

Agenda Item # 1

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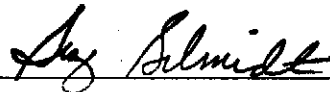
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COUNTY BOARD, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ADJOURNED REGULAR SEPTEMBER A.D., 2005 SESSION
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, A.D., 2005

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD:

As Chairman of the County Board, I present herewith a Resolution recognizing Yolanda Jackson as the recipient of the Governor's Workforce Conference Individual Achievement Award for Lake County; and request its adoption.

Respectfully submitted,



SUZI SCHMIDT
COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Yolanda Jackson is this year's recipient of the Governor's Workforce Conference Individual Achievement Award for Lake County, Illinois, and

WHEREAS, in 1998, Yolanda Jackson was living in Chicago, and she and her 3 children were about to become homeless. Two days before her family lost their apartment, she received a letter from the *Waukegan Housing Authority* offering her housing in Lake County, and she moved north to Waukegan; and

WHEREAS, Yolanda Jackson immediately became involved with *Catholic Charities'* Self Sufficiency program, and she soon found work as a School Bus Driver with First Student. While she enjoyed the job, she said she never saw the job as a long-term goal, and she enrolled in classes at Columbia College of Missouri and began working toward a Bachelor's degree during the evenings.

WHEREAS, in 2004 a back injury made it impossible for her to continue driving a bus, and around the same time, she saw a poster announcing a 3 day, Customer Service Seminar at the *Job Center of Lake County*, which Ms. Jackson saw as an opportunity to transition careers; and

WHEREAS, *Lake County Workforce Development* created the Customer Service seminar in response to a need from a local employer, LTD Commodities. During the 3-day seminar, all participants practiced basic computer and typing skills and worked on appearance, posture and attitude. They received assistance with resumes and learned how to prepare for an interview. On the final date, a Human Resource Representative from LTD Commodities interviewed each of the job seekers, and Yolanda Jackson was offered a job.

WHEREAS, Yolanda Jackson started working as a Merchandise Assistant at LTD in May 2005, and in June 2005, she received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. Along with her youngest child graduating from Junior High School and her oldest child graduating from High School, after 6 years, Yolanda graduated from *Catholic Charities'* Self Sufficiency program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by this County Board of Lake County, Illinois, that we do offer and extend our heartfelt congratulations to Yolanda Jackson for receiving the Governor's Workforce Conference Individual Achievement Award for Lake County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we extend our best wishes to Yolanda Jackson in her future endeavors.

DATED, at Waukegan, Lake County, Illinois, on this 13th day of December, A.D., 2005.