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Title:	Congratulations extended to geoffrey Obrzut on retirement as president and chief executive officer of the Illinois Community College Board
Committee(s) Assignment:	

*CONGRATULATIONS EXTENDED TO GEOFFREY OBRZUT ON HIS RETIREMENT
AS PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF
THE ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD*

WHEREAS, Geoffrey Obrzut is retiring as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Illinois Community College Board after being appointed on January 19, 2004; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this occasion by the Honorable Margaret Laurino, Alderman of the 39th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Geoff Obrzut has served the citizens of Illinois in government for more than thirty years, including service as a State Representative for the 52nd District in the Illinois General Assembly, representing both Triton College and Oakton Community College; as Chairman of the National Council of State Directors of Community Colleges from July 1, 2009 until June 30, 2010; and as Director of the Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Geoff Obrzut had been elected to the Triton College Board of Trustees in River Grove and served on the board from 1981 to 1987; also serving as past officer and chairman of the State Relations Committee of the Illinois Community College Trustees Association, receiving the Illinois Community College Trustees Association's 1986 "Outstanding Alumnus of the Year" award and the Illinois Student Association's 1992 "Outstanding Service Award"; and


WHEREAS, Geoff Obrzut initiated the formation of the ICCB Latino Advisory Committee in March, 2008, helping inform the Illinois community college system regarding legislation affecting Latino students, educational best practices and student needs; and

WHEREAS, Geoff Obrzut graduated from West Leyden High School and Triton College, in River Grove, where he founded a group called SOAP (Students Organized Against Pollution), going on to receive his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from the University of Illinois at Springfield; and

WHEREAS, The leaders of this great City of Chicago are cognizant of the great debt owed to Geoffrey Obrzut on his retirement as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Illinois Community College Board; now therefore,

Be It Resolved, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this thirteenth day of March 2013, do hereby express our gratitude and heartiest congratulations to Geoffrey Obrzut as he retires, and we extend to this fine citizen our very best wishes for continuing success and fulfillment; and

Be It Further Resolved, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Geoffrey Obrzut



MARGARET LAURINO
Alderman, 39th Ward