

**12-R-31  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT AND JERRY BUTLER,  
JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESUS G. GARCIA, DEBORAH SIMS,  
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PETER N. SILVESTRI, ROBERT B. STEELE AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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**THE HONORABLE WILLIAM M. BEAVERS, EARLEAN COLLINS,  
ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN AND GREGG GOSLIN, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW  
ON THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS**

**WHEREAS**, Cook County strives to implement procedures and mandate provisions to account for the public safety of all of its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County should take steps to continue to evaluate the criminal justice system to ensure the public safety of all its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County offices should undertake efforts to study the criminal justice system and implement policies and programs that increase public safety; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County should provide and enhance pre-trial services in an effort to reduce the risk of flight, promote successful reintegration into communities, and ensure fair and equitable access to justice; and

**WHEREAS**, in the interest of justice and public safety, Cook County should explore ways to support enhanced pre-trial services at Central Bond Court which could assist the judicial branch in its decision making process as it relates to making better informed release or detention decisions; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle has requested the Cook County Judicial Advisory Council (Council) to conduct a comprehensive study on the issuance of bonds over the next six months; and

**WHEREAS**, per the Council's role, this six-month study undertaken by the Council will result in a factual report that will include recommendations for the administration of justice; and

**WHEREAS**, through the efforts agreed to be undertaken by the Judicial Advisory Council, which is chaired by Illinois Supreme Court Justice Anne M. Burke and includes Judge William Hooks, Judge Michael Stuttley (ret.), Attorney Victor P. Henderson and Attorney Virginia Martinez, the Council will consult with the key public safety stakeholders and make recommendations as to how pre-trial services may be enhanced to carry out our shared goals of public safety.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle and the Cook County Board of Commissioners note their support of this initiative undertaken by the Judicial Advisory Council to conduct a comprehensive study on the issuance of bonds over the next six (6) months at the request of the President; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all relevant County Offices and Agencies, including but not limited to, the Office of the Cook County State's Attorney, the Office of the Cook County Sheriff, the Office of the Chief Judge, the Judicial Advisory Council and the Office of the Public Defender are encouraged to share information and collaborate in the comprehensive review undertaken by the Judicial Advisory Council; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, upon conclusion of its review, the Judicial Advisory Council shall communicate the results of its study and any recommendations to the President, the Board of Commissioners and the public safety stakeholders.

Approved and adopted this 18th day of January 2012.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

**12-R-32  
RESOLUTION**

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**THE HONORABLE JOHN P. DALEY, ELIZABETH “LIZ” DOODY GORMAN  
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AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**CONGRATULATING THE SAINT XAVIER UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL TEAM  
ON WINNING THEIR FIRST NAIA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

**WHEREAS**, Saint Xavier University, located in both Chicago and Orland Park, Illinois, has developed into a national football powerhouse; and

**WHEREAS**, the Saint Xavier Cougars, using a high-powered spread offense, dominated the competition throughout the 2011 regular season and post-season; and

**WHEREAS**, Saint Xavier’s Head Football Coach Mike Feminis led the team to its first ever NAIA National Championship game on Dec. 17, 2011 against Carroll College; and

**WHEREAS**, with a combined offensive and defensive effort, the Cougars pulled off a stunning 24-20 victory over Carroll College at Barron Stadium in Rome, Georgia; and

**WHEREAS**, Saint Xavier executed the “The Syracuse Pump” to perfection where Quarterback Jimmy Coy pump-faked and threw a pass to Wide Receiver Shane Zackary who made an acrobatic 31-yard catch; and

**WHEREAS**, Running Back K. J. Franklin punched in the go ahead score on a 4-yard touchdown run in the third quarter; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cougars made a goal line stand with a huge play from freshman Cornerback Mark Williams who knocked down a pass to seal the win against Carroll College; and

**WHEREAS**, this is the first time a college football team from the city of Chicago has won a national championship since the University of Chicago shared a national title with Harvard University in 1913; and

**WHEREAS**, Saint Xavier has had several playoff appearances including three semi-final appearances, and Coach Feminis has a career record of 116-41 with the Cougars.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and Board of Commissioners of Cook County congratulate the Saint Xavier University Cougars on earning their first ever NAIA National Championship; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Cougars continue to build on their success and bring more championships home to Chicago and Cook County.

