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Burke, Edward M. (14)

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Resolution

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Congratulations extended to Gene Burke

**Committee(s) Assignment:** 

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Gene Burke has announced his retirement from the Chicago Public Library following more than three decades of dedicated government service; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this announcement by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

WHEREAS, Gene Burke began his career with the City of Chicago in 1980 by working as a laborer for the Department of Streets and Sanitation; and

WHEREAS, In 1987 Gene Burke joined the staff of the Chicago Public Library where he distinguished himself as a clerk who ran any circulation desk with efficiency, courtesy and skill; and

WHEREAS, While working on the library's bookmobile program during the late 1990s, Gene Burke also displayed a marvelous ability to connect with the disabled and the residents of senior buildings; and

WHEREAS, Later in his career, Gene Burke served as an ambassador to Chicago's Streeterville neighborhood where he helped to create a new service model for the community's highly popular Water Works library; and

WHEREAS, A hardworking public servant, Gene Burke wholeheartedly supported the library's mission of connecting people with information, ideas, and the power of the written word; and

WHEREAS, Gene Burke was an integral part of the Chicago Public Library staff for twenty-five years and enriched the lives of thousands of patrons through his commitment to the highest ideals of public service; now, therefore

*BE IT RESOLVED*, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this sixth day of June, 2012, do hereby congratulate Gene Burke on his retirement and do hereby express our gratitude for his exemplary public service; and

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,* That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Gene Burke.

Alderman - 14th Ward