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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

May 6, 2015

TO THE HONORABLE, THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith a congratulatory resolution regarding our departing colleague Alderman Rey Colon.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Mayor

A resolution

adopted by *The City Council*
of the *City of Chicago, Illinois*



Presented by MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL on MAY 6, 2015

Whereas, The Members of this Chamber are proud to congratulate our friend and colleague, Alderman Rey Colón, on his twelve years of dedicated and outstanding service to the people of the 35th Ward and the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, A Chicago native, Alderman Colón grew up in the Logan Square neighborhood. After graduating from Carl Schurz High School, he earned a degree in community management from Roosevelt University; and

WHEREAS, When he was 17, Alderman Colón found his life changed forever when he lost his brother to a drive-by shooting. This tragic event inspired Alderman Colón to devote his life to making his community a better and safer place for people to live, and to creating opportunities for children and families; and

WHEREAS, First elected as Alderman of the 35th Ward in 2003, Alderman Colón worked diligently to improve the Ward's neighborhoods by spearheading efforts to foster local business, to increase the level of city services, and to preserve the character of the area by supporting the creation of the Logan Square Boulevards Landmark Preservation District; and

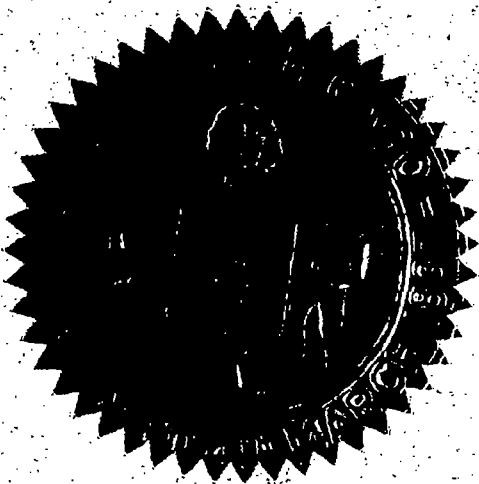
WHEREAS, In addition to his long and distinguished career in public service, Alderman Colón worked as executive director of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Chicago, as area manager of the Chicago Park District, and as executive director of the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago. While working with the YMCA, Alderman Colón raised \$7.5 million for the construction of the new McCormick Tribune YMCA facility located in Logan Square; and

WHEREAS, Alderman Colón has worked selflessly to ensure that people of every race, creed, and social and ethnic background have meaningful access to affordable housing and to basic city services. In March of this year, he co-sponsored the introduction of an ordinance requiring city departments to provide appropriate language, translation and interpretative services to persons who are not proficient in English and who require special assistance to access City services, programs and benefits. More than 400,000 city residents stand to benefit from this innovative legislative initiative; and

WHEREAS, Alderman Colón has served with distinction on many Chicago City Council committees, including, most recently, as Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Education and Child Development, and as a member of the Committee on Economic, Capital and Technology Development; Committee on Finance; Committee on Health and Environmental Protection; Committee on Human Relations; Committee on Pedestrian and Traffic Safety; Committee on Workforce Development and Audit; Committee on Zoning, Landmarks and Building Standards; and Committee on Committees, Rules and Ethics. He also served as Chairman of the Latino Caucus; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this sixth day of May, 2015, do hereby extend to Alderman Rey Colón our heartfelt gratitude and thanks for his many years of exceptional service to the people of Chicago, and our best wishes for continued success in all of his future endeavors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Alderman Rey Colón as a token of our appreciation and esteem.



Rafael E. Emanuel
MAYOR

Susana A. Mendoza
CITY CLERK