



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY
County Board Room

Consent Agenda

for the

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Wednesday, November 13, 2013, 10:45 AM

13-2075

Sponsored by: PETER N. SILVESTRI, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING SALUTE, INC. AND GUERIN PREP HIGH SCHOOL

WHEREAS, Salute, Inc., was founded in 2003 by Will and Mary Beth Beiersdorf of Arlington Heights, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, shortly after 9/11, Will, a Naval Reservist, was called to active duty and deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba for thirteen months; and

WHEREAS, the severe financial impact was overwhelming to the Beiersdorfs and their three sons; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the lack of finances, Mary Beth and her children coped with the fear of the unknown and the emotional strain caused by their separation from Will; and

WHEREAS, with the help, support, and outpouring of love from family, friends, their church and their community, they were able to survive; and

WHEREAS, upon Will's return, both he and Mary Beth felt the need to give back by helping others who were experiencing similar hardships; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, the Beiersdorfs decided to start an organization whose fundraising efforts would be based around a yearly Memorial Day Family Run/Walk; and

WHEREAS, after sharing their vision with family, friends, Salute was born and SALUTE, INC. is now a recognized 501©(3) non-profit organization that provides financial support for our military men and women through a variety of fundraising activities; and

WHEREAS, Guerin Prep High School of River Grove has paired with Salute and is doing advocacy and fundraising to honor military members and their families; and

WHEREAS, on November 13, 2013, Guerin Prep will hold a school-wide Pride Assembly to celebrate veterans' groups and to remember their service and sacrifice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby commend SALUTE, INC. and Guerin Prep for their fundraising efforts on behalf of military families; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to Guerin Prep High School.

13-2219

Sponsored by: TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING IXTAPA-ZIHUATANEJO SISTER CITY DELEGATION

WHEREAS, as part of the Sister City International application process a delegation will typically visit their prospective sister city, and

WHEREAS, Ixtapa-Zihuatanejo will become Sister Cities with the Village of Bensenville, as part of their trip the delegation will be touring Cook County and the City of Chicago, and

WHEREAS, Sister Cities International was created at President Eisenhower's 1956 White House conference on citizen diplomacy; and

WHEREAS, Sister Cities International creates relationships based on cultural, educational, information and trade exchanges, creating lifelong friendships that provide prosperity and peace through person to person "citizen diplomacy", and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Board of Commissioners of Cook County do hereby recognize the Ixtapa-Zihuatanejo delegation efforts to join Sister Cities International and wish them well on their travels in the Chicagoland area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to the Ixtapa-Zihuatanejo delegation.

13-2258

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN MEMORY OF JOHN J. STANIS

WHEREAS Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called John J. Stanis from our midst at the age of 103, and

WHEREAS John J. Stanis was the beloved husband of the late Agnes (nee Shurna), and

WHEREAS John J. Stanis was Past Grand Knight of Cardinal Mundelein Knights of Columbus Lodge, and

WHEREAS John J. Stanis was a longtime member of St. John Fisher Parish, and

WHEREAS John J. Stanis bravely answered the call of his country to defend the cause of freedom in the Second World War while in the United States Navy, and

WHEREAS John J. Stanis was the fond uncle of fond uncle of many nieces and nephews, and

WHEREAS all who knew him will attest that John J. Stanis was a kind and compassionate man, virtuous of character and gentle in spirit, admired and respected by his many friends and neighbors, and dearly loved by his family, now therefore

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

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

13-2257

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN MEMORY OF GERTRUDE M. NORBY

WHEREAS Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Gertrude M. Norby from our midst at the age of 100, and

WHEREAS Gertrude M. Norby nee Marschitz was the beloved wife of the late Kenneth M. Norby and the late Gene M. Knight, and

WHEREAS Gertrude M. Norby was the loving mother of Linda L. Norby, and

WHEREAS Gertrude M. Norby was the cherished grandmother of Tara Lynn Tracy and Catherine L. (Robert A.) Green, and

WHEREAS Gertrude M. Norby was the fond sister of the late Capt. John R. Marschitz, U.S. Army, and

