

CONSENT CALENDAR AGENDA

**Meeting of the Cook County Board of Commissioners
County Board Room, County Building
Tuesday, December 18, 2012, 10:00 A.M.
Issued: Tuesday, December 18, 2012**

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

CONSENT CALENDAR #1

Submitting a Proposed Resolution Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, WILLIAM M. BEAVERS, JERRY BUTLER, EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESUS G. GARCIA, ELIZABETH “LIZ” DOODY GORMAN, GREGG GOSLIN, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, EDWIN REYES, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT B. STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Commissioners

IN MEMORY OF THE VICTIMS OF THE NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT SHOOTING

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2012, eleven days before Christmas, the energy and joy which usually accompanies a typical morning at Sandy Hook Elementary School was shattered by the sound of gunfire, fear and anguish; and

WHEREAS, despite the danger to themselves, Sandy Hook Principal Dawn Hochsprung and school psychologist Mary Sherlach were killed as they ran towards the danger, hoping to stop or slow the gunman while alerting the school to impending danger; and

WHEREAS, the chaos and carnage of the gunman’s entry into the school could be heard on the school’s public address system, teachers and staff sprang into action within their classes, the auditorium and the gymnasium to protect their children or help them escape harms’ way; and

WHEREAS, with care and concern for others far greater than that for themselves, teachers Rachel Davino, Anne Marie Murphy, Lauren Rousseau and Victoria Soto were slain in their heroic attempts to protect the children of their classrooms from the hail of semiautomatic gunfire; and

WHEREAS, despite the efforts of the brave teachers and staff to protect all of the children of Sandy Hook Elementary School, twenty students would never return home from school that day--

Charlotte Bacon, six years old, who wore to school that day her new pink boots and dress meant for the holidays;

Daniel Barden, seven years old, described as always smiling, polite and thoughtful towards others;

Olivia Engel, six years old, who loved school, was a tennis and soccer player and a great big sister;

Josephine Gay, seven years old, celebrated her birthday three days before; loved setting up a lemonade stand in the summertime;

Dylan Hockley, six years old, loved garlic bread, bouncing on his trampoline and playing Wii;
Madeleine Hsu, six years old, who, along with victim Caroline Previdi, would help even younger students overcome panic attacks about riding the bus to school;

Catherine Hubbard, six years old, known for her love of animals and constant smile;

Chase Kowalski, seven years old; loved riding his bicycle and just finished his first mini-triathlon;

Jesse Lewis, six years old; a bright boy who loved playing with horses kept in a barn next to his house;

Ana Marquez-Greene, six years old; daughter of a jazz saxophonist and close to her nine year old brother who was also at school that day;

James Mattioli, six years old; loved horses, singing, spiking his hair and wearing shorts and t-shirts in any kind of weather;

Grace Audrey McDonnell, seven years old; had blue eyes and blonde hair and loved to dress up in her grandmother's jewelry;

Emilie Parker, six years old; loving and creative, and always had pencils or crayons with her to draw pictures or write a note for someone who was feeling sad;

Jack Pinto, six years old; loved the New York Giants and his favorite player, Wide Receiver Victor Cruz;

Noah Pozner, six years old; turned six in November with his twin sister Arielle, who was assigned to a different classroom; he also had an eight year old sister at Sandy Hook;

Caroline Previdi, six years old; was remembered by a playmate for loving soccer and playing hide and seek;

Jessica Rekos; six years old; a big sister to two brothers, was called a "little CEO" who planned out everything for her family and loved everything about horses;

Avielle Richman, six years old; loved riding horses and wanted an easy-bake oven for Christmas to make cookies for her mom;

Benjamin Wheeler, six years old; moved with his family to Newtown in April and was a Cub Scout from Pack 170.

Allison Wyatt, six years old, liked to garden with her mother and was always outside in the summer; and

WHEREAS, it was later discovered that Nancy Lanza, mother of the gunman, was his first victim; and

WHEREAS, the first responders who arrived on the scene encountered horror and tragedy beyond which any of them could imagine, and beyond which many of us would be able to endure; and

WHEREAS, those who came on the scene, prepared to bring a swift end to the violence, helped secure the school and guide the surviving children and staff safely to a fire house nearby; and

