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Congratulations extended to Hattie B. King on retirement

**Committee(s) Assignment:**

### SALUTE TO HATTIE B. KING

WHEREAS, Hattie B. King, an outstanding educator and member of her community, is retiring after thirty four years of dedicated service in the field of education; and

WHEREAS, Hattie King grew up in a small town in Southeastern Missouri and began teaching in the late 1970s. She received her Bachelor of Science in Education degree from the University of Missouri at Columbia. She continued her education, earning a Masters in Education and Administration from Roosevelt University. Additionally, she completed the Executive Education Program at Kellogg School of Management and attended the Leadership Academy & Urban Network for Chicago at Northwestern University; and

WHEREAS, Hattie King served in various roles throughout her career, including teaching several elementary school levels from pre-kindergarten to eighth grade in Missouri and Illinois as well as serving as Chicago Public Schools Access to Excellence Coordinator, Junior High Common School Coordinator, High School Math & Science Academy Director, Assistant Principal, Intern Principal, Principal, and Principal Mentor for aspiring leaders; and

WHEREAS, In 1995, Mrs. King helped to start a 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade small school within Crane High School. Her belief that all children can learn at accelerated rates when able to access high-quality rigorous instruction led to her students being among a limited number of students who earned Algebra and English high school credits by the end of 8<sup>th</sup> grade; and

WHEREAS, In 2003, Mrs. King became Principal of Willa Cather Elementary School. At the time, the school was on the academic warning list, in the 4<sup>th</sup> year of restructuring, and slated to be closed due to poor academic performance. By 2007, Willa Cather Elementary School had the highest achievement gains of all Chicago Public Schools and to date is classified as a high-performing school; and

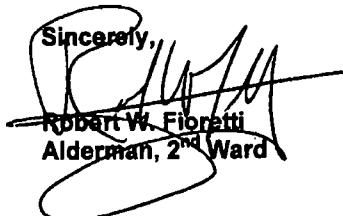
WHEREAS, Hattie B. King traveled to Washington D.C. in 2008 to speak to committees of Congress in both the Senate and House of Representatives as part of a panel addressing school improvement. She was invited back in 2010 for a discussion in the Department of Education relating to school reform; and

WHEREAS, Hattie B. King has received numerous awards and honors, including being a five-time recipient of the State Academic Improvement Award, special recognition from Mayor Richard M. Daley for school improvement, and a resolution from Mayor Rahm Emanuel and the City Council for five straight years of academic improvement, an Outstanding Administrator Award from Congressman Danny K. Davis and the Congressional Black Caucus, and an Outstanding Educator Award and Recognition from Missouri School Alumni Committee; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Robert W. Fioretti, Alderman of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward, has apprised this august body of Hattie King's noteworthy and prolific achievements throughout her career in education; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City of Chicago City Council, assembled here this 5<sup>th</sup> Day of June, 2013 AD, do hereby salute Hattie King for her lifelong career as an educator and fully recognize the void she is leaving behind will be most difficult to fill.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Hattie B. King.

Sincerely,  
  
Robert W. Fioretti  
Alderman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward

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