WHEREAS all who knew her will attest that Gertrude M. Norby was a kind and compassionate woman, virtuous of character and gentle in spirit, admired and respected by her many friends and neighbors, and dearly loved by her family, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and many friends of Gertrude M. Norby , and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of same be tendered to the family of Gertrude M. Norby, that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

13-2256

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN MEMORY OF GERTRUDE NOONAN

WHEREAS Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Gertrude Noonan from our midst, and

WHEREAS Gertrude Noonan (nee Horan) was the beloved wife of the late George Noonan, and

WHEREAS Gertrude Noonan was the loving mother of Nancy (Donald) Pierce, Eileen (Richard) Bussler, and Trudy Noonan, and

WHEREAS Gertrude Noonan was the dearest grandmother of Celine (Scott) Haines, Bridget (David) Grauwels, JoAnn (Barret) Kruse, Bill (Allison) Bussler, and

WHEREAS Gertrude Noonan was the Dear great-grandmother of 11, and

WHEREAS Gertrude Noonan was the fond aunt of many nieces and nephews in the in the Collins, Sehring, Gibson, Vais and Noonan families, and

WHEREAS Gertrude Noonan was Past President and Gold Star Member of St. Gabriel's Woman's Club, and

WHEREAS Gertrude Noonan was Past President St. Gabriel's Friendly Club, and

WHEREAS all who knew her will attest that Gertrude Noonan was a kind and compassionate woman, virtuous of character and gentle in spirit, admired and respected by her many friends and neighbors, and dearly loved by her family, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and many friends of Gertrude Noonan, and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of same be tendered to the family of Gertrude Noonan, that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

13-2255

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN MEMORY OF DUNSTAN FERNANDO

WHEREAS Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Dunstan Fernando from our midst, and

WHEREAS Dunstan Fernando was the beloved husband of Bridget Fernando, and

WHEREAS Dunstan Fernando was the devoted father of Shiran (Bertha), Desmond (Leah), and Mark (Johanna), and

WHEREAS Dunstan Fernando was the proud grandfather of Kaitlyn, Exhan, Emilie, Rhys, Isabella, and Xavi, and

WHEREAS Dunstan Fernando was the fond brother of Hector, Boniface, Iraj, Monica, and Pearly, and

WHEREAS Dunstan Fernando was a benefactor and highly respected leader within the Sri Lankan community of Chicago, and

WHEREAS all who knew him will attest that Dunstan Fernando was a kind and compassionate man, virtuous of character and gentle in spirit, admired and respected by his many friends and neighbors, and dearly loved by his family, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and many friends of Dunstan Fernando, and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss, and

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

13-2246

Sponsored by: TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, County Commissioner, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, JERRY BUTLER, EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, EDWIN REYES, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE VILLAGE OF LYONS' 125th ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, the Village of Lyons was Incorporated in 1888, and is steeped in deep historical roots; and

WHEREAS, in 1673 French Explorer Louis Joliet and Jesuit missionary Father Pierre Marquette left Green Bay, Wisconsin by canoe in search of a western passage to the Pacific, and to save time the Pottawatomie Indians that were with them encouraged a change in the course to the Illinois River; and

WHEREAS, this shortcut led to the Des Plaines River and caused these travelers to discover "Le Portage;" a half mile wide area of land connecting the Chicago River and the Des Plaines River now known as the "Gateway to the West;" and

WHEREAS, this discovery led to the founding of Lyons as well as Chicago becoming a center for world trade; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Lyons boasts many treasures such as the Chicago Portage National Historic Site and Hofmann Tower, an eight story castle-like structure built in 1908 by George Hofmann, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of residents gathered in Veterans Park on Sunday October 13, 2013 for a picnic in honor of the village's 125th year anniversary, and featured a wide range of family and children's entertainment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County hereby congratulates Mayor Christopher Getty, the Village Trustees, and the great citizens of Lyons for celebrating 125 years as a municipality; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to Mayor Getty and the Village Board of Trustees in recognition of this momentous event, and that it also be spread upon the proceedings of this honorable body.

