

Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Consent Calendar Meeting

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

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**KAREN A. YARBROUGH
COUNTY CLERK**

Board met pursuant to law and pursuant to Resolution 18-6705.

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 Karen A. Yarbrough called the roll of members and there was found to be a quorum present.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Commissioners Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Commissioner Tobolski (1)

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.

1. Mark Armstrong – Chicago Urban Fine Arts Commonwealth

CONSENT CALENDAR

19-2081

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

REMEMBERING AND HONORING THE LIFE OF CRYSTAL CARBELLOS

WHEREAS, Crystal Carbellos was a proud and dedicated employee of the Cook County Public Defender's Office for almost twenty years; and

WHEREAS, Crystal Carbellos passed away on February 22, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Crystal Carbellos earned her bachelor's degree from University of Minnesota and worked as a Certified Public Accountant; and

WHEREAS, she earned her Juris Doctorate from Chicago-Kent College of Law Illinois Institute of Technology in 1995 and was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1997; and

WHEREAS, as a law student Crystal Carbellos worked at the Chicago-Kent Law Offices as a clinic student defending those accused of crimes under the tutelage of Professor Richard Kling and found her calling to be the voice and a shield for the accused; and

WHEREAS, after getting her law degree, Crystal Carbellos joined the Cook County Public Defender's Office as an assistant public defender in May 1997 and dedicated herself to finding justice for her clients; and

WHEREAS, Crystal Carbellos worked in the Traffic Division, Juvenile Justice Division, and Felony Trial Division of the Cook County Public Defender's Office as an assistant public defender, before joining the special Homicide Task Force Division, where she worked for almost ten years; and

WHEREAS, Crystal Carbellos worked tirelessly to advocate for her clients, became the voice and a shield for her clients, and was a formidable trial attorney for her clients. Her dedication to ensuring equity and justice for her clients was steadfast and her compassion unquestionable; and

WHEREAS, Crystal Carbellos maintained relationships with her former clients, was a mentor to many other assistant public defenders, and was respected by her colleagues for her leadership, advocacy, and compassion; and

WHEREAS, Crystal Carbellos served her fellow assistant public defenders as the Treasurer for American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Council 31, AFL-CIO, Local 3315 for almost eight years; and

WHEREAS, Crystal Carbellos was born on September 6, 1947 in Fort Dodge, Iowa to Richard F. Nekvinda and Olga M. Rubos. Crystal was an avid and loyal Minnesota Vikings and Prince fan; and

WHEREAS, Crystal Carbellos was a mother to four children: Nicole (Carley), Samuel, Reuben, and Adrienne; a grandmother to eight grandchildren: Jacquez, Samarah, Summer, Wynnston, Savannah, Ayden, Isabella, and Rubianna; and

WHEREAS, Crystal was loved and respected by her family, her clients, friends, and colleagues for her compassion, empathy, kindness, grace, strength, creativity, humor, positive spirit, loyalty, commitment to justice, and faith in humanity.

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 Crystal Carbellos, 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 Crystal Carbellos.

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that the Proposed Resolution be deferred. The motion carried.

**19-2474
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE DONNA MILLER, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

**HONORING THE CHICAGO (IL) ALUMNI CHAPTER OF
KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY, INC. ON THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., is a predominantly African-American membership collegiate fraternity founded on January 5, 1911 at Indiana University Bloomington; and

WHEREAS, the fraternity has never limited membership based on color, creed or national origin and has over 160,000 members with 837 undergraduate and alumni chapters in every state of the United States, and international chapters in the United Kingdom, Germany, South Korea, Japan, United States Virgin Islands, Nigeria, and South Africa; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago (IL) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. was chartered on April 17, 1919 in the city of Chicago as the first alumni chapter of the fraternity; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago (IL) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. was chartered by Kappa Alpha Psi Founder Byron K. Armstrong and seven (7) other esteemed men of the fraternity; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago (IL) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. was established following the end of World War I and has selected men of high standard, which epitomizes the fraternity's fundamental purpose of achievement; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago (IL) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. has continuously sponsored programs which provided community service, social welfare and academic scholarships over the past century; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Chicago (IL) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. are engaged in every field of human endeavor and continue to distinguish themselves in service to the State of Illinois, County of Cook and City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners are pleased to congratulate the members of the Chicago (IL) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. on the occasion of the chapter's 100th anniversary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners congratulate the members of the Chicago (IL) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. on the occasion of their centennial year and thank them for 100 years of service in the public interest; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy be presented to a representative of the Chicago (IL) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. as a symbol of our respect and esteem.

Approved and adopted this 24th of April 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-2598
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE KEVIN B. MORRISON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

RECOGNIZING THE EAGLE STAFF AS THE FIRST FLAG OF THE AMERICAS

WHEREAS, the Eagle Staff, considered the first flag of the Americas, represents the stature and honor of a particular Native American tribe or tribes; it commonly looks like a shepherd's staff, wrapped in either otter skin or buffalo skin, and featuring eagle feathers; pre-dating colonization, the Eagle Staff was the indicator of a tribe's accomplishments in battle and the integrity and honor of its people; and

WHEREAS, today the Eagle Staff is used to represent tribal communities, Native American and First Nation organizations, or a member of an honor society or service veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Eagle Staff represents tribal sovereignty, unity, and tradition, and reflects the honor bestowed upon an individual, tribal organization, or tribal elder; the Eagle Staff is typically carried by

Native American veterans of the United States Armed Forces; Native Americans have served in greater numbers per capita than any other ethnicity across all branches of the military; and

WHEREAS, the Eagle is a proud legacy of the Native American people and is the embodiment of the warrior and of enduring fortitude, which together have enable the tribes to survive policies intended to extinguish their race and culture; and

WHEREAS, the Eagle Staff is adorned with eagle feathers symbolizing the remembrance of fallen warriors because eagles and eagle features are highly revered and federally protected, and only a few federal agencies and enrolled native people may carry them, the eagle feather is the highest award that can be given by a tribe to its people; and

WHEREAS, the Eagle Staff is recognized by all Native American tribes, First Nations, and other Native American organizations and the Eagle Staff is welcomed into all communities, including Native American and First Nation communities with a flag song or victory song and is always presented ahead of any other flag; and

WHEREAS, the Eagle Staff is formerly recognized by all branches of the Canadian Armed Forces and the Canadian Department of National Defense; and

WHEREAS, the Eagle Staff is recognized and honored by the National Congress of American Indians, the State of Illinois, the Illinois Secretary of State Veterans' Advisory Council, and the McCormick Foundation Veterans Program; and

WHEREAS, the Eagle Staff is honored at Chicago Blackhawks games during the playing of the National Anthem; and

WHEREAS, the Eagle Staff is recognized by the Trickster Art Gallery, a Native American art gallery and museum in Schaumburg.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioner recognizes the Eagle Staff as the first flag of the sovereign Native American tribal nations and the First Nations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners renews its commitment to cooperate with tribes, inter-governmental tribes, and Native American organizations, including Native American veterans' organizations and the Trickster Art Gallery, to encourage programs promoting cultural education of the significance of the Eagle Staff; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners is committed to inclusiveness for all Native Americans, the traditions and symbolism of the Eagle Staff; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners encourages all Cook County departments to incorporate these principles into the policies and practices.

Approved and adopted this 24th of April 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President

Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-2702
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE KEVIN B. MORRISON, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY,
DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON,
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JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

HONORING PEG BLANCHARD FOR HER YEARS OF SERVICE TO BARRINGTON

WHEREAS, Peg Blanchard was hired as the first Economic Development Director of Barrington, Illinois in 1996; and

WHEREAS, Peg served as the Barrington Economic Development Director until her retirement in March, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Peg helped to establish Barrington's Cook Street Plaza, which today includes Francesca's Italian Restaurant, Green Door Day Spa, Phillips Men's Wear, Cook Street Coffee, Acacia Organics, and SweetPea Cakes; and

WHEREAS, Peg helped to establish Barrington's Village Center, which today includes Shakou eatery and Egg Harbor Café; and

WHEREAS, the dedicated work that Peg Blanchard has done and all of your accomplishments have led to more economic activity and created numerous jobs in Barrington; and

WHEREAS, Peg Blanchard is a true testament of public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IS RESOLVED, that we, the Cook County Board of Commissioners, would like to recognize Peg Blanchard for her exemplary career and dedication to public service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution is presented to Peg Blanchard.

