their lives through housing and supportive services; and

**WHEREAS**, with help from volunteers, dedicated staff and the long term support of local faith-based communities, BEDS PLUS has assisted thousands of homeless individuals and families seeking refuge from the cold, winter season; and

**WHEREAS**, hospitals, schools, police and fire departments, churches, social service agencies and families consider BEDS PLUS their “go to” resource for individuals in desperate straits; and

**WHEREAS**, BEDS PLUS services include access to health benefits, behavioral health, veteran services, employment and housing assistance, and spiritual support; and

**WHEREAS**, BEDS PLUS operates shelters and programs in west suburban Cook County, and services the homeless in the townships of Lyons, Stickney, Riverside, Proviso, Orland, Palos and Worth.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, recognizes the importance of BEDS PLUS and their essential contribution to the health and viability of Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to BEDS PLUS.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**18-2678  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

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

**HONORING WOMEN IN MINISTRY**

**WHEREAS**, the faith community constitutes an indispensable part of the diversity that enables Cook County residents to pursue shared, just and equitable life experiences; and

**WHEREAS**, women in ministry contribute as equal partners to the identity, mission and essential projects of the faith and broader communities of Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, the composition of women's ministerial leadership is diverse and inclusive across religions, creeds, nationalities, racial and ethnic communities, identity groups, and cultures; and

**WHEREAS**, the women's faith ministries include, but are not limited to, institutional formation, programmatic development and implementation, strategic decision making, coalition building and partnership, articulation and assertion of community voice and preferences, practical and emotional understanding, and social action; and

**WHEREAS**, women in ministry have persevered for the betterment of all Cook County residents even while often unjustly resisted, devalued and marginalized for their womanhood and ministerial audacity to lead.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, recognize women in ministry for their essential and inestimable contribution to the health and viability of Cook County.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**18-2677  
RESOLUTION**

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

**HONORING *IRISH-AMERICAN NEWS* AND IBAM,  
THE IRISH BOOKS, ARTS AND MUSIC FESTIVAL**

**WHEREAS**, the *Irish-American News* was founded on St. Patrick's Day in 1977 and has provided important news for, and about, the Irish-American community in Chicago since that date; and

**WHEREAS**, founders Cliff and Cathy Carlson have worked incredibly hard to support the educational mission of the *Irish-American News*, which they have run since 1991, and deserve this honor for their commitment to bringing news about the Irish and Irish-American communities to readers; and

**WHEREAS**, both the *Irish-American News* and the Irish Books, Arts and Music Festival, also known as IBAM, have always helped spread news about the peace process in Northern Ireland and have always focused on issues of peace and justice in both Ireland and America; and

**WHEREAS**, IBAM will celebrate its 10th anniversary in 2018 and its success in facilitating cultural exchange between Ireland and Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, internationally acclaimed cultural leaders including filmmakers, authors and visual artists from Ireland speak at the IBAM Festival every year, providing the Irish-American community in Chicago with important information on their ancestral homeland.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, recognizes the importance of *Irish-American News* and the IBAM Festival and their essential contribution to the diversity of Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to of *Irish-American News* and the IBAM Festival.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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



**18-2676  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

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

**HONORING ASIAN HUMAN SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, Asian Human Services is a non-profit organization that began in 1978 helping South East Asian refugees; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout the years, the organization has retained a single purpose: to positively transform lives among Chicago's immigrants, refugees, and other underserved communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Asian Human Services serves tens of thousands of people each year from 55 different countries and provides services in 30 different languages; and

**WHEREAS**, Asian Human Services provides client-centered, quality and compassionate services to Asian immigrants and all other underserved communities so that they can fully participate in society, prosper and thrive; and

**WHEREAS**, Asian Human Services provides services in the fields of education, healthcare and workforce development; and

**WHEREAS**, the organization's education programs benefit all ages in the community - from pre-school age children to adults hoping to improve their skills to better provide for their families.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, recognizes the importance of Asian Human Services and their essential contribution to the health and viability of Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to Asian Human Services.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**18-2689  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE RICHARD R. BOYKIN, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HONORING  
REVEREND REGINALD E. BACHUS**

**WHEREAS**, Rev. Bachus became the 8th Pastor of the Friendship Baptist Church of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, Rev. Bachus has been married to his wife Detra L. Bachus since 1982, and are the proud parents of two children, Rev. Reginald L. Bachus Jr. and Regina Bachus; and

**WHEREAS**, Rev. Bachus was a 1994 graduate of Washburn University of Topeka with a Bachelor of Business Administration, received his Masters of Divinity Degree on June 4, 2011 and his Doctor of Ministry in preaching and Congregational leadership on June 13, 2015, both from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Lombard, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, Rev. Bachus was the first Vice President of Baptist General State Congress of Christian Education of Illinois in August 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, Rev. Bachus was appointed 1st Vice Moderator of Salem Baptist Church District Association in July 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, Rev. Bachus was the Executive Director of Austin Coming Together from 2012-2014; and

**WHEREAS**, Rev. Bachus founded Friendship Community Development Corporation of Austin in July of 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, Rev. Bachus has demonstrated an impenetrable commitment to his family, church and community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners to recognize Reverend Reginald E. Bachus for his lifelong achievement and the sincere appreciation of the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners is extended to Reverend Reginald E. Bachus for his service to his neighborhood, community and church.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2018.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

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A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that the meeting do now adjourn to meet again at the same time and same place on June 5, 2018, in accordance with County Board Resolution 18-0624.

The motion prevailed and the meeting stood adjourned.

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