WHEREAS, a community of religious leaders, volunteers, local and state officials and health care workers descended upon the firehouse prepared to aid the children and comfort their parents as they sought answers to the fate of their children and those of their friends and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, elected officials, including the First Selectmen of Newtown, Pat Llodra; the Governor of Connecticut, Dannel P. Molloy; and the President of the United States, Barack Obama, are to be commended for leading Newtown, the State of Connecticut, the United States and the entire world in our time of national mourning and sadness in order to begin the healing process; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the five and half million residents of Cook County does hereby condemn the cowardly and awful attack which occurred at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut on December 14, 2012; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board honors the memory of those lost in the attack and offers its heartfelt condolences to the families, friends, and loved ones of the twenty-six victims of this tragedy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board expresses its hope that Newtown and our entire nation can heal from the tragedy at Sandy Hook; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board salutes the service and dedication of first responders, religious leaders, volunteers, neighbors and friends who were there—and are there—to support the victims' families; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the aftermath of these events the Cook County Board of Commissioners reaffirms its beliefs in the opportunity of all of God's children to be able to live and learn in our neighborhoods and our schools free from intimidation, free from fear and free from violence.

CONSENT CALENDAR #2

Submitting a Proposed Resolution Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE JOHN P. DALEY, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE, WILLIAM M. BEAVERS, JERRY BUTLER, EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESUS G. GARCIA, ELIZABETH “LIZ” DOODY GORMAN, GREGG GOSLIN, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, EDWIN REYES, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT B. STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Firefighter Walter Patmon from our midst, and

WHEREAS Walter Patmon successfully completed his training at the Chicago Fire Academy at age 43, thus fulfilling a lifelong dream to become a firefighter, and

WHEREAS Walter Patmon thus commenced a career in public safety with the Chicago Fire Department that would ultimately span 18 years of service to the people of Chicago, and

WHEREAS throughout the course of his career, Walter Patmon has worked in various units of the Chicago Fire Department, and his excellent performance was duly recognized with a variety of leadership assignments, and

WHEREAS Walter Patmon was assigned to Engine Company 121 in Chicago’s Beverly neighborhood, where he was known for his kindness and commitment to the community, and

WHEREAS Walter Patmon will be remembered by his colleagues for his willingness to lend a hand to any task, and for his outstanding cooking skills, and

WHEREAS Walter Patmon has worked tirelessly to promote greater support and respect for firefighters from the citizens of Chicago for whom they are sworn to protect and serve, and

WHEREAS, in the course of his stellar career, Walter Patmon has enjoyed the support and admiration of his family, his peers, and his fellow firefighters, and

WHEREAS after 18 years of faithfully upholding his oath to protect and serve, Walter Patmon died while working on equipment after returning to the firehouse after a routine call, and

WHEREAS Walter Patmon leaves to cherish his memory his wife Diane, his three daughters, and his many brothers on the Chicago Fire Departments, 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 Walter Patmon, 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 Walter Patmon, that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

CONSENT CALENDAR #3

Submitting a Proposed Resolution Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE JOHN P. DALEY, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE, WILLIAM M. BEAVERS, JERRY BUTLER, EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESUS G. GARCIA, ELIZABETH “LIZ” DOODY GORMAN, GREGG GOSLIN, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, EDWIN REYES, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT B. STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Captain Herb Johnson from our midst, and

WHEREAS known widely and affectionately as “Herbie”, Captain Johnson died as he lived – a true hero, after being the first firefighter to plunge into a burning building in Gage Park and save several families, including many small children, and

WHEREAS Captain Johnson’s passing is an immeasurable loss to the Fire Department and the County of Cook, for he as a true leader and role model among his fellow firefighters, known for his strength, warmth, and willingness to help others, and

WHEREAS Captain Johnson came from a proud lineage of Chicago public servants; his father worked the Department of Streets and Sanitation and both his grandfathers were Chicago Police Officers, and

WHEREAS a veteran of the Chicago Fire Department with over 30 years of service, Captain Johnson was a source of inspiration, cheer, comfort, and steady leadership to all who knew him, and

WHEREAS Captain Johnson, in addition to his firefighting duties also served as an instructor at the Fire Academy, in recent months received a well-deserved promotion, and

WHEREAS Captain Johnson in 2007 received the Illinois Firefighter Medal of Honor for bravery, the highest honor given by the state to a fireman, and

WHEREAS Captain Johnson loved children and gave generously of his time to “Bucks for Burns”, a one-week summer camp for young burn survivors ages 8 to 16, and