Approved and adopted this 24th of April 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-2741
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE PETER N. SILVESTRI, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY,
DENNIS DEER, BRIGET DEGNEN, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY,
DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON,
DEBORAH SIMS AND LARRY SUFFREDIN, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**CONGRATULATING MARJORIE MANCHEN FOR RECEIVING THE
GUERIN PREP SISTER FRANCES ALMA MCMANUS AWARD**

WHEREAS, the Sister Frances Alma McManus Award was established in 1989 in honor of the first principal of Mother Theodore Guerin High School (now Guerin Prep); and

WHEREAS, the McManus Award honors those who show achievement through service to their community and/or through their career; and

WHEREAS, Margie Manchen graduated from Mother Guerin in 1978, Guerin's largest class; and

WHEREAS, Margie Manchen returned to serve nine (9) years on the Guerin Alumnae Board, including a term as its Chair and President, and later served an additional 10 years as a Director on the Guerin College Prep Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Margie Manchen graduated from Western Illinois University with degrees in Political Science, Law Enforcement Administration, and French. Margie attributes her interest in the french language and culture to the head of Guerin's language department, the beloved late Marilyn Hejnosz; and

WHEREAS, Margie Manchen earned her Juris Doctorate at Northern Illinois University's College of Law; and

WHEREAS, Margie Manchen was previously a partner with the law firm, O'Donnell, Grady and Manchen; and

WHEREAS, Margie Manchen has also practiced in River Grove with her husband of 20 years, Bart A. Smith, and father-in-law, Harry J. Smith, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Margie Manchen was elected Village Clerk in the Village of River Grove in 2009, winning reelection in 2013 and 2017; and

WHEREAS, Margie Manchen graduated from the Municipal Clerks of Illinois Institute in 2011 and earned certification as a Municipal Clerk at the state and international levels; and

WHEREAS, Margie Manchen was appointed Executive Administrator to the Mayor's Office and Treasurer of the Village of Schiller Park in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Margie Manchen has been a Commissioner of the Cook County Commission on Women's Issues since 2008 and is Vice President of the River Grove Lions Club; and

WHEREAS, Margie Manchen volunteers for the Special Olympics and the Glass Slipper Project, is an advocate and supporter of WINGS and the Make-A-Wish Foundation, and was a court-appointed special advocate in Kane County where she represented abused and neglected children.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate Margie Manchen on her well-deserved McManus Award; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to Margie as an expression of our appreciation for her commitment to the Guerin community and beyond.

Approved and adopted this 24th of April 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-2748
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE PETER N. SILVESTRI, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

CONGRATULATING JANE HAYDEN FOR RECEIVING THE

GUERIN PREP SISTER FRANCES ALMA MCMANUS AWARD

WHEREAS, the Sister Frances Alma McManus Award was established in 1989 in honor of the first principal of Mother Theodore Guerin High School (now Guerin Prep); and

WHEREAS, the McManus Award honors those who show achievement through service to their community and/or through their career; and

WHEREAS, Jane Hayden is a graduate of Mother Theodore Guerin High School's class of 1980; and

WHEREAS, Jane Hayden, born and raised in Chicago, credits Mother Guerin with affording her a lifetime of friendships and sending her out into the world armed with confidence and humility; and

WHEREAS, at Guerin, Jane Hayden recalls she was always encouraged to try, and she learned that it was never a problem to fail or come in second; and

WHEREAS, during Jane Hayden's senior year, the confidence that Guerin instilled took her to WGN studios, where she explained that she knew how to type and was looking for late hours or weekend work. Within a few days, Jane was offered a radio logger position via the pay phone outside Guerin's cafeteria; and

WHEREAS, Jane Hayden has been with WGN ever since 1980, and in 1990 Jane was honored as WGN-TV's Employee of the Year; and

WHEREAS, since 1999, Jane Hayden has served as Director of Operations for WGN-TV; and

WHEREAS, Jane Hayden's experiences outside of WGN reflect her commitment to service. Shortly after graduating from Guerin, Jane began mentoring within the Cabrini Green community; and

WHEREAS, Jane Hayden later began a mentoring program with the Chicago Boys and Girls Club, encouraging friends and coworkers to volunteer; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, Jane Hayden received an award from the Corporate Volunteer Program with WGN-TV and the Chicago Boys and Girls Club, and she was the 2012 Volunteer of the Year for the Daniel Cotter Boys and Girls Club of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Jane Hayden has traveled around the world with Habitat for Humanity and appreciates the experience of living in a foreign country, working side-by-side with families on their new homes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate Jane Hayden on her well-deserved McManus Award; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to Jane Hayden as an expression of our appreciation for her commitment to the Chicago community and beyond.

Approved and adopted this 24th of April 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-2790
RESOLUTION**

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

MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

WHEREAS, in 1986, the Department of Defense established April as the month of the Military Child; and

WHEREAS, every April, the United States military services and communities around the world recognize military children for their daily sacrifices and the challenges they must overcome; and

WHEREAS, these children shoulder responsibilities beyond their years and burdens outside of their control, such as repeatedly moving and changing schools, long-term hospital stays for family members and even the loss of a parent; and

WHEREAS, many military children have known only war since September 11, 2001, including some military children whose parents made the ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, Cook County is home to more than 385,454 veterans that have or are serving in the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Reserves; and are parents to military children; and

WHEREAS, Cook County will further its commitment to the brave men and women who serve their country by recognizing these children and young American heroes and pledging its gratitude for their sacrifices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners declares April 2019 as the month of the Military Child; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners urges all Cook County residents, local leaders, private organizations and businesses to observe the month by showing appreciation to the children and youth of military and veteran families, including children of the fallen, for standing by their parents and loved ones who are serving or have served as members of the armed forces of the United States.

Approved and adopted this 24th of April 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that the Resolution be approved. The President called for a Rising Vote. The motion carried.

**19-2791
RESOLUTION**

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

RECOGNIZING MAY 1, 2019 AS NATIONAL LAW DAY

WHEREAS, Law Day is a national day set aside to celebrate the rule of law. Law Day underscores how law and the legal process contribute to the freedoms that all Americans share; and

WHEREAS, Law Day has its origin in 1957, when American Bar Association (ABA) President Charles S. Rhyne envisioned a special day for celebrating the role of law in our society and for cultivating a deeper understanding of our legal system; and

WHEREAS, on February 3, 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower established Law Day by issuing a Proclamation proclaiming it “fitting that the people of this Nation should remember with pride and vigilantly guard the great heritage of liberty, justice, and equality under law which our forefathers bequeathed to us.” Every President since has issued an annual Law Day Proclamation; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, we celebrate the 61st Anniversary of Law Day’s establishment in 1958 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower; and

WHEREAS, on April 7, 1961, Congress passed a Joint Resolution that designated May 1 as Law Day. The theme of Law Day 2019 is “Free Speech, Free Press, Free Society”; and

WHEREAS, Law Day 2019 offers the opportunity to reinforce these bastions of freedom as prerequisites for a Free Society; and

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution proposes the blessings of liberty for ourselves and our posterity; and

WHEREAS, Free Speech and Free Press as cornerstones of representative government inspire us to understand and protect these rights while probing their history and considering their future; and

WHEREAS, this Law Day provides an opportunity for us, the people, to embrace the resilience of two of the most important foundations for a Free Society.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize May 1, 2019, as National Law Day and its theme of “Free Speech, Free Press, Free Society”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Cook County Law Library will celebrate Law Day by continuing in its mission of providing legal information resources and educational opportunities as a component of access to justice to ensure that all can discover and advance their legal rights.

