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Title: Congratulations extended to Rita Zbella on retirement from

St. Richard Elementary School

Committee(s) Assignment:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Rita Zbella, one of the longest-serving teachers at St. Richard School in the Archer Heights community, has announced her retirement following 38 years of dedicated service; and

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

WHEREAS, A lifetime resident of the Southwest Side, Rita Zbella was raised in St. Jane de Chantal Parish and is a graduate of Queen of Peace High School and Rosary College; and

WHEREAS, Rita Zbella joined the faculty of St. Richard School in 1976 where she has spent her entire career teaching 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades and computer science; and

WHEREAS, Over these many years, Rita Zbella has been an integral part of St. Richard School and contributed to the community in ways that cannot be overstated; and

WHEREAS, Known for her generosity and kindness, Rita Zbella has positively influenced and enriched the lives of students to whom she has steadfastly imparted the values of hard work and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Rita Zbella is the loving wife of Larry, a retired member of the Chicago Police Department, and the devoted mother of Kim and Kathy; and

WHEREAS, Mass will be said on June 8, 2014, at St. Richard Church followed by a reception in honor of Rita Zbella in the school gymnasium; and

WHEREAS, Rita Zbella looks forward to welcoming her first grandchild in September and to a retirement blessed with the company of her family and the opportunity for travel; and

WHEREAS, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of Rita Zbella 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 twenty-eighth day of May, 2014, do hereby congratulate Rita Zbella on the occasion of her retirement and do herby express

our gratitude for her professional contributions to St. Richard Elementary School and her community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Rita Zbella.

Alderman - 14th Ward