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Title:	Congratulations extended to Newton N. Minow on receiving Presidential Medal of Freedom
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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, President Barak Obama has bestowed the *Presidential Medal of Freedom* Newton N. Minow, a highly distinguished member of the legal profession; and

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

WHEREAS, Newton N. Minow was credited with making televised presidential debates a permanent part of our nation's political landscape and was an early advocate for communications satellites; and

WHEREAS, A native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin bravely served his country during World War II as a Sergeant in the United States Army and earned his undergraduate and law degrees from Northwestern University; and

WHEREAS, Newton N. Minow joined the law firm of Mayer, Brown & Platt before accepting a position as a law clerk to United States Supreme Court Justice Fred M. Vinson; and

WHEREAS, Newton N. Minow became an assistant counsel to Illinois Governor Adlai Stevenson and later Chaired the Federal Communications Commission under President John F. Kennedy; and

WHEREAS, In a speech delivered to the National Broadcasters Association Convention in 1961, Newton N. Minow famously coined the term "a vast wasteland," a criticism that has reverberated throughout the television industry for many decades; and

WHEREAS, Newton N. Minow served on the Board of Governors of the Public Broadcasting Service from 1973 to 1980 and as its Chair from 1978 to 1980; and

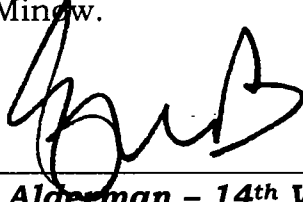
WHEREAS, Newton N. Minow served from 1965 to 1991 as Managing Partner of the law firm of Sidley Austin where he remains Senior Counsel; and

EREAS, Newton N. Minow is an Honorary Consul General of the Republic of Singapore; and

WHEREAS, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of Newton N. Minow serve as an example to all; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council assembled this fourteenth December, 2016 do hereby congratulate Newton N. Minow on receiving the *Presidential Medal of Freedom*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Newton N. Minow.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Alderman', written over a horizontal line.

Alderman - 14th Ward