Approved and adopted this 24th of April 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-2841
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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

**CONGRATULATING JENNIFER “SIS” KILLEN ON WINNING THE
WOMEN’S TRANSPORTATION SEMINAR INTERNATIONAL’S
“WOMAN OF THE YEAR” AWARD**

WHEREAS, Jennifer “Sis” Killen is the 2019 Woman of the Year for the Women’s Transportation Seminar (“WTS”); and

WHEREAS, Sis is the first female Assistant Superintendent of the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways (“DOTH”), a position she has held for seven (7) years; and

WHEREAS, WTS International was founded in 1977 by a group of pioneering women in transportation who realized that women’s careers would benefit from professional development, encouragement and recognition to support their advancement in transportation professions. Now, after more than 40 years of growth and development, WTS is an international organization with more than 6500 members (including women and men) and 79 chapters; and

WHEREAS, the WTS Woman of the Year is recognized as a leader in transportation who has made an outstanding contribution to the transportation industry; who has directly contributed toward the advancement of women and minorities through programs or opportunities in the transportation field; and who has advanced the reputation and credibility of women in transportation; and

WHEREAS, Sis was recognized for driving the change and transformation at the DOTH which was largely been the result of Sis' private sector experience and her true gift of leadership that has allowed the Department to be more innovative, collaborative, transparent and accountable to the Transportation Industry; and

WHEREAS, Sis was the project leader that pulled together the Advisory and Program Committees that worked for three years to come up with Cook County's first innovative Long-Range Transportation Plan in 70 years; and

WHEREAS, following the successful creation of the plan, Sis brought relationships she formed in the private sector to the table to collaborate on regional projects like the Elgin-O'Hare, Jane Addams Tollway, the IL-53 Tri-County Project along with negotiating and collaborating for DOTH to become a full Chicago Region Environmental and Transportation Efficiency (CREATE) Partner; and

WHEREAS, Sis instituted the transparent project selection and scoring criteria for DOTH's Invest in Cook Grant Program that has brought community and economic growth to this region; and

WHEREAS, Sis Killen was appointed Chairwoman of the DBE Focus Group of the Innovation in Construction, Asphalt and Transportation (ICAT) where she has been able to bring seasoned Architecture and Engineering Firms to the table to help and mentor new Women Owned and Minority Owned Businesses by having all the larger government clients work together in this region; and

WHEREAS, Sis has been Chairwoman of Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning's Transportation Committee, served on the CREATE's Management Committee, participated in the WTS Leadership Training, is a fellow with the University of Chicago Civic Leadership Academy and numerous regional project stakeholder Committees; and

WHEREAS, previous winners of the WTS Woman of the Year award include United States Senator Tammy Duckworth and Illinois State Representative Julie Hamos.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents and over 22,000 employees of Cook County, congratulates Jennifer "Sis" Killen on being named the 2019 WTS Woman of the Year; 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 Jennifer "Sis" Killen.

Approved and adopted this 24th of April 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-2869
RESOLUTION**

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

**CONGRATULATING RONALD M. SERPICO FOR RECEIVING THE
GUERIN PREP COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARD**

WHEREAS, Guerin Prep High School each year bestows its Community Leadership Award upon a leader who has exhibited vision and demonstrated leadership to the community; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Serpico has served as Mayor of the Village of Melrose Park since 1997; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Serpico has deep family roots in the Village of Melrose Park, having graduated from Our Lady of Mount Carmel School in 1966 and Proviso East in 1970. Ron and his wife, Donna, have three (3) children and are the proud grandparents of nine grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Serpico holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Illinois State University and received his Juris Doctorate from DePaul University College of Law in 1977; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Serpico, inspired by his immigrant grandfather Domenico's vision of the American Dream, first ran for office to focus on the hopes, dreams, and concerns of all of the residents of Melrose Park; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Ronald Serpico has ushered in an economic turnaround in Melrose Park. He was responsible for the Melrose Park Water Project, a water transmission system that will ensure a steady flow of clean water for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Serpico was also instrumental in making major infrastructure improvements in all sections of the village, including a railroad overpass and a planned retail and industrial development at the site of the former Maywood Park Racetrack; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Serpico is a former member of the Board of Directors of the Proviso Council on Aging, former president of the Proviso Municipal League, and chairman of the West Suburban Preservation Agency; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Serpico has been honored as the Illinois State Crime Commission's Municipal Leader of the Year and is a recipient of the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans (JCCIA) Peacemaker Award; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Serpico is a member of numerous organizations, including the Necahual Foundation, the Cavaliers of Villa Scalabrini, and the Knights of Columbus. His concern for others inspired the founding of a charitable organization, the Melrose Park Sports and Family Benefit Fund, which has donated more than one million dollars to benefit local youth, senior, school, and athletic organizations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate Ronald Serpico on his well-deserved Community Leadership Award; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to Mayor Serpico as an expression of our appreciation for his community leadership.

Approved and adopted this 24th of April 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-2940
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE DONNA MILLER, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY,
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JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

HONORING CHICAGO PASTORS RALLY

WHEREAS, Chicago Pastors Rally was founded in July of 2015 by a group of pastors working together in unity to touch Chicago with the love of Christ; and

WHEREAS, Chicago Pastors Rally are a group of Bible believing men and women of God with common faith in Christ, who are burdened about the City of Chicago and advancement of the Kingdom of God regardless of race, ethnicity, language or geographical location; and

WHEREAS, they believe that transformation of Chicagoland starts with the Body of Christ and with Faith, Prayer, Fellowship and works of love, to create a Chicagoland free from violence; and

WHEREAS, Chicago Pastors Mission is to change the spiritual landscape of our cities by uniting Pastors and Christian leaders to impact lives, families and churches through collective faith, prayer and fellowship; and

WHEREAS, the guiding vision of Chicago Pastors rally include taking the Chicagoland area for God, fostering unity among pastors and Christian leaders, being our brother keeper, advancing the work of the Kingdom together, and setting prayer watch on contemporary issues that affect church families, communities, the nation, where we reside and the world; and

WHEREAS, the current executive committee composition includes Pastor Dr. Isaac Paintsil - President, Pastor Bayo Adewole - Vice-President, Thelma Dadson - Secretary, Pastor Oliver Akano - Treasurer, Pastor Wale Akinosun - Media and Public Relations, Apostle John Eshiba - Prayer and Evangelism, Francis Dadson - Director of Operations, Reverend Dr. David Philemon - Program Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, additional members include Pastor Kayode Ijisesan, Pastor Gregory Lan, Pastor Dr. Joseph Rhoiney, Pastor Adegboyega Talabi, Pastor Philip Carlson, Apostle Claude Pressior, Pastor Olusoji Peter and Pastor Abraham Adesayo; and

WHEREAS, Chicago Pastors Rally have organized many events since its founding including: Christ for all Nations Rally in collaboration with Chicago Pastors and guest Minister Reinhard Bonnke at All State arena on June 25th - 28th, 2015, Festival of Life (Citywide Prayer Rally) at the House of Hope with guest minister Reverend E.A. Adegboye on March 25th, 2016, Chicagoland United in Prayer in collaboration with Chicago Pastors Rally for Hands Across Chicago on July 14th 2018, and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Pastors Rally also holds an annual breakfast meeting and quarterly prayer meetings since 2016; and

WHEREAS, Chicago Pastors Rally is a member of My Community Plan Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners are pleased to celebrate the good work of Chicago Pastors Rally.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners proudly honor Chicago Pastors Rally for their committed service to the community, the City of Chicago and Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy be presented to Chicago Pastors Rally as a symbol of our respect and esteem.

