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Title:	Congratulations extended to the Chicago Defender Charities and Bud Billiken Parade on 90th anniversary
Committee(s) Assignment:	

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Chicago Defender Charities, Inc. and the Bud Billiken Parade are celebrating the 90th Anniversary of the Bud Billiken Parade; and,

WHEREAS, The Parade will be on Saturday, August 10, 2019 at 10 a.m. starting on Oakwood Boulevard and proceeding along Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in the Bronzeville Community; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed body has been informed of this occasion by the Honorable Pat Dowell, Alderman of the 3rd Ward and the Honorable Sophia King, Alderman of the 4th Ward; and

WHEREAS, The Bud Billiken Parade was founded in 1929 by Robert Sengstacke Abbott founder of the Chicago Defender Newspaper in 1905; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Sengstacke's goal was to honor the hardworking newsboys and children in under-served communities; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Sengstacke touched the lives of many by providing such an opportunity, that two of the former newsboys became music legends, musician Lionel Hampton and singer Nat King Cole; and,

WHEREAS, The Bud Billiken Parade has grown over the years, and is a much anticipated annual event with an impact across the nation and across generations; and,

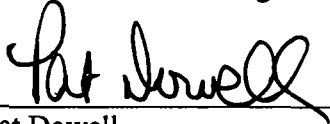
WHEREAS, It has been a tradition to have the mayor of the City of Chicago and the President of Chicago Defender Charities kick off the parade; and,

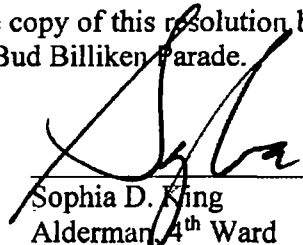
WHEREAS, Celebrities such as President Barack Obama, President Harry Truman, champion Boxer Muhammad Ali, legendary soul singer James Brown, rapper/actor TI, rapper/activist Chance The Rapper, Motown singer Diana Ross to name a few have led the Bud Billiken Parade in the past to celebrate and inspire our youth; and,

WHEREAS, Having this Parade gives our youth an opportunity to showcase their talents and inspire each other; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this twenty-fourth day of July 2019, do hereby extend our recognition of and continued support for the Bud Billiken Parade.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the Chicago Defender Charities and Bud Billiken Parade.


Pat Dowell
Alderman, 3rd Ward


Sophia D. King
Alderman, 4th Ward

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