13-2244

Sponsored by: TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, County Commissioner, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, JERRY BUTLER, EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, EDWIN REYES, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE VILLAGE OF STICKNEY'S 100th ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, until about 1900 most of the village of Stickney was covered by Mud Lake, a large marshy area stretching from Chicago to Lyons; and

WHEREAS, by 1900 the Sanitary and Ship Canal had left it relatively dry, leaving developers to build on the reclaimed land of what is now Stickney; and

WHEREAS, in 1913 the village of Stickney was established from Stickney Township land and named after Alpheus B. Stickney, a railroad executive who played a central role in establishing the Clearing Industrial District; and

WHEREAS, the early years of the village were marked by makeshift venues for official meetings which included the Hawthorne racetrack and Mount Auburn Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, Stickney's population increased after World War II reaching 6,239 by 1960; and with much vacant land remaining, the village allowed bondholders to take over land with unpaid taxes, and home construction boomed; and

WHEREAS, Stickney residents enjoy the safe, quiet streets and close-knit ties with neighbors of various different ethnicities; and

WHEREAS, 2013 marks the Centennial anniversary of the founding of Stickney; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County hereby congratulates Mayor Deborah Morelli, the Village Board, and the great citizens of Stickney for celebrating 100 years as a municipality; and

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

13-2254

Sponsored by: DEBORAH SIMS, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN MEMORY OF DELORES BROWN

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His Infinite wisdom, has called Ms. Delores Brown from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Delores leaves to cherish her memories, two wonderful children, Linda and Edward Watkins, Jr. and one brother; Alfred Brown of Gary, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, Delores was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois. She graduated from George Washington Carver High School. After High School, she met and married the late Edward Watkins in 1950; and

WHEREAS, Delores was fondly known as **LoLo**. She loved her children and loved raising and nourishing her family; and

WHEREAS, Delores worked for the Chicago Board of Education for many years as a Teacher's Aide; and

WHEREAS, Delores loved cooking, traveling and fishing, and spent lots of hours on her puzzle books.

WHEREAS, Delores had a love for animals; her first dog was Lady and later came Tasha, both of whom she loved like her (grand-dogs); and

WHEREAS, Delores' children, Linda and Eddie Jr., knew that their mother would pray first thing in the morning when she opened her eyes, she prayed every afternoon, often on the phone with her prayer partner and before she closed her eyes at night, she prayed to her Heavenly Father. They also learned not to make any noise, to move around quietly and not to ask questions or give her the phone while she was praying and thanking God; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, and the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, do hereby offer our deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family of Ms. Delores Brown.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to the family of Ms. Delores Brown and a copy be spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body.

13-2249

Sponsored by: JOHN A. FRITCHEY, County Commissioner, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, JERRY BUTLER, EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, EDWIN REYES, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCATES AND PROMOTING MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS IN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, mental health affects every aspect of our lives, influencing the way we think, feel, handle stress, relate to one another and make decisions; and

WHEREAS, nearly 60 million Americans experience a mental health condition every year, an issue impacting the lives of at least one in four adults and one in ten children across the country; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that approximately 60 percent of the people currently suffering from a mental health condition are not getting appropriate treatment: and

WHEREAS, according to the Cook County Sheriff, more than 2,000 people with mental illness are being held at the Cook County Jail, many of them having medical issues as well; and

WHEREAS, negative attitudes, stereotypes and misunderstandings about mental illness create tremendous barriers for people with mental illness and their families; and

WHEREAS, a number of groups are working to provide hope and improve the quality of life for those in Cook County whose lives are affected by serious mental illness; and

WHEREAS, two such groups are the National Alliance on Mental Illness Chicago (NAMI Chicago) and The Brandon Marshall Foundation; and

WHEREAS, inspired by his own journey to come to terms with a diagnosis of Borderline Personality Disorder, Chicago Bears wide receiver Brandon Marshall vowed that he would devote himself to making a difference in the lives of others struggling to cope with mental illness; and

WHEREAS, Brandon Marshall courageously went public with his diagnosis and created a foundation to realize his goal of giving others the same chance at recovery that he had; and