Approved and adopted this 18th day of January 2012.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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LARRY SUFFREDIN AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
HONORING BENNIE MARTIN, EXECUTIVE COOK COUNTY LAW LIBRARIAN**

**WHEREAS**, Bennie Martin has served as the Executive Cook County Law Librarian since 1986; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Martin began working in the Law Library in 1967 as a Clerk, one year after the library's inception; and

**WHEREAS**, having grown up in Chicago for most of his childhood, Mr. Martin received his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago and his Juris Doctor degree from Northwestern University Law School; and

**WHEREAS**, upon obtaining his law degree, Bennie Martin returned to the Cook County Law Library and opened the first branch library at the Criminal Court Building; and

**WHEREAS**, the Law Library's staff and Mr. Martin have a profound commitment to sharing legal knowledge and research with every patron who visits the libraries; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Martin and the Law Library's staff have tirelessly supported and provided access to legal information to residents of Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Martin has supported and nurtured the careers of professional law librarians for more than 40 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Martin has steered the Cook County Law Library through technological innovation, thereby expanding access to library resources; and

**WHEREAS**, under Mr. Martin, the Cook County Law Library has become a pillar of the legal and law library communities, known for its expansive resources and exceptional staff and services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor Bennie Martin for his service as a Cook County Executive Law Librarian and for his unwavering commitment to public service.

Approved and adopted this 18th day of January 2012.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

**12-R-34  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT AND DEBORAH SIMS,  
LARRY SUFFREDIN, WILLIAM M. BEAVERS, JERRY BUTLER, EARLEAN COLLINS,  
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AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**CONGRATULATING FREDDA BERMAN ON HER RETIREMENT**

**WHEREAS**, Fredda Berman retired from the Cook County Clerk’s Office on December 31, 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, Fredda Berman was appointed Director of Real Estate and Tax Services for the Cook County Clerk’s office in 1991; and

**WHEREAS**, as Director of Real Estate and Tax Services, Fredda Berman was responsible for the redemption process for taxpayers whose taxes have been sold, maintaining the county’s property tax maps, and calculating the tax rates for more than 1,500 taxing districts in Chicago and suburban Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, as Director of Real Estate and Tax Services, Fredda Berman oversaw countless improvements and efficiency efforts, including an automated customer service system, a customer service call center, a redesigned office space, and revamped judgment and warrant books; and

**WHEREAS**, Fredda Berman spearheaded the effort to bring 30 years of delinquent real estate tax records into one central database and add notification on tax bills; and

**WHEREAS**, Fredda Berman oversaw development of an award-winning cashiering system that integrates a general ledger system with tax bill generating capabilities, a customer service log and an imaging system; and

**WHEREAS**, Fredda Berman automated all tax bills issued by the Clerk’s office from the annual sale, scavenger sale, forfeiture sale and open items; and

**WHEREAS**, Fredda Berman served as the Clerk’s representative for the county’s GIS initiative; and

**WHEREAS**, Fredda Berman implemented the Property Tax Extension Limitation (Tax Cap) Law for Cook County property owners; and

**WHEREAS**, Fredda Berman worked to improve online tax information at cookcountyclerk.com, including a searchable tax increment financing (TIF) address tool; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to joining the Clerk’s Tax Division, Fredda Berman previously served as Director of Governmental Affairs and Counsel for Senior Lifestyle Corporation, a U.S. Department of Labor attorney and an aide to then-Alderman David Orr; and

**WHEREAS**, Fredda Berman earned a Juris Doctorate from the Georgetown University Law Center and a bachelor's from the University of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County Clerk David Orr, the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the residents of Cook County owe a debt of gratitude to Fredda Berman, whose dedication to her job is matched only by her devotion to the residents of Cook County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioner of Cook County does hereby offer Fredda Berman congratulations on her retirement and thanks for her many years of public service; 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 Fredda Berman.

Approved and adopted this 18th day of January 2012.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

**12-R-35  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT AND DEBORAH SIMS,  
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LARRY SUFFREDIN AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING OF DIANE JANOSEK’S RETIREMENT**

**WHEREAS**, Diane Janosek was born on the South Side of Chicago and attended Lourdes High School; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Janosek received her Associates Degree in Accounting from MacCormac Junior College and also attended DePaul University; and

**WHEREAS**, Diane commenced her employment with Cook County in 1976 with the Cook County Clerk’s Office as a summer clerk while she attended college; and