WHEREAS Captain Johnson leaves to cherish his memory his wife Susan, children Laurie, Michael, and Thomas, seven brothers and sisters, and his many brothers on the Chicago Fire Departments, 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 Herbie Johnson, 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 Herbie Johnson, that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

CONSENT CALENDAR #4

Submitting a Proposed Resolution Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, WILLIAM M. BEAVERS, JERRY BUTLER, EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESUS G. GARCIA, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, GREGG GOSLIN, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, EDWIN REYES, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT B. STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Commissioners

IN MEMORY OF RALPH FRESE

WHEREAS, Ralph Frese, also known as "Mr. Canoe," a staunch canoeing advocate, fourth generation blacksmith, historian, stalwart champion of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County and the environment, died December 10, 2012;

WHEREAS, as a child, Ralph worked in his father's blacksmith shop, which was not far from the Des Plaines River; and

WHEREAS, Ralph acquired a canvass kayak during his teen years, which he pulled to the Des Plaines River by his own bike and a specially crafted trailer that he constructed; and

WHEREAS, after his father's death, Ralph took over his father's shop and continued the family's practice of making superior tools; and

WHEREAS, as a Boy Scout leader in the 1950's Ralph organized his first canoe trip; and

WHEREAS, as more Boy Scout troops heard about the trip, Ralph began to manufacture more and more canoes; and

WHEREAS, Ralph eventually opened the Chicagoland Canoe Base which quickly became an institution among paddling enthusiasts; and

WHEREAS, Ralph became an expert in the construction of modern canoes and highly prized vessels for historical reenactments including 34-foot Montreals, used in the old fur trade; 26-footer Canot du Nord crafts for skimming the surface of the Great Lakes, and 20-footers for recreating "le voyage" of fur trader Louis Joliet and Father Jacques Marquette, who in 1673 made an epic journey tracing the northern part of the Mississippi River, becoming the first Europeans to view what would become the city of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, in 1973, he organized a re-enactment of the 300th anniversary of the Joliet-Marquette journey. The "voyageurs" traveled 3,000 miles in about three months, from St. Ignace, Mich., to Arkansas, and back up to Green Bay, Wis., in replica birchbark canoes built by Ralph; and

WHEREAS, wanting to give his Scouts more a challenged, Ralph created a race in 1958 on the Des Plaines River, which became the Des Plaines Canoe Marathon; and

WHEREAS, the Canoe Marathon is currently in its 56th year and is the second oldest and one of the most attended races, with around 500 canoes participating each year; and

WHEREAS, Ralph went on to found the annual *Happy Canoe Year* paddle in the Forest Preserve District of Cook County every New Years Day; and

WHEREAS, Ralph's efforts in conservation were just as notable, as he became a staunch protector of local waterways by working with local governments on their clean up; and

WHEREAS, beginning in the 1960's, and for the next 40 years, Ralph serve on the Clean Streams Committee, which was widely regarded as the first volunteer stewardship organization in Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Ralph served on the Board of Directors of the Chicago Maritime Museum, where he added more than 120 canoes and kayaks to the Museum's collection; and

WHEREAS, Ralph received the Legend of Paddling award from the American Canoe Association, the lifetime achievement award from the Mississippi River museum and was inducted into the Illinois Outdoor Hall of Fame in 2006; and

WHEREAS, the North Branch of the Chicago River was renamed the Ralph Frese River Trail; and

WHEREAS, even after death, Ralph's legacy lives on, as there are currently efforts to preserve his canoe shop by creating a mentorship program for young people; and

WHEREAS, Ralph is survived by his wife, Rita, and children Diane (David) Gritton, Chaz (Char) Clary and Valerie (George) Fetcho, as well as four grandchildren; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County who Ralph Frese touched, takes great pleasure in commemorating the life of Ralph Frese, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions he has made to the Forest Preserve District of Cook County and 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 Ralph Frese.

