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Committee(s) Assignment:	

CONGRATULATIONS EXTENDED TO ANTHONY WATROBINSKI ON BEING NAMED
"SPIRIT OF THE RIVER"

WHEREAS, Friends of the Chicago River has selected Anthony Watrobinski from the North Mayfair Community in the 39th Ward as their 2014 "Spirit of the River"; and

WHEREAS, The City Council has been informed of this occasion by the Honorable Margaret Laurino, Alderman of the 39th Ward; and

WHEREAS, The "Spirit of the River" award is given annually to a person who exhibits dedication and leadership in recognizing the value of the Chicago River and promoting its protection; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago River flows through over 50 Chicago neighborhoods and the heart of the downtown as a treasured waterfront and natural, recreational, and economic asset; and,

WHEREAS, the improvement of the Chicago River is vital to the life of the City as a place where school children can experience nature; where families can enjoy peace and quiet, play, ride bikes, fish, or paddle; and where wildlife can find shelter, food, and water; and,

WHEREAS, the Chicago River is a catalyst for urban revitalization through an emerging waterfront economy bringing enhanced quality of life; the Chicago Riverwalk; and increasing residential and business development, new businesses, more jobs, athletic opportunities, and an increased tax base; and,

WHEREAS, Anthony Watrobinski has served as a Chicago River Day site captain since 1997; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Watrobinski has worked with volunteers, corporate teams, community groups, school children, Friends of the Chicago River staff, and his own neighbors to promote and protect the Chicago River; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Watrobinski also led efforts to have pharmaceutical collection boxes placed in Chicago Police Stations in order to prevent water pollution that could impact people and wildlife in the Chicago River; and

WHEREAS, Through his volunteer work at Gompers Park, Anthony Watrobinski has consistently and persistently labored to transform the Chicago River into one of the world's greatest metropolitan rivers;
and

WHEREAS, Anthony Watrobinski's fellow site captains, volunteers, and Friends of the River staff members recognize and rely on his dependability and dedication to helping improve the river and find his commitment to be truly inspiring; now therefore

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Be It Resolved, that we, the Mayor of the City of Chicago and members of the City Council, gathered on this 28th Day of May, 2014, extend our sincerest thanks to Anthony Watrobinski for the many contributions he has made to the health and beauty of the Chicago River, our congratulations on his well-deserved award, and wish him joy and continued success in his endeavors; and

Be It Further Resolved, that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Anthony Watrobinski.



MARGARET LAURINO
Alderman, 39th Ward

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