**WHEREAS**, Diane worked in the private sector before returning to the Clerk’s Office where she worked through 1991; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1991 Ms. Janosek began her tenure with the Cook County Department of Budget and Management Services as a Budget Analyst; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Janosek was promoted to positions with progressively more responsibilities, including Deputy Budget Director; and

**WHEREAS**, in her work managing the County’s grants and reviewing the Board agenda, Ms. Janosek has been vigilant about ensuring that they are right and comply with County’s rules and procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Janosek was critical in putting together the application for the “Distinguished Budget Award,” an award which the Budget Department has received from the GFOA; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Janosek played a key role during the budget amendment process to ensure amendments were correct and balanced; and

**WHEREAS**, during her 30-plus years of service to Cook County, Ms. Janosek has earned a reputation of being hard working, straight forward and committed to her job.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and Board of Commissioners of Cook County do hereby extend their appreciation to Diane Janosek for her over three decades of service to Cook County and its residents, and wish her a happy and healthy retirement, and the best of luck in all her future endeavors.

**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 Diane Janosek.

Approved and adopted this 18th day of January 2012.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

**12-R-36  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT  
AND DEBORAH SIMS, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**Co-Sponsored by**

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BRIDGET GAINER, ELIZABETH “LIZ” DOODY GORMAN, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY,  
EDWIN REYES, PETER N. SILVESTRI, ROBERT B. STEELE AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His Infinite wisdom has called McGlother “Mac” Irvin, Jr., from our midst; and

**WHEREAS**, Mac as he affectionately was called was born May 19, 1937 to McGlother Irvin, Sr. and Eva Terrell; and

**WHEREAS**, he accepted Christ at an early age as his lord and savior and was baptized at West Point Baptist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, Mac starred on the basketball team at Tilden High School and upon graduation attended St. Augustine College in Raleigh, North Carolina where he also played basketball; and

**WHEREAS**, before graduating from St. Augustine with a degree in Elementary Education he met and fell in love with Louise Gillespie during a visit to Maywood, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1965 the couple married and to this union six children were born, five boys; Byron, Lance, McGlother III, Michael and Nicholas and one girl; Cynthia; and

**WHEREAS**, Mac’s knowledge of life, outgoing personality and voraciousness for conversation also made him a good surrogate father to others in his community; and

**WHEREAS**, during his first job with the City of Chicago as a coordinator with the Neighborhood Youth Corp that Mac found the passion for his life’s work of helping young people. And having served on many corporate boards, he was able to aide people of all ages in their search for employment; and

**WHEREAS**, Mac began coaching basketball at the South Central YMCA Bidy Leagues. He also coached baseball in the Jackie Robinson West Little League for a number of years and was present when the 1983 team led by son McGlother, Jr., made it all the way to Williamsport, Pennsylvania to compete in the Little League World Series; and

**WHEREAS**, after working for Xerox over 20 years, he retired as a manager in 1992 and became a consultant with Adidas. With retirement offering him more free time, Mac started what was to become the foundation of a successful club basketball program with the creation of Team Chicago, a team that featured future NBA All –Star Antoine Walker and was led by Mac’s son Michael; and

**WHEREAS**, during this time the Mac earned his nickname, the “Godfather” of Chicago basketball for his ability to assist player in gaining athletic scholarships to schools around the country; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mac Irvin Fire is now one of the biggest and most successful club basketball programs in the nation and currently features 15 teams with over 200 players ; and

**WHEREAS**, a creative thinker and innovator, Mac Irvin has often been credited with creating summer league basketball thus changing the recruiting landscape forever. Always the caretaker, the Mac and Louise Irvin Foundation was created to support at-risk youths.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Cook County Board Toni Preckwinkle, and the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, do hereby offer our deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family of McGlother “Mac” Irvin Jr.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to the family of McGlother “Mac” Irvin Jr. and a copy be spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body.

Approved and adopted this 18th day of January 2012.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

**12-R-37  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT  
AND JOHN A. FRITCHEY, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

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LARRY SUFFREDIN AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING GERALD (JERRY) J. ROPER FOR HIS LONGSTANDING COMMITMENT  
TO CIVIC SERVICE AND TO THE PEOPLE AND BUSINESSES OF COOK COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, in 1984, Mr. Gerald (Jerry) J. Roper, was hired by the Chicago Convention and Visitors Bureau to help promote McCormick Place, and as a result of his hard work and dedication was shortly thereafter promoted to Executive Vice-President and Managing Director of the Chicago Convention and Visitors Bureau; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1986, he became a founding member of Chicago Gateway Green Committee, an organization whose mission is to green and beautify Chicago's expressways, gateways and neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, under his leadership, Chicago Gateway Green has planted 57,000 shrubs, 53,000 perennials, 2,050 trees and removed over one million pounds of refuse from Chicago's expressways; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 5, 1993, Roper became President and CEO of the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce; and