CONSENT CALENDAR #5

Submitting a Proposed Resolution sponsored by

JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, COUNTY COMMISSIONER, Co-Sponsored by TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, WILLIAM M. BEAVERS, JERRY BUTLER, EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESUS G. GARCIA, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, GREGG GOSLIN, EDWIN REYES, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT B. STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN, and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

A RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE ILLINOIS STAR WARRIORS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Illinois Star Warriors Program is a volunteer, non-profit organization sponsored by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Chicago South Chapter #1596, to honor and recognize the service and sacrifice of the men and women of our Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Star Warriors Program is modeled after the successful Texas Stars Project; Elks Lodge Exalted Ruler Larry Nolan presented the project to the Chicago South Chapter members who enthusiastically embraced it; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Star Warriors Program was founded on September 11, 2012 by Elks members Joanne Louridas, Chair, and Sandra Sexton, Co-Chair, as a community effort to show gratitude to our troops and veterans and instill Americanism and Patriotism in our young people; and

WHEREAS, the volunteers of the Illinois Star Warriors Program work tirelessly to collect tattered and torn U.S. flags that are ready to be retired; the blue fields and embroidered stars are carefully removed and placed on wallet-sized cards with a sentiment expressing thanks to our Troops and Veterans for serving our country; the stripes are returned to a local Boy Scout Troop for the proper ceremonial retirement; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Star Warriors Program distributes these stars of appreciation to our troops and men and women that are recognized as veterans along with a heartfelt handshake and a "thank you for your service to our country"; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Star Warriors Program maintains a website at www.illinoisstarwarriors.com to inform benefactors and the public about current services and activities; and

WHEREAS, through the steadfast, committed work of the Illinois Star Warriors Program, more than 1100 stars of appreciation have been handed out to our service men and women and veterans and one more patriotic use has been found for the red, white and blue.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize the efforts of the Illinois Star Warriors Program volunteers and honors their commitment to our veterans and Armed Forces members; and

BE IT ALSO FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to the Illinois Star Warriors Program founders and Chicago South Elks #1596 in recognition of their good works and the high esteem in which they are held by the members of the Cook County Board and that its text also be spread upon the official proceedings of this honorable body.

CONSENT CALENDAR #6

Submitting a Proposed Resolution sponsored by

Jesus G. Garcia, County Commissioner

HONORING DR. ANTONIO MARTINEZ UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM SERVICE AT DR. JORGE PRIETO FAMILY HEALTH CENTER

WHEREAS, Dr. Antonio Martinez received a Bachelor's Degree in General Studies with concentration in Psychology and Anthropology, and a Master's Degree in Community Social Psychology from the University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus, and he earned his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology and Critical Theory from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst Campus; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martinez is a Licensed Clinical Psychologist in The State of Illinois with 30 years of experience, and he has worked as a Psychotherapist and Family Therapist for the past 20 years at Dr. Jorge Prieto Family Health Center, an ambulatory clinic within the Cook County Health and Hospital System; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martinez was a Psychologist with the Institute for Survivors of Human Rights Abuses and Co-Founder of the Marjorie Kovler Center for the Treatment of Survivors of Torture, a program of Heartland Alliance for Human Needs and Human Rights, and he served as the coordinator of the Center for the first seven years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martinez provided ongoing consultation, support, training and guidance to the Family Medicine Resident Physicians and Attending Physicians at the Dr. Jorge Prieto Family Health Center in behavioral science and management of mental health disorders such as depression and anxiety; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martinez is an advocate of a systematic and development-based model for the treatment of torture survivors, an expert in Family Dynamics, and a bilingual, bicultural leader who has presented at many conferences and workshops to discuss problems that families confront such as divorce, separation, and tragedy; and

WHEREAS, during his career, Dr. Martinez has applied his years of experience and expertise to aid the immigrant community that he so dutifully served; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martinez chose to retire from the Cook County Health and Hospital System after eighteen years of dedicated service, on December 28, 2012, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martinez plans to maintain some continuity with his patients by continuing at Dr. Jorge Prieto Family Health Center by working as a voluntary Clinical Psychologist and will teach Master's Degree students psychology courses at the Adler School of Professional Psychology.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate Dr. Antonio Martinez for eighteen years of extraordinary service and commitment to the most vulnerable patients within Cook County, and thanks him for consistently advocating for the delivery of quality health care to all patients.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, this text be spread upon the proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to Dr. Antonio Martinez with our thanks and sincere wishes for good health and happiness during his retirement.