Approved and adopted this 24th of April 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-2945
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE PETER N. SILVESTRI, JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI AND
BRANDON JOHNSON, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

HONORING RETIRING FOREST PARK MAYOR, ANTHONY CALDERONE

WHEREAS, Anthony Calderone is retiring after serving the Village of Forest Park as its mayor since 1999; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Calderone is a lifelong resident of and a longtime business owner in Forest Park and he and his wife, Lois raised their two (2) sons, Augustino and Anthony Jr., in that same community; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Calderone was first elected as a Forest Park Commissioner in 1991 and served in that role prior to becoming mayor; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Calderone has demonstrated his passion for volunteerism and civic duty for decades, serving the Parish Council of St. Bernadine, Forest Park Little League as coach and treasurer, West Suburban Senior Services, Proviso Municipal League, West Central Municipal Conference as a member and past president, Oak Leyden Developmental Services, Kiwanis International, the Columbian Club and the Lions Club; and

WHEREAS, in addition to these many organizations and his municipal responsibilities, Mayor Calderone, along with his wife and son, successfully own and operate Illinois Alarm Services. Due to his expertise and his company's excellent reputation, he is also a member of numerous alarm and security industry associations; and

WHEREAS, with his vision and under his leadership, Forest Park has thrived with a vibrant resurgence of its commercial, dining and entertainment areas along Madison Avenue, a major redevelopment of Roosevelt Road, a strong residential market with increased home values and additional enhancements to the village; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Calderone's dedication to public service has earned him several awards and acknowledgements from civic, educational and charity organizations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby thank Anthony Calderone for his years of commitment to the residents of Forest Park and wish him and his wife, Lois many happy years spent with their family and especially their cherished grandchildren; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be prepared for presentation to Mayor Anthony Calderone as testimony of the esteem in which he is held by this Honorable Body and the residents of Cook County.

Approved and adopted this 24th of April 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-2988
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE LARRY SUFFREDIN, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY,
DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON,
BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON,
SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS AND
JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

HONORING EVONDA THOMAS-SMITH, PhD, ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Evonda Thomas-Smith, Ph.D., left her position as the City of Evanston Director of Health and Human Services on March 22, 2019. Dr. Thomas-Smith was first hired by the City of Evanston in 2005 to be the Division Chief of Personal Health Services. In January 2008, she became the Public Health Director of the Evanston Health Department; and

WHEREAS, Evonda Thomas-Smith has many accomplishments from this work. She initiated the "WOW" program - "Women Out Walking" (now "We're Out Walking), a six-week program to encourage women to walk regularly, alone or in groups, and to keep track of their progress. She initiated and oversaw the

Citywide H1N1 flu virus vaccination program in 2009-2010, when the virus was spreading quickly. As a result of that program, approximately 13,000 people were vaccinated in mass community clinics in a three-week period; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, when Evanston residents approved a referendum to dissolve the Evanston Township government, she welcomed the General Assistance and Emergency Assistance programs into the Health Department. She remembers the people she met as a result of that change as enriching her greatly; and

WHEREAS, of all her accomplishments for the Evanston community, Dr. Thomas-Smith is most proud of the private public partnership that established the first Federally Qualified Health Center, Erie, Evanston Skokie Health Center, in Evanston. It has not only taken root, it is expanding, and thus better able to meet the healthcare needs of area residents; and

WHEREAS, Evonda Thomas-Smith has dedicated her life to public health, including improving access to healthcare, surveillance of infectious diseases, decreasing environmental health hazards, and analyzing how social determinants of health and social inequities impact health outcomes. In her role as a public health leader, she became the local face of a global network of professionals who strive to ensure the public's health through ongoing assessment of need and policy development; and

WHEREAS, in May 2017, Human Impact Partners named Evonda Thomas-Smith a 2017-2018 Health Equity Awakened Leadership Fellow. Leadership Fellows from local health departments across the country explore strategies that advance racial and social justice in public health, data-driven framing, and systems change. In accepting the Fellowship, Dr. Thomas-Smith expressed her excitement "to be afforded the opportunity to take a deep dive into my personal leadership development, and shape racial and social justice strategies for public health, using inside-outside strategies to advance health equity in Evanston.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County takes great pleasure in honoring and celebrating Evonda Thomas Smith's many contributions bettering the lives of the residents of Evanston and 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 Evonda Thomas Smith.

Approved and adopted this 24th of April 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

RESOLUTION

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE LARRY SUFFREDIN, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY,
DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON,
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SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS AND
JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING RABBI MENACHEM SCHNEERSON AND
EDUCATION AND SHARING DAY USA**

WHEREAS, one shining example for all people of what education ought to be was provided by the Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Schneerson, of righteous memory, a global spiritual leader who dedicated his life to the betterment of mankind. A tireless advocate for youth around the world, the Rebbe emphasized the importance of education and good character, and instilled the hope for a brighter future into the lives of countless people in America and across the globe; and

WHEREAS, the Rebbe taught that education, in general, should not be limited to the acquisition of knowledge and preparation for a career, nor should its sole focus be on making a better living; and

WHEREAS, the educational system must also focus on building character by emphasizing the cultivation of universal moral and ethical values that have been the bedrock of society from the dawn of civilization, including the values known as the Seven Noahide Laws, which have often been cited as a guarantee of fundamental human rights; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the Rebbe's outstanding and lasting contributions toward improvements in world education, morality, and acts of charity, he has been awarded the Congressional Gold Medal, and the United States Congress has established his birth date as a national day to raise awareness and strengthen the education of our children; and

WHEREAS, the character of our young people is strengthened by serving a cause greater than self and by the anchor of virtues, including courage and compassion. By instilling a spirit of service in our children, we create a more optimistic future for them and our county; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has paid recognition to the Rebbe's vision each year on April 16 by proclaiming it "Education and Sharing Day USA".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County encourages the citizens of Cook County to reach out to young people to work to create a better, brighter, and more hopeful future for all on the Federally Proclaimed Education and Sharing Day, Tuesday, April 16, 2019; 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 Rabbi Meir Shimon Moscovitz, Lubavitch Chabad of Illinois.

Approved and adopted this 24th of April 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-2996
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE ALMA E. ANAYA, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

**HONORING THE LIFE OF MRS. HELEN MILLER, LONGTIME LEADER OF THE
SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION (SEIU)**

WHEREAS, Mrs. Helen Miller was a leader in the field of home-care, having served the sick and elderly for 40 years in Chicago and supporting her fellow workers in the struggle for fair wages and benefits; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Helen Miller was born as Helen Ruth Ashford on May 26, 1936 to Buster and Clara Ashford in Louisville, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Miller moved to Chicago after graduating high school, where she found work in industrial laundries, and soon after married Collin Miller; and

WHEREAS, after several years, Mrs. Helen Miller became a home-care worker, a profession to which she dedicated the rest of her career; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Helen Miller became engaged in workers' rights activism during the 1980s through Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 880, when home-care workers were considered independent contractors whose wages were below the prevailing wage; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Helen Miller became a fierce advocate for the home-care profession and a champion for fair wages in an often-overlooked field while caring deeply for those she served; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Helen Miller was elected President of SEIU in 1999, after having served as its Treasurer and Vice-President; and

WHEREAS, in this role, she organized home-care workers and led protests and rallies for workers' rights locally and in other cities' and

WHEREAS, her efforts successfully helped increase wages and equipped workers with the ability to negotiate for health insurance as well as participate in state-funded training programs, which are now named after Mrs. Helen Miller; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Helen Miller passed away on March 5, 2019 and is survived by her sister, Johnnie Wells, and her brother, Hayward Ashford.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the President to the Board do hereby honor the life and contributions of dedicated union leader, Mrs. Helen Miller; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to the friends and family of Mrs. Helen Miller.