**WHEREAS**, under Jerry Roper's leadership the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce was recently awarded a 5-star accreditation - the highest possible - by the United States Chamber of Commerce for its sound policies, effective organizational procedures, and positive impact on the region's business climate; and

**WHEREAS**, he has been an advocate for the entrepreneurial community in Illinois, as demonstrated by his leadership in the formation of the Chicagoland Entrepreneurial Center, an affiliate of the Chamber; the Innovative Bridge Program which connects emerging companies to established firms to their mutual benefit; and the Illinois Innovation Accelerator (I2A) Fund to bolster access to venture capital; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to his Chamber of Commerce duties, he also serves his community as a member of numerous boards, which include: Chicago Gateway Green, Chicago Sister Cities International, American Chamber of Commerce Executives, WorldChicago, Chicago Convention and Tourism Bureau and Executive Committeeman on the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations, along with serving as Chairman of the President's Advisory Council for Harold Washington College; and

**WHEREAS**, Jerry Roper gives much of his time to promote Chicago and Illinois so as to ensure it is the best place to do business in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, he has been recognized for his leadership in Illinois by receiving over a dozen awards for his service to many organizations, convention and tourism industries, as well as the business community as a whole; and

**WHEREAS**, his contributions to the Chicagoland area will be recognized on January 25, 2012 at a dedication reception for the Kennedy/Edens Junction, to be named "Gerald J. Roper Gateway"; and

**WHEREAS**, today, Cook County, the State of Illinois and the City of Chicago have the opportunity to celebrate Chicago as a global leader in business and sustainability, as well as a beautiful place to visit, and recognize the contributions of one person who has led the effort to make this possible.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Mr. Gerald J. Roper be commended for his longstanding commitment to civic service and unwavering dedication to the people and businesses of Chicago and Cook County; 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 Mr. Gerald J. Roper.

Approved and adopted this 18th day of January 2012.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

**12-R-38  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE JOHN P. DALEY, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,  
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PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT B. STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN  
AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**WHEREAS**, it has come to the attention of the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Ms. Mona Nasser Hershey will soon celebrate her 100th Birthday; and

**WHEREAS**, Mona Nasser was born Birmingham, Alabama on January 21, 1912, and was the first daughter of Elias and Angel Nasser; and

**WHEREAS**, Mona Nasser married Mitchell Hershey December 30, 1937 in Valparaiso, Indiana; and

**WHEREAS**, Mona Nasser Hershey and her husband operated a butcher shop at 36th and Wallace, and later worked at an upscale men's apparel shop in downtown Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, Mona Nasser Hershey once appeared on the popular national television show, "Queen for a Day"; and

**WHEREAS**, Mona Nasser Hershey and her husband Mitchell adopted twin girls, and today Mona is the proud grandmother of 5, and great-grandmother of 2 with a third great-grandchild due in March; and

**WHEREAS**, Mona Nasser Hershey still resides in Chicago's Bridgeport community, and spends her time visiting with friends, and keeping up with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS**, Mona Nasser Hershey has witnessed monumental events over the course of her lifetime such as: World War I, Russian Revolution, 1917, First Commercial Radio Station, 1920, Era of Depression, 1929-1939, Spanish Civil War, 1936-1939, World War II, 1939-1945, Korean War, 1950-1953, Russian Sputnik, 1957, President Kennedy Assassination, November 1963, First Moon Landing July 20, 1969, Vietnam War, 1965-1973, the dawn of the computer age, and the new Millennium; and

**WHEREAS**, Mona Nasser Hershey will celebrate her 100th Birthday with an Honorary Reception featuring Commissioner John P. Daley and Alderman James Balcer at the 9th District Senior Advisory Council Meeting in Bridgeport on January 17, 2012.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby extend its warmest wishes and congratulations to Mona Nasser Hershey on the occasion of her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday, and join all who have had the pleasure of her friendship in wishing her still more years of good health and richly deserved happiness; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and an official copy of same be presented to Mona Nasser Hersheyway to commemorate this joyous occasion.

