



Office of the Chicago City  
Clerk



R2012-518

Office of the City Clerk

City Council Document Tracking Sheet

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	5/9/2012
<b>Sponsor(s):</b>	Burke, Edward M. (14)
<b>Type:</b>	Resolution
<b>Title:</b>	Congratulations extended to Barbara Bowman
<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	

## *RESOLUTION*

*WHEREAS*, Barbara Bowman, an early childhood education advocate, professor, and author, has announced her retirement from the Chicago Public Schools; and

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

*WHEREAS*, A lifelong educator, Barbara Bowman joined the Chicago Public Schools in 2004 as chief of its early childhood education program; and

*WHEREAS*, Barbara Bowman is eighty-three years of age and the mother of White House adviser Valerie Jarrett; and

*WHEREAS*, Born and raised in Chicago, Barbara Bowman is the daughter of the late Robert Taylor, the former chairman of the Chicago Housing Authority for whom the Robert Taylor Homes housing development was named; and

*WHEREAS*, Barbara Bowman earned a master's degree in Education from the University of Chicago while teaching at the university's laboratory nursery school; and

*WHEREAS*, Inspired by the creation of Head Start in 1965, Barbara Bowman co-founded the Erikson Institute, a graduate school and research center specializing in early childhood education; and

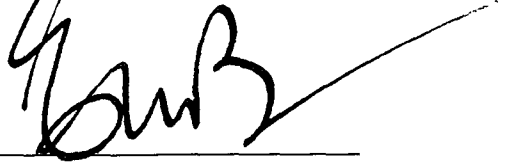
*WHEREAS*, Barbara Bowman is an expert in both educational equity for minority and low-income students and the roles of intergenerational family members in child development; and

*WHEREAS*, Barbara Bowman has been praised by Mayor Emanuel, U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, and President Obama for her contributions to the field of early childhood education; and

**WHEREAS**, One of Barbara Bowman's final acts with the Chicago Public Schools was to encourage the district to continue funding its early childhood program; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this ninth day of May, 2012, do hereby congratulate Barbara Bowman on her retirement and do hereby express our appreciation for her service to our city's youngest, and often most vulnerable students; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Barbara Bowman.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Barb', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

---

*Alderman - 14<sup>th</sup> Ward*