Approved and adopted this 24th of April 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-3018
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE DEBORAH SIMS, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON,
JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER,
STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI
AND LARRY SUFFREDIN, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING REVEREND DR. E. RAYMOND CHIN RETIREMENT OF
22 YEARS IN THE MINISTRY**

WHEREAS, E. Raymond Chin began his life's journey on the Isle of Jamaica, West Indies; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Chin academic achievements were obtained through the Jamaica school of Theology in Kingston, Jamaica; Anderson University and School of Theology at Anderson, Indiana; and the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. In recognition of his exceptional abilities

as a minister, counselor, consultant and administrator, Rev. Dr. Chin was honored by the California School of Ministry and received the Doctor of Divinity Degree; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Chin is currently the Senior Pastor of Covenant Faith Church of God (formerly, the Emerald Avenue Church of God); and

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Chin has made a profound impact within the field of ministry he has successfully demonstrated exceptional proficiency in Church Management; Pre-Marital Counseling; Individual and Family Counseling; and in collective and continuing concerns of the church and church membership; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Chin has traveled extensively with ministerial commitments extending across several continents including Africa, Europe, and South America. He has accumulated an impressive record as an administrator serving with the Executive Council of the National Association of the Church of God; Executive Council and Credentials Committee of the Church of God in Western Pennsylvania; Board of Directors, East End Cooperative Ministry of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Chin served as Vice President of Church Relations, and Editor of Missions Magazine, Missionary Board Representative and Consultant at the Missionary Board of the Church of God in Anderson, Indiana; and presently a member of the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Chin is a devoted husband to Noreen Chin for 51 years, father of Dr. Shaundra, Christopher and Brittney, and grandfather of Caleb and Jeremy; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Chin is a proven and respected leader with the Church of God, as well as, with various denominations; He is an anointed man of God who has humbly accepted the Great Commission; In his 22 years of service, Rev. Chin have opened the doors of the church to the community and fostered a positive relationship with the surrounding community and its leadership.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that President Toni Preckwinkle and Cook County Board of Commissioners, and on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County do hereby congratulate Reverend Dr. E. Raymond Chin on his retirement and for the important and commendable service and leadership he has provided; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceeding of the Honorable body and a ceremonial copy be given to Reverend Dr. E. Raymond Chin in commemoration of this auspicious occasion.

Approved and adopted this 24th of April 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-3022
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE DONNA MILLER, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY,
DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON,
BILL LOWRY, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON,
PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN AND
JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

HONORING DR. TERRI WINFREE

WHEREAS, Dr. Terri L. Winfree is the 14th President of Prairie State College (PSC) and began her presidency on May 19, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Winfree is the first woman President of the college, the first PSC graduate to be named President, and the first person in her immediate family to attend college; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Winfree began her career at the college first as a student, then as a part-time employee, and then moved through a succession of positions at the college, culminating as President; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from PSC with an Associate Degree in General Studies in 1996, she received her Bachelor of Arts in 1998 and Master of Arts in Communication Studies/Human Performance and Training in 2000 from Governors State University, and in 2012, she obtained her Ph.D. in Education and Human Resources from Colorado State University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Winfree's story resonates with many PSC students because it is similar to theirs - starting her college education at PSC as a part-time, adult student, and as a first-generation college student; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Winfree started in 1995 as a part-time employee teaching non-credit computer classes and serving as the coordinator of career training programs; Next, she was named manager of the Matteson Area Center from 1998 to 2000; she served as associate dean, continuing professional education from 2000-2004; and then was named dean of continuing professional education from 2004 to 2007; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Winfree would go on to be named vice president of community and economic development in 2007, and served in that capacity until she was selected as president in 2013; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the college, Dr. Winfree has served in leadership positions with numerous organizations including the Illinois Council of Community College Administrators, The Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce, The Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau, and has served as a member of The Chicago Southland Economic Development Committee; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Winfree also is an active member of the Professional Women's Network and has served on several educational foundation scholarship committees; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Winfree has received numerous awards including: The Women in Leadership award from the Link & Option Center, Inc. in 2015, The Giving Back Award from *INSIGHT Into Diversity* magazine in 2016, which is based on an outstanding demonstration of social responsibility, a commitment to charitable services, and involvement with students, faculty and staff to serve underrepresented populations with each honoree being recognized for his or her passion, dedication and philanthropic achievements; and in 2018, Dr. Winfree was named to the Bloom Trail High School Hall of Fame.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners proudly honors Dr. Terri L. Winfree for her remarkable career and for her service to the community and to Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and a suitable copy be presented to Dr. Terri L. Winfree.

Approved and adopted this 24th of April 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-3079
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE ALMA E. ANAYA, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

HONORING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF PASTOR VÍCTOR HUGO RODRÍGUEZ

WHEREAS, Pastor Víctor Hugo Rodríguez, affectionately known to community members as “Pastor Vic,” was born on January 16, 1967 in Nuevo Ideal, Durango, México to Juana and Emigdio Rodríguez; and

WHEREAS, as a young child, he and his family moved to the Little Village community on the Southwest Side of Chicago, a neighborhood for which he developed a life-long love and commitment; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Vic first met his wife, Magdalena, in January 1990 at Holy Trinity Church in Chicago. They were married for 27 years and were blessed with two (2) sons and a nephew whom they regarded as a son: Víctor, Isaih, and Luis Alberto Perales; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Vic was a graduate of Christian Life College in Mount Prospect, Illinois, and was in full-time ministry for 26 years. He pastored the local body of La Villita Community Church for the past 20 years, and

WHEREAS, while Pastor Vic's service began in the Church, he also felt a sincere calling to assist in advancing his community and was passionate about developing the next generation of local leaders; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Vic was a cornerstone of the La Villita community and a man who truly loved and served his community and was devoted to speaking truth and enacting social justice; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Vic's work addressed pressing community issues such as violence prevention to youth development, health and wellness, domestic violence, and the expansion of homeownership as a way to combat gentrification; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Vic was on the Board of Directors of various community and religious organizations that included Lawndale Christian Health Center and *Un Nuevo Despertar*, as well as involvement with *Comunidad en Acción*; and

WHEREAS, notably, Pastor Vic founded the Chicago Youth Boxing Club in the basement of La Villita Community Church, which has developed young leaders and athletes with a focus on service and leadership, and has even established a satellite boxing program in México; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Vic passed on February 11, 2019 surrounded by his family and friends. His love and service to La Villita will be remembered through his long-lasting contributions to the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the President and Board of Commissioners assembled today do hereby express their sincere gratitude for the community work and contributions of Pastor Víctor Hugo Rodríguez throughout his life; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon this honorable body and be presented to the family and friends of Pastor Víctor Hugo Rodríguez and the La Villita Community Church.

Approved and adopted this 24th of April 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

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

**19-3080
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE ALMA E. ANAYA, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN,
BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER,
STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI,
DEBORAH SIMS AND LARRY SUFFREDIN, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

COMMEMORATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF DENIM DAY

WHEREAS, April is National Sexual Assault Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, according to national statistics from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 1 in 5 women and 1 in 71 men in the United States (U.S.) are survivors of sexual assault; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Crisis Centers serves an average of 10,000 survivors of sexual violence each year; and

WHEREAS, a survey from the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control from the CDC reported that 43.6% of women in the United States experienced some form of contact sexual violence, and 23 million women in the United States are survivors of completed or attempted rape at some point in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, according to the Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Statistics National Crime Victimization Survey: only 230 of every 1,000 rapes are reported, only 46 of every 1,000 rapes lead to arrest, and only 5 of every 1,000 rapes lead to conviction in the United States; and

WHEREAS, for the past 20 years, Peace Over Violence, a sexual and domestic violence prevention center headquartered in Los Angeles, California, has hosted the Denim Day campaign on a Wednesday in April in honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, the Denim Day story begins in Italy in 1992, when an 18-year old girl was raped by the 45-year old driving instructor who was taking her on her very first driving lesson. He took her to an isolated road, pulled her out of the car, removed her jeans and raped her; and

WHEREAS, after she reported the rape, the perpetrator was arrested, prosecuted, and convicted of rape and sentenced to jail; and

WHEREAS, years later, that conviction was overturned by the Italian Supreme Court using the "jeans alibi" - according to the justices, the woman was wearing tight jeans, therefore she must have helped the person who raped her remove her jeans, thereby implying consent; and

WHEREAS, the following day, the women in the Italian Parliament came to work wearing jeans in solidarity with the survivor; and

WHEREAS, the Denim Day campaign became official in the United States in 1999 where people wore denim in solidarity with women in the Italian Parliament; and

WHEREAS, since then, wearing jeans or other denim apparel on Denim Day has become a symbol of protest against erroneous and destructive manners about sexual harassment, abuse, assault and rape; and

WHEREAS, in this sexual violence prevention and education campaign, community members, elected officials, businesses and students are asked to make a social statement by wearing denim on this day as a visible protest against the misconceptions that surround sexual violence.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes Wednesday, April 24, 2019 as the 20th Annual Denim Day; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to Peace Over Violence, the non-profit overseeing the national Denim Day campaign, as well as local advocates and sexual assault prevention organizations such as *Mujeres Latinas En Acción* and Our Resilience (formerly Rape Victim Advocates) that diligently work each day to provide services to survivors in crisis, and to prevent sexual assault and violence through education and activism.

