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Congratulations extended to William "Bill" Gainer

Committee(s) Assignment:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, William "Bill" Gainer, a proud son of the Southside of Chicago, was born in Roseland to Dorothy Quinn and William Gainer, and attended St. Wilabroad grammar school and St. Ignatius high school; and

WHEREAS, Upon finishing school, Bill worked briefly for the Monon Railroad and then started with Illinois Bell in 1960, having joined the Army the next year where he ran phone lines through South Texas in the 261st Signal Construction Corps; and

WHEREAS, Bill started literally at the top of a telephone pole and worked his way through every operation of the phone company, with a devotion to Chicago and Labor and Civic organizations in his role as Director of Government Relations for AT&T that any City official or department head who has ever needed Bill's assistance could tell you was unsurpassed; and

WHEREAS, Bill became an active member in the City of Chicago and Cook County Irish Trade Missions and was appointed as Chairman of the Chicago Sister Cities International Program-Galway Committee by Mayor Richard M. Daley in October 2001, having hosted mayors, members of the Irish Parliament and business leaders to promote trade and business development between Chicago and Ireland; and

WHEREAS, Bill is also chairman of the Business Development Committee for the Cook County Irish Trade Mission to County Down and County Cork; and

WHEREAS, As busy as Bill is, he has always found time to dedicate to civic and non-profit organizations, with his roles on the Advisory Board for Misericordia Heart of Mercy and Executive Board of Mercy Home for Boys and Girls being closest to his heart; and

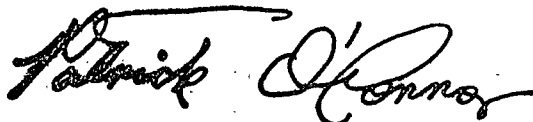
WHEREAS, Bill is also past President of the Illinois Veterans Leadership Program, Executive Board Member of the Irish Fellowship Club, Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, Convention and Tourism Bureau, Irish American Alliance, South Side Irish Parade Committee, and an active member of the Hundred Club of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, While Bill has every reason to be proud of his many accomplishments, he is most proud of the life he and his wonderful wife, Gerry, share with their six children, son Bill and daughters Bridget, Nora, Maureen, Mary and Sheila, and four grandchildren Finn, Lillian and Mary Kibby and Noreen Reilly; and

WHEREAS, Bill is being honored by the Irish-American Labor Council at a dinner on May 9, 2012, at Park Place Banquets in Countryside, for his tireless efforts in improving and promoting social and community welfare and for his participation in issues of importance to Irish immigrants in Chicago; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor of the City of Chicago and members of the City Council, gathered in a meeting this 9th day of May, 2012, A.D., do hereby join the Irish-American Labor Council in offering our sincere congratulations and appreciation to Bill Gainer on his numerous achievements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to William "Bill" Gainer.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Patrick O'Connor". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line above the first part of the name.

Patrick J. O'Connor – Alderman, 40th Ward

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