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Title:	PROPOSED RESOLUTION		

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WHEREAS, Shari and her choir put on many productions over the years, including the Annual Spring Motown Revue. Shari traveled across the nation and abroad with her choirs with her performers featured on television, various stages, and prestigious events; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, Shari, Antonio Jones, and the Vocal Music Industry Students produced a CD titled, "It's a Dunbar Thang"; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, Shari officially retired as a teacher at Dunbar Vocational High School where she served for thirty-two (32) years; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BILL LOWRY, COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONER of the 3rd DISTRICT, do hereby stand, and salute the phenomenal life and career of Shari Nichols-Sweat; and that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby do what you are suggesting or endorsing with this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a suitable copy of this Resolution will be presented to Shari Nichols-Sweat and her family; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a copy of this Resolution will be filed within the Office of Cook County Commissioner Bill Lowry 3rd District

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