Approved and adopted this 24th of April 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-3081
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE DONNA MILLER, BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY,
KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, BRANDON JOHNSON, ALMA E. ANAYA,
LUIS ARROYO JR, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN,
STANLEY MOORE, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE, PETER N. SILVESTRI AND
DEBORAH SIMS, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

A RESOLUTION HONORING ARAB AMERICAN FAMILY SERVICES

WHEREAS, April is National Arab American Heritage Month, which celebrates the history, culture, and people and the many contributions Arab Americans have made to our country; and

WHEREAS, in light of this celebration it is important to honor the people and organizations that make many contributions in Cook County, such as Arab American Family Services (AAFS); and

WHEREAS, AAFS was established in 2001 by Itedal Shalabi and Nareman Taha and was registered with the State of Illinois in January 2001; and

WHEREAS, the philosophy of AAFS is to help participants find solutions and to build a culture of learning and sharing that empowers individuals, families, local leadership, and institutions, as well as to reduce the cultural, religious, and linguistic barriers that limit Arab Americans from accessing services and opportunities for personal growth; and

WHEREAS, in early 2001, they opened a one-room office at 64th and Pulaski in Chicago with just enough space for two desks and filing cabinets; They started showing up at every community gathering and government agency meeting they could find and went to mosques and churches and schools and hospitals, even sitting down with families in the parks and in their homes to listen to their concerns and learn of their needs, and during these meetings, they experienced the intense suffering and fear in many Arab and Muslim women and asked how AAFS might help; and

WHEREAS, Itedal and Nareman began helping women to complete immigration forms, finding domestic violence shelters for those abused, providing parents with translation services at school meetings, and advocating for services with government agencies, striving to provide services based on client eligibility and proper legal procedures; and

WHEREAS, their work conducting awareness programs for government officials and agencies, as well as other mainstream organizations to combat negative imagery and to help agency personnel understand, respect, and learn to work with the cultural and religious differences of Arabs and Muslims gained AAFS a reputation as a “bridge builder” between Arab and Muslim-Americans and mainstream society; and

WHEREAS, today, AAFS is headquartered in Worth, IL, in the 6th District, the heart of the Arab and MuslimAmerican community in the southwestern metropolitan Chicago area and since their founding, AAFS’ programs and services have expanded dramatically to meet the needs of Arab and Muslim-Americans, as well as thousands of people from mainstream society residing within their service areas as AAFS does not discriminate in providing services on the basis of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, national origin, or disability; and

WHEREAS, AAFS provides services to over 30 communities in the South Suburban Chicagoland area and in 2018 worked with 15,144 families and 59,285 individuals were served in various areas of their programs; and

WHEREAS, the agency reaches out to more than 160,000 Muslims and individuals of Arab descent, as well as mainstream audiences, living primarily in southwestern Cook County, northern Will County, and eastern DuPage County; and

WHEREAS, the population AAFS serves today is 92% Arab American, 3% Asian, 2% African American, 2% Caucasian (non-Arab), and 1% Hispanic; 60% are female, 85% are immigrants, 30% are youth under the age of eighteen, 10% are elderly age sixty-five or older, and 5% are people with disabilities; 75% percent

of AAFS' clients have identified themselves as Muslims, while 25% have stated they are Christians and AAFS estimates that 92% of their clients live below the federal poverty line; and

WHEREAS, AAFS staff and volunteers are culturally sensitive, most are Arabic speaking and skilled in meeting the special needs of the Arab-American community; languages include each of the various dialects found in the 22 Arab nations and is the only social service agency in the southwest suburbs that provide immigration or translation services to Arabic speaking immigrants and the only provider of domestic violence services for the Arab population in the Midwest; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners are pleased to celebrate Arab American Heritage Month by highlighting the good work of AAFS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners proudly honor Arab American Family Services for their outstanding service to the community, Cook County, and our Country; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy be presented to Itedal Shalabi and Nareman Taha as a symbol of our respect and esteem.

Approved and adopted this 24th of April 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-3101
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE SCOTT BRITTON, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

**CONGRATULATING PHIL WHITE ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT
AS A VILLAGE OF GLENVIEW TRUSTEE**

WHEREAS, Philip White has been a dedicated, loyal public servant for the Village of Glenview for 14 years; and

WHEREAS, prior to his service as Trustee, he graduated Magna Cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Notre Dame; and

WHEREAS, Philip is an accomplished businessman, working for Continental Bondware, White Cap Company and finally as President and Principal Executive Officer of the Sweetheart Cup Company; and

WHEREAS, Philip transitioned the Sweetheart Cup Company to a new investor group in 1994 and took a much-deserved early retirement; and

WHEREAS, Philip has spent his retirement involved in philanthropic work, including serving on the board of the International Dyslexia Association; and

WHEREAS, Philip's philanthropy also included doing pro bono work for the Catholic Theological Union, the largest Catholic graduate school in North America, where he played a lead role in the planning, design and construction of the Union's new and renovated \$21 million campus; and

WHEREAS, Philip and his wife Rosemary have been longtime Glenview residents; and

WHEREAS, Philip began his tenure as a Glenview Village Trustee in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Philip won his reelection in 2007, 2011, and 2015; and

WHEREAS, Philip advocated for access to affordable housing in new developments brought before the Board of Trustees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby share its gratitude for Philip White's decades of public and community service and wish him well in his retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the text of this Resolution be spread across the journal of proceedings of this honorable body and that a suitable copy be tendered to Philip as a means of communicating our congratulations.

Approved and adopted this 24th of April 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-3102
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by
THE HONORABLE SCOTT BRITTON, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**HONORING SHERIDAN TURNER ON HER CONTRIBUTION TO
COOK COUNTY'S CULTURAL SCENE THROUGH HER WORK AT
MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY AND KOHL CHILDREN'S MUSEUM**

WHEREAS, Sheridan Turner relocated to the Chicago area from her native England in 1981; and

WHEREAS, Sheridan contributed greatly to the success of Cook County's cultural scene and enhanced educational opportunities for youth and adults alike through her work at the Museum of Science & Industry and Kohl Children's Museum of Greater Chicago; and

WHEREAS, at the Museum of Science & Industry she over saw the development of the Idea Factory Exhibit and the construction of the underground parking garage; and

WHEREAS, in 1998 Sheridan became President and CEO of the Kohl Children's Museum and has served in that role for more than 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Sheridan managed the planning, fundraising, design, and construction of the \$18.1 million Glenview facility, which opened in 2005; and

WHEREAS, since Sheridan has led the Kohl Children's Museum, the Museum has increased annual attendance from 150,000 to more than 314,000, attracting individuals from Glenview, communities in the surrounding areas in Cook County, and residents across Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Sheridan implemented a scholarship program for underserved families in the community unable to afford the museum experience by offering reduced-price or free annual memberships, daily passes and field trips; and

WHEREAS, Sheridan oversaw the development of all the exhibits currently at the Kohl Children's Museum as well as traveling exhibits like *Science + You*, *Powered by Nature*, and *Nature Cat: Backyard and Beyond* (currently in development); and

WHEREAS, Sheridan served as Vice President of the Glenview Chamber of Commerce, has served as a Board member for nine years and on the Executive Board for six years; and

WHEREAS, in 2017 Sheridan was named Business Person of the Year by the Glenview Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Sheridan volunteers as a certified teamster for Wagner Farm in Glenview, giving horse and wagon rides for Wagner Farm Community events; and

WHEREAS, Sheridan serves as a Director for the Economic Club of Chicago and on the membership committee for The Chicago Network; and

WHEREAS, Sheridan is active on the Northwestern Women's Board, and was previously a Board Member for the Association of Children's Museums and The Cove School in Northbrook; and

WHEREAS, Sheridan is highly respected in the Chicago community as a leader in the field of early childhood education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby sincerely appreciate Sheridan Turner's efforts to expand educational opportunities for Cook County youth and wish Sheridan Turner well as she relocates to England; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of the Resolution be tendered to Sheridan as a means of communicating our thanks and well wishes.

