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Title:	Commendation extended to Dick's Sporting Goods leadership for changing policies on gun sales
Committee(s) Assignment:	

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Dick's Sporting Goods announced on February 28, 2018 that the chain will ban high-capacity magazines and will no longer sell assault-style firearms or any guns to anyone younger than 21 years old; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this announcement by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

WHEREAS, The retail giant made the move in the wake of renewed calls for national gun reform following the murder of 17 people in the mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida on February 14, 2018; and

WHEREAS, The announcement of the massive policy shift was made by Chief Executive Officer Edward W. Stack during an appearance on "Good Morning America" as well as through a company statement that said "thoughts and prayers are not enough" in the wake of the Parkland massacre; and

WHEREAS, Edward W. Stack said the gunman bought a shotgun from Dick's Sporting Goods in November, but it was not the AR-15 weapon that used in the mass shooting; and

WHEREAS, Though it was not the same weapon, Edward W. Stack said his company was compelled to act; and

WHEREAS, Student survivors, supported by the community, have organized a movement named "Never Again MSD" that has gained national attention across social media channels with the hash-tag #NeverAgain; and

WHEREAS, In support of legislative action to impose restrictions on the availability of semi-automatic weapons, the Women's March Network plans a seventeen-minute school walkout on March 14, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, a nationwide student demonstration is planned for March 24, 2018 in Washington D.C. which is named "March for Our Lives"; and

WHEREAS, The leadership of Dick's Sporting Goods has listened to the anguish and the pain expressed by people across America in the wake of this horrible tragedy and made its own efforts to be good corporate citizens by refusing to sell the type of gun used in this terrible episode in our history; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this twenty-eighth day of February, 2018, do hereby commend Dick's Sporting Goods for its recent actions in the wake of the mass shootings in Parkland, Florida and do hereby urge other retailers nationwide to similarly change their policies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Chief Executive Officer Edward W. Stack.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JWB', is written above a horizontal line.

Alderman - 14th Ward