

RESOLUTION

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STEELE, AND LARRY SUFFREDIN, COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, Kenneth Smith Yox Harrelson was born on September 4, 1941 in Woodruff, South Carolina, and nicknamed "The Hawk" due to his distinctive profile; and

WHEREAS, Hawk Harrelson, had a distinguished career in professional baseball playing for the Kansas City Athletics, the Washington Senators, the Boston Red Sox and the Cleveland Indians; amassing a career batting average of .239, 131 home runs, and 421 RBI's having had his finest season in 1968, leading the American League in RBI's with 109 and was a member of the American League All-Star team; and

WHEREAS, Hawk Harrelson is currently in his 25th year in the White Sox broadcast booth where he has called nearly 4,000 games; and

WHEREAS, Hawk Harrelson has earned accomplishments and accolades that include five *Emmy Awards*, two *Illinois Sportscaster of the Year* awards, a finalist nomination for Major League Baseball's prestigious *Ford Frick Award* and the *2007 Lifetime Achievement Award* at the annual Comcast SportsNet Awards dinner; and

WHEREAS, Hawk Harrelson has created some of the best loved and remembered lines while calling the game, naming just a few: "Sit Back, Relax and Strap It Down" at the beginning of each game; "He gone" when the opposing player strikes out; "Cinch It Up and Hunker Down" when a Sox Player has a tough count on him; "Put in on the Board . . . Yes!!!" when a Sox Player hits a home run; and "This Game is 'Ovah'" at the conclusion of the game, as well as always referring to the White Sox as "The Good Guys"; and

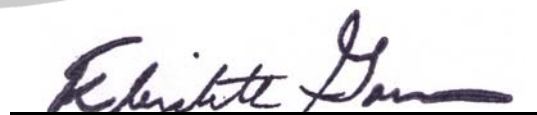
WHEREAS, Hawk Harrelson has been involved in the game of baseball for over 50 years and still exhibits the enthusiasm and love of the game that a child of 7 might have putting on his first little league uniform; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, President Todd H. Stroger, Cook County Commissioner Elizabeth "Liz" Doody Gorman and the entire Board of County Commissioner of Cook County, do hereby congratulate "Hawk" Harrelson on serving in the White Sox Broadcast Booth for 25 years with the sincere hope that Hawk won't "Grab Some Bench" for another 25 years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the text of this resolution be spread across the journal of proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy be presented to Hawk Harrelson.



Todd H. Stroger, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners



Elizabeth "Liz" Doody Gorman
Commissioner - 17th District