Approved and adopted this 24th of April 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-3103
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE SCOTT BRITTON, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

**HONORING GLENBROOK NORTH'S HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT RYAN PURDY
ON HIS CONTRIBUTION TO HIS CONTINUED SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS**

WHEREAS, Ryan Purdy began swimming competitively at the age of five (5) years old; and

WHEREAS, Ryan has been a member of the Glenbrook North High School Swimming and Diving team for four (4) years; and

WHEREAS, as a sophomore, Ryan set his school record in the 500 Freestyle; and

WHEREAS, as a junior, Ryan set school records for the 200 Medley Relay, 500 Freestyle, 100 Backstroke and 400 Freestyle Relay; and

WHEREAS, as a senior, Ryan was honored with the Most Valuable Swimmer Team Award; and

WHEREAS, Ryan competed in the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) State Final Championships where he became only the second state champion in Glenbrook North High School history for boys swimming and diving; and

WHEREAS, Ryan became the first ever double individual event IHSA State Champion; and

WHEREAS, Ryan won the 200 Individual Medley at the 2019 IHSA State Meet in 1 minute, 49.45 seconds and the 100 Backstroke at the State Meet in 49.21 seconds; and

WHEREAS, Ryan broke three individual school records at IHSA State Meet and was part of a fourth when he was a member of the 6th place 200 Medley Relay team; and

WHEREAS, Ryan leaves the Glenbrook North Swimming and Diving program with four (4) individual school records and two (2) relay records; and

WHEREAS, Ryan is the first-ever men's multiple event IHSA State Champion in Glenbrook North's School history; and

WHEREAS, Ryan has been Swim Instructor for four (4) years for Swim America; and

WHEREAS, Ryan has been coached by Head Coach Jarod Schroeder; and

WHEREAS, Ryan will attend University of Iowa on a Swimming Scholarship 2019 where he plans to major in Physical Therapy; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Cook County Board of Commissioners honors and congratulates Ryan Purdy on his continued sports achievements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the text of this Resolution be spread across the journal of proceedings of this honorable body and that a suitable copy hereof be presented to Ryan Purdy and his family in commemoration of his great achievements.

Approved and adopted this 24th of April 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-3105
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by
THE HONORABLE SCOTT BRITTON, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**HONORING THE NORTHBROOK PARK DISTRICT'S TEAMS ELITE SYNCHRONIZED
JUNIOR SKATERS ON THEIR 2019 SPRING CUP GOLD MEDAL**

WHEREAS, Teams Elite is Northbrook Park District's synchronized Junior Skaters team; and

WHEREAS, Teams Elite was formed in 1999 in Northbrook, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Teams Elite is composed of 20 team members ranging 13 years old to 18 years old; and

WHEREAS, Teams Elite members come from Northbrook, Glenview, Buffalo Grove, Arlington Heights, Prospect Heights, Palos Heights, Niles, Alsip, Vernon Hills, Downers Grove, Evanston, Countryside, and Kenosha; and

WHEREAS, Teams Elite 2018-2019 team was the Junior Skaters' first time competing in an international competition; and

WHEREAS, Teams Elite was selected as one of four synchronized skating teams to represent Team USA during the 2019 Spring Cup international competition; and

WHEREAS, Teams Elite competed in Milan, Italy in February 2019; and

WHEREAS, Teams Elite faced 30 skating teams from around the globe; and

WHEREAS, Teams Elite and coach Danielle Ostrower wore the red, white, and blue representing the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Teams Elite finished first in both the short program (67.56) and free skate (93.29); and

WHEREAS, Teams Elite scored a total of 160.85 points at their international debut; and

WHEREAS, Teams Elite topped the field by 10 points; and

WHEREAS, Teams Elite won the gold medal as the 2019 Spring Cup junior division champions and took home the cup for Team USA; and

WHEREAS, Teams Elite Northbrook resident Caroline Clesen, a senior at Glenbrook North High School, with her teammates alongside her, received the medal and trophy on behalf of the team.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Cook County Board of Commissioners honors Teams Elite, congratulates them on their international victory and praises their contributions to the synchronized skating legacy of District 14 and all of Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the text of this Resolution be spread across the journal of proceedings of this honorable body and that a suitable copy hereof be presented to the Northbrook Park District's Teams Elite synchronized Junior Skaters team.

Approved and adopted this 24th of April 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-3123
RESOLUTION**

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

HONORING SYMPHONY OF CHANGE INC. AND DANDRIA "DANI JO" WILLIAMS

WHEREAS, Symphony of Change, Inc. is dedicated to restoring music and arts programs in underserved Chicago schools that face budget cuts, attendance challenges and low graduation rates; and

WHEREAS, Symphony of Change, Inc. was founded by recording artist and producer T. L. Williams on May 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Dandria "Dani Jo" Williams is the executive director of Symphony of Change Inc., which has served more than 5,000 students increasing attendance and academic success by 50 percent in the Chicago schools they serve; and

WHEREAS, Dandria "Dani Jo" Williams is the administrative assistant to National Co-Chairman Jerry W. Williams Sr., of the Infinite Scholars Program, which has given support to more than 100,000 students throughout the country to enable them to successfully apply for and graduate with a college degree; and

WHEREAS, despite battling interstitial cystitis, an incurable chronic bladder disease that doctors said would end her dancing career, Dandria "Dani Jo" Williams is a choreographer and dance teacher for the Joffrey Ballet Chicago, teaching ballet, jazz, African, modern, hip hop, and Latin dance styles to more than 1,000 students; and

WHEREAS, Dandria "Dani Jo" Williams is the director of A&R at Quiet Kingdom Recordings, an independent music label headquartered in Chicago overseeing the artist development and careers of numerous recording artists, while producing and writing songs for them as well.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, honor Symphony of Change Inc. and Executive Director Dandria "Dani Jo" Williams, and praise the essential contribution to the cultural health and viability of Cook County.

Approved and adopted this 24th of April 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President

Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-3124
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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

HONORING GEORGE FREEMAN AND JAZZ APPRECIATION MONTH

WHEREAS, jazz guitarist George Freeman was born April 10, 1927 on Chicago's South Side and has been a lifelong resident of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, George's father was a police officer on the South Side of Chicago and worked at the station at 48th and Wabash where he met many jazz musicians, including Louis Armstrong, Earl Hines and more. He would bring the musicians home to the Freeman household for a meal and to spend time with his family; and

WHEREAS, growing up, as the youngest of Chicago's first family of jazz, the Freeman brothers, along with tenor sax master Von Freeman and mainstay Chicago drummer Eldridge 'Bruz' Freeman, George attended DuSable High School and studied music under the legendary music teacher and band leader, Captain Walter Dyett. Later on, George said "I still have the original piano that was in my home as a child. It moved everywhere we did"; and

WHEREAS, at 12 years old, George became a busboy at the Sherman Hotel on 39th Street and he would go downstairs to the ballroom and listen to the big bands. "It would bring tears to my eyes," said George. "The music from the Sherman Ballroom would be broadcast on radio and my mom had the radio on all the time. You could hear music from The Grand Terrace with big bands like, Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Tommy Dorsey and Anita O'Day and Gene Krupa," and

WHEREAS, in 1950, George recorded with bebop giant Charlie Parker, "In Chicago, Live at the Pershing Hotel." He soon became a sideman with tenor sax man Gene Ammons and went to New York where he played until he got homesick for Chicago and returned. During that time he recorded, "Lowe Groovin'" with Johnny Griffin which became the first hit single for Atlantic Records; and

WHEREAS, George recently said, "Jazz music still excites me. The creativity still excites me".

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, honor George Freeman for his essential contribution to the rich musical Jazz culture and congratulate him on his 92nd birthday; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board recognizes April as Jazz Appreciation Month.