Approved and adopted this 18th day of January 2012.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

**12-R-39  
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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 Dr. James Bowman from our midst; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. James Bowman was the beloved husband of Barbara (nee Taylor); and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. James Bowman was the devoted father of Valerie Jarrett; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. James Bowman was an internationally known specialist in inherited blood diseases, and was the first tenured African-American professor in the Biological Sciences Division at the University of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. James Bowman graduated from the School of Medicine at Howard University and completed an internship at Provident Hospital of Cook County, and a residency at St. Luke's (now part of Rush University); and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. James Bowman lived and worked in Iran for a period of time, where he helped establish Nemazee Hospital and served as its Chairman of Pathology; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. James Bowman was a senior scholar at the MacLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. James Bowman was known and respected for his pioneering work in the field of medical ethics, with an emphasis on policy issues raised by mandatory screening and advances in human genetics; and

**WHEREAS**, all who knew him will attest that Dr. James Bowman 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 Dr. James Bowman, 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 Dr. James Bowman, that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

Approved and adopted this 18th day of January 2012.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

**12-R-40  
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AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Robert Alan Pritzker from our midst; and

**WHEREAS**, Robert Alan Pritzker was the beloved husband of Mayari; and

**WHEREAS**, Robert Alan Pritzker was the devoted father of James, Linda, Karen, Matthew and Liesel Pritzker; and

**WHEREAS**, Robert Alan Pritzker was a successful businessman and entrepreneur, having founded the Marmon Group in 1964, which went on to become one of the most successful conglomerations of business enterprises in the world; and

**WHEREAS**, Robert Alan Pritzker was born in Chicago in 1926, the son of Ukrainian immigrants who came to America seeking better opportunities for their family; and

**WHEREAS**, Robert Alan Pritzker was one of the greatest philanthropists in the history of Chicago, and his legacy of charitable giving and capital campaigns will live on in the many worthwhile causes and institutions who were his beneficiaries; and

**WHEREAS**, Robert Alan Pritzker issues a \$60 million challenge gift to the Illinois Institute of Technology, sparking a significant re-vitalization of the school he attended as a young man, which thrives to this day thanks in large part to his gift; and

**WHEREAS**, Robert Alan Pritzker generously gave of his time as well, serving on numerous civic and cultural boards, including the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Rush University Medical Center, Lincoln Park Zoological Society, American Enterprise Institute, Chicago Jazz Ensemble, MPN Research Foundation, National Academy of Engineering, Junior Achievement International, and the Field Museum, where he once served as Chairman; and

**WHEREAS**, all who knew him will attest that Robert Alan Pritzker was a kind and compassionate man, virtuous of character and gentle in spirit, admired and respected by his many friends, colleagues, 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 Robert Alan Pritzker, 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 Robert Alan Pritzker, that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

Approved and adopted this 18th day of January 2012.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

**12-R-41  
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 Diane Dispensa from our midst; and

**WHEREAS**, Diane Dispensa (nee Depeder) was the beloved wife of the late Mario Dispensa, and former wife of Frank S. Kotarac; and

**WHEREAS**, Diane Dispensa was the loving mother of Laura (Tom) Howard, James V. Dispensa, and Thomas (Regan Lachapelle) Kotarac; and

**WHEREAS**, Diane Dispensa was the former mother in law of Michelle Michael; and

**WHEREAS**, Diane Dispensa was the beloved daughter of the late Edward and Mary Depeder; and

**WHEREAS**, Diane Dispensa was the fond grandmother "Dida" of Tyler, Mario and Morgan Mary Howard, Owen and Faris Dispensa; and

**WHEREAS**, Diane Dispensa was the dear sister of the late Marie (James) Crosby; and

**WHEREAS**, Diane Dispensa was the dear sister in law of Salvatore Dispensa, and Marie Joyce (Rally) Sherry; and

**WHEREAS**, Diane Dispensa was the favorite aunt of Jimm, Kathy and Donna, Lisa, Tommy, and Tony; and

**WHEREAS**, all who knew her will attest that Diane Dispensa 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 Diane Dispensa, 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 Diane Dispensa, that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

Approved and adopted this 18th day of January 2012.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

**12-R-42  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

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AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Edward P. Shilney from our midst; and

