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<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, The members of this chamber wish to honor Alvin N. Solomon, who retired June 1st after 47 years of service with the Chicago Public Schools at Lyman A. Budlong School; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Solomon was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois and is a product of the Chicago Public Schools, attending Kilmer Elementary and later Sullivan High School, graduating from Sullivan in 1959; and

**WHEREAS**, After graduating from the Chicago Teachers College Crane and receiving his master's degree from Loyola University, Mr. Solomon began teaching 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1965 Mr. Solomon began teaching in the Chicago Public School system at Lyman A. Budlong school where he served as a teacher, and later a counselor, and finally worked his way up to the role of principal in 1993; and

**WHEREAS**, After 47 years of service at Budlong School, on June 1, 2012, Mr. Solomon retired from the Chicago Public Schools; and

**WHEREAS**, In his personal life, Mr. Solomon has been married to his wife Simone for over 40 years, with whom he has three children, Chad, Heather and Kim, who have made him the proud grandfather of two, although he hopes to have many more in the near future; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Solomon not only ran and operated a school, but also is involved in running his own company, SKS Construction since 1974; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Solomon excelled as principal and was committed to enhancing the school grounds at Budlong with numerous improvements, including: adding trash compactors to better control waste; building a kitchen area where students could have lunch; instituting a hot lunch program within the school; and obtaining a mobile unit for use by the special education team; and

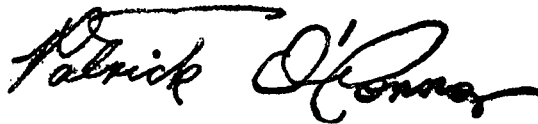
**WHEREAS**, In 1997 Mr. Solomon supervised the completion of the renovation of the school playground area; in 1998 he established a comprehensive computer network cable program and closed circuit television program; in 1999 he initiated the tearing down and relocation of the new field house and oversaw construction of the new school annex; in he 2001 supervised the addition of a major security system within and outside of the school; in 2003 he worked with builders to modify the interior of the new field house; in 2008 he contributed to the addition of two new science labs within the school; and in 2009 he oversaw the construction of a new school library; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Solomon constantly worked to improve the academic environment by implementing numerous enhancements, including: developing three computer labs and enabling the students at Budlong to be tech savvy, knowledgeable and competitive in an ever growing tech world; installing updated Math and Reading programs to further develop students' abilities to succeed on standardized tests; acquiring a computer based program to enhance students' reading skills; creating summer school programs for struggling students to provide the ability for students to meet targeted goals for their grade level; implementing a morning tutoring program for all students; initiating an English speaking class for parents and a morning algebra class for 8<sup>th</sup> graders; extending the school day for middle school students, beginning earlier to enhance learning and education programs; developing an after-school program that includes a combination of academic programs as well as cultural programs such as drama, arts and crafts and athletic programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Solomon, every year, up to year 47, thought "outside of the box" to ensure that the students at Budlong had an updated and innovated environment to learn in with all of the tools that they needed, and always thought about the way to best serve the students of Budlong; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012, do hereby honor Alvin N. Solomon, for his many years of service to the children of the City of Chicago; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to Alvin N. Solomon as a token of our appreciation and esteem.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Patrick J. O'Connor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

Alderman Patrick J. O'Connor, 40<sup>th</sup> Ward