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Resolution

Congratulations extended to Illinois General Assembly on passing Senate Bill 2694

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WHEREAS, On January 28, 2014, Illinois State Senator Michael Hastings introduced Senate Bill 2694, that prohibits knowingly placing, posting or reproducing sexually explicit photos, videos or other digital images of a person on the Internet without the knowledge and consent of the person ("posting of private material for pornographic purposes"); and

WHEREAS, Senator Hastings' bill, if enacted, would make the posting of private material for pornographic purposes a Class 4 felony, punishable by up to 3 years in prison and a fine of up to \$25,000; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 2694 also prohibits any person engaged in the placing, posting, publishing, reproducing, or maintaining of an Internet site to solicit or accept the payment of a fee or other consideration for removal of a person's private material or identifying information, which has been placed, posted, published, reproduced, or maintained on an Internet site without the knowledge and consent of that person; and

WHEREAS, On February 19, 2014, the Illinois Senate Committee on Criminal Law recommended the State Senate to pass Senate Bill 2694, which now is pending before the Senate floor; and

WHEREAS, The bill prohibits Internet-bullying of people by their former spouses, boyfriends, girlfriends and lovers who threaten to post private sexually explicit images taken or recorded during the relationship on the Internet after a divorce or separation; and

WHEREAS, The bill also protects the private lives and businesses of people whose reputation would otherwise be tarnished by vengeful former spouses, boyfriends, girlfriends or lovers; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this fifth day of March, 2014, do hereby urge the Illinois General Assembly on pass Senate Bill 2694; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be delivered to the Governor of the State of Illinois, the President of the Illinois Senate, the Minority Leader of the Illinois Senate, the Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives, and the Minority Leader of the Illinois House of Representatives.

Alderman Willie Cochran, 20th Ward