CONSENT CALENDAR #7

Submitting a Proposed Resolution sponsored by

Jesus G. Garcia, County Commissioner

**HONORING DR. JULIE LIPKIN UPON HER RETIREMENT FROM SERVICE AT
DR. JORGE PRIETO FAMILY HEALTH CENTER AND JOHN H. STROGER JR.
HOSPITAL OF COOK COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Dr. Julie Lipkin completed her medical studies in Italy and came to Cook County Hospital in July of 1983 to complete her residency training in Family Medicine; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lipkin chose to become an Attending Physician and remain at the Dr. Jorge Prieto Family Health Center and John H. Stroger Jr. Hospital of Cook County to continue serving the most medically underserved communities and patients after her residency; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lipkin firmly believes that primary care should be the center of the medical care universe, that all persons should have access to the highest quality health care services, and that outpatient-based preventive care is the most cost effective model of care; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lipkin further believes that, to address the needs of medically underserved communities, physicians need to be encouraged to complete their residency training in those very communities, as this will help them realize that they can have satisfying careers if they choose to continue serving those communities upon completion of their residency training, and they will be more likely to do so; and

WHEREAS, during her career, Dr. Lipkin has successfully taught hundreds of young physicians who are pursuing a concentration in Family Practice to understand the challenges of their patients; she has been a strong advocate for patients in need of quality medical services, without regard to their ability to pay for those services; and she has given voice to the concerns of undocumented workers within Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lipkin has additionally served as the Chair of the Ethics Committee of the Executive Medical Staff at John H. Stroger Jr. Hospital of Cook County for twelve years, to ensure that physicians uphold the values and standards of sound medical practices in the public sector; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lipkin chose to retire after twenty-nine years of dedicated service, on December 28, 2012.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate Dr. Julie Lipkin for twenty-nine years of extraordinary service and commitment to the most vulnerable patients within Cook County, and thanks her for being a strong role model to hundreds of residents and for consistently advocating for the highest ethical standards and delivery of quality health care to all patients.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, this text be spread upon the proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to Dr. Julie Lipkin with our thanks and sincere wishes for good health and happiness during her retirement.

CONSENT CALENDAR #8

Submitting a Proposed Resolution Sponsored by

JESUS G. GARCIA, Cook County Commissioner

**CONGRATULATING *NUEVO SIGLO* NEWSPAPER
ON ITS 16TH ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, in 2012, *Nuevo Siglo* Newspaper is celebrating its 16th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, *Nuevo Siglo* Newspaper was started in 1996, by veteran news reporters Leon Martinez and Ezequiel Banda Sifuentes; and

WHEREAS, *Nuevo Siglo* Newspaper's founders identified a need for a fresh perspective after thirty-five years of experience working with the Spanish-speaking community; and

WHEREAS, *Nuevo Siglo* Newspaper has published a free weekly Spanish language newspaper every Friday since October 25, 1996 with a circulation of 30,000 copies per publication; and

WHEREAS, *Nuevo Siglo* Newspaper is a community-centered publication that covers current issues related to education, the economy, social events and local politics; and

WHEREAS, *Nuevo Siglo* Newspaper celebrates the Latino culture, traditions and folklore through its reporting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate *Nuevo Siglo* Newspaper for its contributions in journalism during the past 16 years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to *Nuevo Siglo* Newspaper in honor of these significant accomplishments.

CONSENT CALENDAR #9

Submitting a Proposed Resolution sponsored by

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

HONORING JOANNE TRAPANI ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, the enticing lure of retirement is claiming Joanne E. Trapani who, for the past twenty years, has worked for Cook County's Department of Human Rights, Ethics and Women's Issues, most recently as a Senior Investigator and Training Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, among other duties, Ms. Trapani has assisted the Executive Director and Legal Counsel in all facets of the Department's activities, has trained new employees, has represented the Department in fair housing and agency meetings and has developed, coordinated and provided training to Cook County managers, supervisors and employees on issues concerning workplace ethics, diversity and all aspects of the Cook County Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Trapani assisted in the drafting of the Cook County Human Rights Ordinance and the Cook County Sexual Harassment Policy; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Trapani has been a member of the State's Attorney's Hate Crimes Prosecution Council, where she has presented programs designed to familiarize community and law enforcement organizations with newly enacted hate crime legislation; and

WHEREAS, prior to her work with Cook County, Ms. Trapani worked for twenty years in the banking and brokerage industries, developing and implementing training programs; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Trapani has been active in the LBGT Community both in New York and, more recently, in Chicago; she co-chaired the Illinois Gay and Lesbian Task Force for several terms and has served as a liaison to state and local governments and agencies; and

WHEREAS, in 1997 Ms. Trapani, as an elected Member of the Oak Park Village Board, became the first open lesbian to be elected to office in Illinois; in 2001 Ms. Trapani was elected Oak Park Village Board President; and

WHEREAS, through giving of herself so generously to Cook County's Department of Human Rights, Ethics and Women's Issues, Ms. Trapani leaves a rich legacy of leadership, dedication and professionalism.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, does hereby gratefully acknowledge Joanne E. Trapani for her outstanding contributions to Cook County's Department of Human Rights, Ethics and Women's Issues and wishes her good health, happiness and continued success in all of her future endeavors, and may a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to Joanne E. Trapani.

