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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 Lona Lane.

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 Lona Lane, on her nine years of dedicated and outstanding service to the people of the 18th Ward and the City of Chicago, and

WHEREAS, Prior to joining the Chicago City Council, Alderman Lane spent years as a community activist. She served as treasurer of the Wrightwood Improvement Association from 1995 to 1997, as Vice President of the Wrightwood Baseball Association from 1995 to 2000, as treasurer of the Wrightwood Improvement Association from 1995 to 1997, as assistant to Alderman Thomas Murphy from 2004 to 2006, as treasurer of the St. Rita High School Band Boosters from 2002 to 2005, and as executive director of the Greater Ashburn Planning Association from 1998 to 2004; and

WHEREAS, As executive director of the Greater Ashburn Planning Association, Alderman Lane worked to secure improvements to the Ashburn and Wrightwood METRA stations and to establish the Hayes Park Natatorium, the Tarkington School of Excellence, which was the first LEED certified school in the City of Chicago, and the Kedzie Avenue Streetscape; and

WHEREAS, The first woman and first African-American alderman of the 18th Ward, Alderman Lane was appointed to the Chicago City Council in 2006 to fill a vacant aldermanic seat. She was reelected in 2007 and 2011; and

WHEREAS, During her tenure in office, Alderman Lane consistently worked to advance education, city services and economic development throughout the City. Under her guiding hand, a much needed grocery store was built in the 18th Ward in 2007, and a new senior citizen housing development and high school opened their doors there in 2011; and

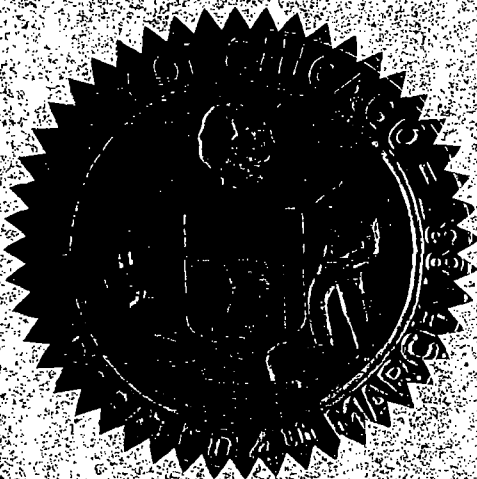
WHEREAS, Alderman Lane placed high priority on addressing public safety issues in the 18th Ward. She formed a police and safety committee, comprising of ward residents and Chicago Police Department district commanders, which made great strides in reducing neighborhood crime by convening anti-violence strategy meetings and establishing a 24-hour anti-violence hotline; and

WHEREAS, Alderman Lane worked tirelessly to serve the people of the 18th Ward by sponsoring myriad educational, health and recreational events, including property tax appeal workshops, job fairs, business owner symposiums, senior citizen fairs, immunizations for children, "Dancing With The Alderman", "Keepin' It Real For Youths", and city service town meetings; and

WHEREAS, Alderman Lane has served with distinction on many Chicago City Council committees, including, most recently, as a member of the Committee on Committees, Rules and Ethics; Committee on Economic, Capital and Technology Development; Committee on Housing and Real Estate; Committee on Education; Committee on Police and Fire; and Committee on Special Events, Cultural Affairs and Recreation; 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 Lona Lane our heartfelt gratitude and thanks for her many years of exceptional service to the people of Chicago, and our best wishes for continued success in all of her future endeavors; and

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




MAYOR


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