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#### A Resolution Presented by:

ALDERMAN SHIRLEY J. NEWSOME (Fourth Ward) on March 9, 2011

# Congratulations Extended to COMMANDER RICHARD ELMER

On his retirement from the United States Coast Guard Reserve

WHEREAS, Richard A. Elmer Star #27, joined the Chicago Police Department on October 22, 1978;

WHEREAS, Richard A. Elmer on September 16, 2009was promoted to District Commander of the 021<sup>st</sup> Chicago Police District where he continues to serve with distinction,

WHEREAS, Richard A. Elmer enlisted and began his tenure with the United States Coast Guard in 1985 and has faithfully served his country from that time to the present,

WHEREAS, Richard A. Elmer was promoted to the rank of Chief Petty Officer in the United States Coast Guard Reserve;

WHEREAS, Richard A. Elmer served in the Gulf War as a part of his early deployment and has since been deployed on a number of occasions and faithfully served in each assignment;

WHEREAS, Richard A. Elmer's most recent deployment was to the Deepwater Horizon Response, commonly known as the Gulf Oil Spill Cleanup in New Orleans, Louisiana;

WHEREAS, Richard A. Elmer accompanied a fact-finding delegation to London, England to observe its preparation for the 2012 London Olympics and the crime and safety initiatives implemented in the revitalizing communities of the UK;

WHEREAS, Richard A. Elmer served the Chicago Police Department in Districts 13 and 15, and Areas Four and Five, and is the recipient of numerous awards to include the Joint Appropriations and Problem Solving Awards; three Department Commendations, two-hundred and twenty-five Honorable Mentions, eight Physical Fitness and two Attendance Awards, fifteen complimentary letters;

WHEREAS, Richard A. Elmer will retire from his present assignment to the Marine Safety Unit Chicago on April 2, 2011;

WHEREAS, Richard A. Elmer should be recognized for his devoted service and selfless personal sacrifice to his Country;

WHEREAS, the Alderman and the Fourth Ward, as well as the citizens of the City of Chicago, owe a debt of gratitude to this Citizen-Sailor for what he has done for our Country in times of peace and war;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That we, the Mayor and the members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this Ninth day of March, 2011here on March 9, 2011, do hereby offer our gratitude and hearty congratulations to Richard A. Elmer on the occasion of his retirement from the United States Coast Guard;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we extend to him and his family our best wishes for continued health, happiness and fulfillment and that a suitable copy of this Resolution be prepared and presented to District Commander Richard A. Elmer.

Shirley J. Newson

Alderman, Fourth Ward