WHEREAS, The Brandon Marshall Foundation is devoted to raising awareness for mental illness and helping others gain access to the resources that they need to recover, with a mission to partner with leading mental health charities and service providers across the country; and

WHEREAS, NAMI Chicago is one of the largest, most active NAMI affiliates in the country, offering referrals, education and support through their helpline, in addition to free education courses and support groups for people dealing with mental illness and their families; and

WHEREAS, each year NAMI Chicago hosts “NAMIWalks Chicago”, one of 85 NAMIWalks that take place annually across the United States, each with the goal of raising awareness, eliminating the stigma of mental illness and raising funds for NAMI Chicago and partner NAMI affiliates;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Cook County Board of Commissioners that the National Alliance on Mental Illness Chicago and The Brandon Marshall Foundation be commended for showing an unwavering dedication to mental health and to making a difference in the lives of those with mental illness who reside in Cook County and elsewhere; 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 same be tendered to the National Alliance on Mental Illness Chicago and The Brandon Marshall Foundation.

13-2260

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM KEITH NICHOLS

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called William Keith Nichols from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Keith was born in Chicago, Illinois and grew up on the south side and lived a life full of love and generosity, his laugh and smile brightening even the darkest day; and

WHEREAS, Keith graduated from Oakenwald Elementary, and he attended Dunbar Vocational. He later transferred to Forestville High School where he graduated; and

WHEREAS, Keith worked for the United States Post Office for nine years and Roadway Express (YRC. Inc.) for the past 26 years; and

WHEREAS, Keith loved music especially the oldies but goodies as well as the wobble song; He could sit and watch sports for hours; baseball, boxing, and NASCAR racing to name a few; and

WHEREAS, William Keith Nichols would clothe you, feed, you, and give you a few dollars if you needed it; His love for people was shown through his actions. He genuinely cared and gave with an open heart; and

WHEREAS, Keith was born to his loving parents Williams L. and Ruth Nichols; both preceded him in death, and

WHEREAS William Keith Nichols leaves to cherish his memory one daughter Melisa L. Nichols, three siblings Gerald Nichols (Diane), Lorene D. Nichols and Cassandra Nichols; five nieces Cecila, Jennifer, Keana, Keyla, and Jeannie; two nephews Courtney, and Nissan who preceded him in death. He will be greatly missed by a host of family and friends; and

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

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

13-2261

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN HONOR OF MAMIE E. FREEMAN

WHEREAS, Mamie E. Freeman, currently a resident of Homewood, Illinois, will be celebrating her 85th birthday on Wednesday, November 13, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Freeman is, undoubtedly, a phenomenally wise woman for witnessing and living eighty-five years of history, both her personal history and the history of our community, society and world; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Freeman raised seven children: Ronald, Barbara, Patricia, Delores, Kathy, La Donna and Karen, on the South Side of Chicago in the Englewood neighborhood from the time of the civil rights movement through the late 1970's. All of her children attended and graduated from the Chicago Public Schools systems; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Freeman has fourteen grandchildren and twenty great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, although family has always come first to this lovely, spirited lady, Ms. Freeman found time to serve as President and Secretary of the 70th & Lowe Block Club for many years. That is where she met Barack Obama, during his grassroots efforts to organize the residents of Englewood; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Freeman inherited her spirit for service from her late father, Reverend Johnnie L. McBride, who served as Pastor of Greater Faith Missionary Church, located in Englewood, for more than twenty years. Hewing to his example, two of Ms. Freeman's children chose public service careers; one became a Chicago Public School teacher and another became a Chicago Police officer; and

WHEREAS, today you may find Ms. Freeman relaxing in her favorite lounge chair watching "Dancing with the Stars" or yelling "BINGO" while playing and *winning* her favorite card game.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Toni Preckwinkle, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, do hereby congratulate Mamie E. Freeman on the joyous occasion of her 85th birthday, do thank her for all she continues to contribute to the betterment of Cook County residents, and do wish her many more years of excellent health, prosperity and best of luck in all her future endeavors; and may a copy of this Resolution be tendered herewith.