CONSENT CALENDAR #10

Submitting a Proposed Resolution sponsored by

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**HONORING AND CONGRATULATING LAURA BURMAN, COUNTY AUDITOR
UPON HER RETIREMENT**

WHEREAS, the enticing lure of retirement is claiming Laura Burman from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Burman has held the position of Cook County Auditor with distinction since 1998, when she became the first woman to serve in the position; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Burman graduated from Roosevelt University with Honors in 1982; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Burman passed the CPA exam in 1983 and obtained her license; and

WHEREAS, also in 1983, Ms. Burman began working as a Field Auditor for the Cook County Auditor's Office under the direction of John J. Gallagher and, over time, Ms. Burman rose through the ranks of the Cook County's Auditor's Office; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure at Cook County Ms. Burman has served as a model of hard work, integrity, and dedication; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby express its sincere gratitude to Laura Burman for her almost 30 years of outstanding public service to Cook County, and does wish her good health, happiness and continued success in all of her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to Laura Burman.

CONSENT CALENDAR #11

Submitting a Proposed Resolution sponsored by

LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Commissioner, Co-Sponsored by TONI PRECKWINCKLE, PRESIDENT, WILLIAM M. BEAVERS, JERRY BUTLER, EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESUS G. GARCIA, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, GREGG GOSLIN, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, EDWIN REYES, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT B. STEELE AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Commissioner

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF ALFRED L. JACKSON

WHEREAS, Alfred Jackson, one of the world's oldest active Eagle Scouts and longtime Evanston volunteer, passed away; and

WHEREAS, Alfred was known for his patriotism and his willingness to come to anyone's aid; and

WHEREAS, Alfred was born in Chicago, Illinois and was raised in Evanston, Illinois during the depression; and

WHEREAS, Alfred attended Evanston Township High School and thereafter Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana where he received his B.S. Degree in Chemical Engineering in 1942; and

WHEREAS, after graduation, Alfred returned to Evanston to attend night school at Northwestern University to earn another Bachelor's degree and an MBA. Upon graduation in 1957, he was ranked #1 in his class; and

WHEREAS, shortly after graduating, Alfred enlisted in the United States Army as part of 87th Infantry Division (Golden Acorn) as a Lieutenant in Field Artillery in Germany during the war; and

WHEREAS, after the war, Alfred assisted in the rebuilding and stabilization of Germany, working in the town of Plauen in what was then East Germany; and

WHEREAS, Alfred met the late Evelyn Jackson in Germany and married her in 1947; and

WHEREAS, after the war, Alfred returned to Evanston, where he became a successful small business owner of a chemical warehouse and was elected as President of the American Warehousemen's Association; and

WHEREAS, in his free time, Alfred was intimately involved with the Evanston Fourth of July Association years where he served in leadership positions for over thirty years, holding such titles as President, Celebration Manager, and Trustee; and

WHEREAS, Alfred hosted a Fourth of July gathering at his home in Evanston for many years, where he proudly displayed a 25 by 50 foot long American flag strung out from the third floor of the house to a tree by the street; and

WHEREAS, Alfred became an Eagle Scout in 1933 and stayed connected with Scouting for over 75 years; and

WHEREAS, Alfred mentored young men in the Boy Scouts and for his efforts was awarded the Silver Beaver, District Award of Merit, Scouters Key, Scouters Training Award, Order of Arrow, James E. West Fellowship Award; and Arrowhead Honor; and

WHEREAS, Alfred proudly served as a Precinct Captain and was an enthusiastic and proud member of the Republican Party; and

WHEREAS, during his life, Alfred donated blood every two months for over 60 years, an estimated 360 times; and

WHEREAS, Alfred loved singing, dancing, playing bridge, music and theatre; and

WHEREAS, Alfred will be greatly missed many people, especially his family, friends, and community. He is survived his five children; Dorothy (Winslow), Walter (Myra), Robert (Betty), David (Margie) and Richard (Cheryl); 12 grandchildren; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County takes great pleasure in commemorating the life of Alfred Jackson, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions he has made to the Evanston community of 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 Alfred Jackson.