Approved and adopted this 24th of April 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President

Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-3109
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE LUIS ARROYO JR, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER,
BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY,
DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON,
PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN AND
JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

RECOGNIZING THE AMAZING LIFE OF MARTHA RAMOS, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom called Martha Ramos from our midst on February 20, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Martha, a Puerto Rican-American Chicago native, dedicated her life to helping others in any capacity she could, always striving to leave a positive impact on everybody with whom she worked. She was a strong, courageous, kind, and generous with her time, neighbor and friend to many; and

WHEREAS, Martha Ramos was the daughter of Daniel and Iris Ramos, sister to Analicia, Dulce, Mirca and Iris Ramos. Loving mother to Coraliris Echevarria, grandmother to Eliel and Leonel Soto, and lifetime companion of Rey Colón; and

WHEREAS, Martha helped her father purchase the Puerto Rican Parade Committee building, which was paid in full upon the completion of his term as President and ultimately, named after him. Martha became the Executive Director of the Puerto Rican Parade Committee and organized the Puerto Rican Pride Parade and festival which continues to be an annual City of Chicago celebration; earning her “*Business Woman of the Year*” award by the Puerto Rican Chamber of Commerce in 1989; and

WHEREAS, Martha graduated from DeVry Institute of Technology where she received her Bachelor’s of Science degree in Accounting and was elected DeVry Accounting Society President in 1994; and

WHEREAS, Martha’s many accomplishments in her long career in the private sector include: Budget Management for the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago’s Corporate Office, aiding 25 YMCA locations as Assistant to Director of Treasury, Program Services and Staff Development from 1991 to 1994; supervisor of the final bankruptcy reclamation process at Montgomery Ward’s National Office from 1998 to 2000, where she managed \$1.3 billion in payables and \$60 million in receivable accounts while maintaining good relations with over 7,500 vendors at 300 locations; coordinator of Transit Advertising and manager of a \$30 million budget in 24 international markets as the National Business Operations Manager for Obie Media Incorporated from 2001 to 2003; among others; and

WHEREAS, Martha served as Region Manager Assistant at the Chicago Park District from 1994 to 1997 where she conducted regular site visits teaching 72 Park Supervisors and over 400 staff best practices in community outreach. She managed numerous projects and special events for the Region Manager, Finance Manager and 5 Area Managers. Martha was awarded 1997 Chicago Park District P.R.I.D.E. Employee of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Martha recruited corporate sponsors, community leaders and non-profit organizations to create the Boulevard Community Arts Network and produced the first Milwaukee Avenue Arts Festival from 2001 to 2006. It is a thriving annual event to this day; and

WHEREAS, after her father suffered a major stroke, Martha put aside her own career and ambitions to run his company “*Ramos & Daughters Movers*” named after his 5 daughters; and

WHEREAS, Martha served as Chief of Staff for 35th Ward Alderman Rey Colón from 2006 to 2015 providing outstanding city services. She loved turning complaints, problems and issues into solutions and often said it was the job she favored, mostly due to the high volume of very demanding constituents; and

WHEREAS, Martha was a crime fighter. In 2007 she received a Chicago City Council Bravery Recognition and 2007 Cook County Honorable Citizen Award for catching the Edgewater Slasher; and

WHEREAS, Martha created partnerships with city, state and federal government elected officials, businesses, schools, nonprofit organizations, chambers of commerce and other institutions to acquire resources to benefit her community. One of the many projects was the resurrection of the Logan Square’s business district along Milwaukee Avenue; and

WHEREAS, until her untimely passing, Martha continued working as a public servant in the Chicago Public Schools, The Puerto Rican Arts Alliance, the service offices of Chicago Alderman Milly Santiago and, last, for Cook County Commissioner Luis Arroyo Jr; and

WHEREAS, Martha Ramos left this world a better place. The northwest side of Chicago has lost a neighbor, friend, tireless community worker, wonderful mother and grandmother to her family and an overall beautiful soul. She will be greatly missed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, do hereby express our deepest condolences to Martha's family and friends for this sudden and unimaginable loss; 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 family of Martha Ramos so that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

Approved and adopted this 24th of April 2019.
TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-3112
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE KEVIN B. MORRISON, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

HONORING MARY WROBLEWSKI FOR HER YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

WHEREAS, Mary Wroblewski has demonstrated leadership in providing high quality healthcare as a registered nurse and a healthcare administrator throughout her career; and

WHEREAS, Mary made a particular impact on women and children through her service as a labor and delivery nurse and in leadership positions relating to women's health and children's health; and

WHEREAS, Mary has been a resident of Schaumburg Township for over 40 years; and

WHEREAS, Mary and her husband, Vince, have been active in their community while raising four children and welcoming seven grandchildren who live in the area; and

WHEREAS, Mary has dedicated the last 28 years to public service through various positions; and

WHEREAS, Mary spent a decade as an active member of the District 211 School Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Mary became Schaumburg Township Supervisor in 2001 and has successfully served the Township for 18 years; and

WHEREAS, Mary Wroblewski's dedication to her community and public service is an example to us all.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Cook County Board of Commissioners, would like to recognize Mary Wroblewski on May 1, 2019 as she is celebrated for her exemplary career and dedication to public service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we, the Cook County Board of Commissioners, would like to wish Mary Wroblewski and her family best wishes in her retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution is presented to Mary Wroblewski.

Approved and adopted this 24th of April 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President

Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-3120
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE, STANLEY MOORE, TONI PRECKWINKLE PRESIDENT,
ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY,
DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON,
BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON,
PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN AND
JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**CELEBRATING THE OUTSTANDING SERVICE AND CAREER OF BETTY MC-SHANE
BOLES OF SEIU LOCAL 73**

WHEREAS, Betty Mc-Shane Boles is a product Chicago Public School System and graduated from Olive Harvey College with an Associate of Arts Degree in Business Administration; and

WHEREAS, Betty Mc-Shane Boles started her journey with SEIU Local 73 in November 1981 working at the Chicago Housing Authority; and

WHEREAS, Betty Mc-Shane Boles was instrumental in paid maternity benefits being included in the collective bargaining agreement between the Chicago Housing Authority and SEIU Local 73. Due to her efforts, Betty became a Union Steward and was selected as a member of the bargaining committee in October 1989; and

WHEREAS, Betty Mc-Shane Boles hard work led her to be elevated to the position of Chief Union Steward in October 1993 by Thomas Balanoff, current President of SEIU Local 1; and

WHEREAS, Betty Mc-Shane Boles dedication to the rights of others to be heard and fairly treated stood out among her peers and awarded her an opportunity to become a Union Representative at SEIU Local 73 in September 1997; and

WHEREAS, Betty Mc-Shane Boles continued to climb the ladder of success at SEIU Local 73 while advocating for the rights of the members that she represented. Betty was promoted to Senior Union Representative in September 1999, Director of Cook County Division in September 2001 and Vice President in October 2004 where she has been re-elected four times; and

WHEREAS, Betty Mc-Shane Boles is also known for her service to community. She has served as Local School Council President for W.E.B. DuBois Elementary School, mentor for Carver Elementary School students, and a member of the Board of Directors of Eden Green Co-Op. Betty is a faithful and proud 54 years member at Progressive Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Revered Warren Woods Jr., who serves as Pastor; and

WHEREAS, Betty Mc-Shane Boles would like to share that all her accomplishments have stemmed from the teachings of her strong family background. Her mother taught her at an early age if it's not worth fighting for then it's not worth having. Betty's motto is "each one teach one" and "if I can help somebody as I travel along the way, then my living will not be in vain"; and

WHEREAS, Betty Mc-Shane Boles will now join the ranks of retirement after a successful 38 year career. Betty's career is marked by many hard fought battles, success stories and outstanding accomplishments. This has all been made possible by the support of her parents, husband and loving children.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners congratulate Betty Mc-Shane Boles for her dedication and outstanding service to union members and the residents of Cook County; 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 presented to Betty Mc-Shane Bole in recognition of 38 years of service with SEIU Local 73.

Approved and adopted this 24th of April 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, 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 Consent Calendar meeting do now adjourn to meet again at the same time and same place on May 22, 2019, in accordance with County Board Resolution 18-6705.

The motion prevailed and the meeting stood adjourned.



KAREN A. YARBROUGH
County Clerk