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RESOLUTION COMMENDING MARION NZINGA STAMPS AND THE SISTERS OF THE STRUGGLE FOR THEIR DECADES OF ADVOCACY

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WHEREAS, the Sisters of the Struggle, based in the Cabrini Green community, emerged as powerful advocates for fair housing and public housing, championing the rights of residents in the face of housing discrimination and inequality; and,

WHEREAS, the SOS played a pivotal role in the historic election of Chicago's first black mayor, Harold Washington, breaking down racial barriers and paving the way for increased representation in the city's leadership; and.

WHEREAS, the Sisters of the Struggle exhibited exceptional leadership by driving Chicago's first woman Mayor, Jane Byrne, out of Cabrini Green and out of office, showcasing their influence in shaping the political landscape of the city; and,

WHEREAS, the SOS's commitment extended beyond housing advocacy, as they fought for quality education for Chicago students, particularly those from blighted communities, leading to the establishment of the Sojourner Truth School; and,

WHEREAS, the Sisters of the Struggle collaborated with diverse groups from all parts of the city, including Uptown and Humboldt Park, fostering unity and solidarity in the pursuit of social justice; and,

WHEREAS, the SOS's enduring legacy continues to inspire current and future generations to advocate for equity, justice, and the betterment of their communities; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, honor and celebrate the impactful legacy of the SOS, recognizing their pivotal role in shaping a more equitable, just, and compassionate Cook County; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be archived as a token of the esteem held by the President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the Cook County Board of Commissioners.

**Sponsors:** TARA S. STAMPS, FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET DEGNEN, Monica Gordon, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, JOSINA MORITA, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), ANTHONY J. QUEZADA, MAGGIE TREVOR

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