**WHEREAS**, Edward P. Shilney was affectionately known as "Buddy" to his family and many friends; and

**WHEREAS**, Edward P. "Buddy" Shilney was the dearly beloved husband of Ann Shilney; and

**WHEREAS**, Edward P. "Buddy" Shilney was the devoted father of Jessica (Brian) Sullivan, Eric (Megan) Shilney, Missy (Dennis) Berg and Corrine (Ron) Vasquez; and

**WHEREAS**, Edward P. "Buddy" Shilney was the loving grandfather of Joshua, Jack, Grace, Kaitlyn, Mollie and Sadianne; and

**WHEREAS**, Edward P. "Buddy" Shilney was the cherished son of the late John and the late Myrtle Shilney; and

**WHEREAS**, Edward P. "Buddy" Shilney was the dear brother of Jack (the late Peggy), Mike (Marsha), Larry and the late Barbara (Daniel) Hlivyak and the late Thomas; and

**WHEREAS**, all who knew him will attest that Edward P. "Buddy" Shilney 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 Edward P. "Buddy" Shilney, 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 Edward P. “Buddy” Shilney, that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

Approved and adopted this 18th day of January 2012.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

**12-R-43  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

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AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called The Honorable Edward Derwinski from our midst; and

**WHEREAS**, Edward Derwinski was the beloved husband of Bonnie Derwinski; and the former husband of Patricia Derwinski; and

**WHEREAS**, Edward Derwinski was the devoted father of Michael Derwinski and Maureen Quattrocki, and loving stepfather of Maggie Hickey and Kevin Hickey; and

**WHEREAS**, Edward Derwinski served the people of Illinois as their elected representative in Congress for 24 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Edward Derwinski was the nation’s first appointed Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, Edward Derwinski grew up in Chicago’s Roseland community and attended Mount Carmel High School, and Loyola University; and

**WHEREAS**, Edward Derwinski served his country with honor overseas during the Second World War; and

**WHEREAS**, Edward Derwinski began his career in elected office as a member of the Illinois General Assembly in 1957; and

**WHEREAS**, Edward Derwinski was a leader during his time in Congress, and was particularly active in promoting trade and international relations with Poland; and

**WHEREAS**, all who knew him will attest that Edward Derwinski 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 Edward Derwinski, 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 The Honorable Edward Derwinski, that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

Approved and adopted this 18th day of January 2012.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

**12-R-44  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE**

**PRESIDENT OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS**

**WHEREAS**, a vacancy exists in the Office of Superintendent of Highways, Cook County, Illinois due to the resignation of the incumbent County Superintendent of Highways, Mr. Rupert F. Graham, P.E., which occurred on August 1, 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board by Resolution dated December 14, 2011 certified the name of one (1) candidate to the Department of Transportation to take the examination for the Office of County Superintendent of Highways; and

**WHEREAS**, Ann L. Schneider, Secretary, the Illinois Department of Transportation, certified to the County Clerk of Cook County, that John Yonan, P.E., made a satisfactory grade and is eligible for appointment to said office.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Cook County Board that John Yonan, P.E., be, and is hereby appointed, County Superintendent of Highways for Cook County for a term of six (6) years effective January 18, 2012; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Clerk is hereby directed to transmit two (2) certified copies of this Resolution to the Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Highways, through its District Engineer's Office at Schaumburg, Illinois.

Approved and adopted this 18th day of January 2012.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

**12-R-45  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE**

**PRESIDENT OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY AS NATIONAL SPAY AND NEUTER MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, pet overpopulation results in an estimated 6-8 million animals entering shelters nationwide each year; and

**WHEREAS**, tragically, only half of these animals find adoptive homes resulting in the euthanasia of 3-4 million animals per year across the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, spay/neuter is the only permanent, 100 percent effective method of birth control for dogs and cats; and

**WHEREAS**, the spay/neuter procedure prevents various forms of cancer and bacterial infections thus adding to the quantity and quality of the dog or cat's life; and

**WHEREAS**, during the month of February, the Cook County Department of Animal and Rabies Control conducts a spay/neuter rebate program that allows any citizen of Cook County with a valid rabies vaccine to have their pet spayed/neutered at the veterinarian of their choice; and

**WHEREAS**, 4,075 animals were spayed/neutered in the month of February 2011 in Cook County saving the citizens of Cook County \$162,020.00 through the Cook County Animal and Rabies Control Rebate Program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the month of February is recognized as Spay/Neuter Month in Cook County; and all residents and employees of Cook County are urged to have their pets spayed or neutered to help stop pet overpopulation.

Approved and adopted this 18th day of January 2012.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk