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Committee(s) Assignment:

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING GENE BURKE ON HIS RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Gene Burke has announced his retirement after thirty-three years of providing outstanding public service to the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of his retirement by Alderman Michael R. Zalewski; and

WHEREAS, Gene Burke was born in Chicago on October 25, 1960. He is the loving son of Gene and Patricia Burke, brother of Karyn, uncle to Kathy, and a good friend and neighbor to many; and

WHEREAS, Gene attended Sherman School, transferred to St. John the Baptist School and graduated from St. John of God School in 1975. He attended De La Salle High School and transferred to St. Joseph High School in 1978 where he graduated in June 1979; and

WHEREAS, Beginning on April 30, 1980 Gene Burke began his career with the City of Chicago as a laborer for the Department of Streets and Sanitation. In 1987 he became a library clerk at the Beverly Branch of the Chicago Public Library and later was transferred to the Archer Branch of the Chicago Public Library. In July 1998 Gene became the Bookmobile coordinator in the City of Chicago. As Bookmobile coordinator Gene reached the citizens for whom a trip to the library would be difficult – senior citizens and adults and children with physical and developmental disabilities. He has worked closely with a variety of City departments, including the Department for Aging and the Mayor’s Office for People with Disabilities; and

WHEREAS, The first year that Gene Burke brought the Chicago Public Library’s Summer Reading Program to the bookmobile, eighty children participated and 206 books were read; and

WHEREAS, In 2000 Gene received the Chicago Public Library Outstanding Public Service Award and the Studs Turkel Humanities Award. In October 2009, Gene was appointed manager of the Popular Library at the Department of Water Works where he will be retiring after 33 years of dedicated service; now, therefore,

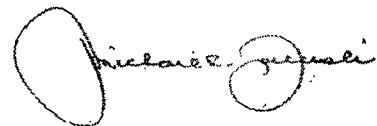
Be It Resolved, That we, the Mayor and members of the Chicago City Council gathered here this ninth day of May 2012, A.D., do hereby offer our heartiest congratulations to Gene Burke as he retires and extend our most sincere gratitude for his service to the grateful citizens of the great city of Chicago.

Be It Further Resolved, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Gene Burke.

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