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Congratulations extended to John McCarter Jr.

Committee(s) Assignment:

## **RESOLUTION SALUTING JOHN MCCARTER, JR.**

WHEREAS, John McCarter, Jr., an outstanding citizen and exemplary civic leader, is retiring as chief executive officer and president of the Stanley Field Museum after sixteen years of noteworthy service; and

WHEREAS, John McCarter graduated from Princeton, went to the London School of Economics and obtained an M.B.A. from Harvard University; and

WHEREAS, John McCarter, formerly President of DeKalb Corporation and DeKalb-Pfizer Genetics, also served as a consultant for other companies involved in agriculture, pharmaceuticals, and nutrition; and

WHEREAS, John McCarter served as Budget Director for the State of Illinois and was a White House fellow during Lyndon Johnson's administration. As Senior Vice President at Booz Allen & Hamilton Inc., he served on the board of directors for many corporations and institutions, such as industrial supply company W.W. Grainger, the Smithsonian Institution and Argonne National Laboratory and currently serves as trustee at the University of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, John McCarter, known as a leading advocate of teaching modern evolutionary theory to students, is responsible for bringing in millions of dollars worth of dinosaur skeletons to the field museum, including "Sue," the most complete *Tyrannosaurus rex* fossil ever found as well as facilitating such major exhibits as the treasures of King Tutankhamun's tomb and former First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy's wardrobe thereby bringing in millions of tourism dollar to this city throughout his watch; and

WHEREAS, At the Field Museum, John McCarter oversaw the expansion of the physical structure as well as the scope of research that engages more than 200 scientists who researched subjects like the protection of tropical environments and molecular evolution; and

WHEREAS, Thanks to his Herculean fundraising prowess, John McCarter leaves the Field Museum with a significantly larger endowment than existed before he arrived; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Robert W. Fioretti, Alderman of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward, has apprised this august body of the noteworthy contributions and the significant milestone of John McCarter; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED That we, the Mayor and members of City of Chicago City Council gathered together this 12<sup>th</sup> Day of September, 2012 AD, do hereby express our deepest gratitude to John McCarter, Jr. for his enormous civic contributions and salute him for his years of service to the Field Museum and the scientific community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to John McCarter, Jr.

Alderman